

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
OCTOBER 19, 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 Morón – Board Secretary

Call to Order (9:05 AM)

Chairman Parrish called the meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge (9:05 AM)

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: October 5, 2010 Regular Meeting(9:06 AM)

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to approve the Minutes of the October 5, 2010 Regular Meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Payment of County Bills (9:06 AM)

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

Department Supervisors Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works (9:06 AM)

Larry Brown, in for Mr. Chipman, didn't have any items for Board action.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Brown to discuss designating and installing signage at the intersection of 5th Street and East Pine Street on St. George Island as a four way stop.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Lockley, to approve designating and installing four way stop signage on St. George Island at East Pine and 5th Street; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Brown to address the visual problem and also the rocks causing people to slide onto the highway on the east side of Woodill Road.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed this item further.

The Board asked Mr. Pierce to discuss this problem with VMS.

Commissioner Jackel thanked the Road Dept. for work on the bike path on St. George Island. She said she had received a lot of positive comments from the Island residents.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report

11 - Inform the Board that Road Dept. is moving forward with the purchase of new wheel loader. For some reason Caterpillar Tractor has asked for an opinion letter from the County Attorney that the purchase has been authorized by the Board. Mr. Shuler has written such a letter and provided it to the dealer.

Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director (9:12 AM)

Mr. Johnson had no items for Board action.

Commissioner Sanders thanked Mr. Johnson for installing the carcass containers but stated that a bigger container is needed in the Carrabelle area.

Mr. Johnson discussed this issue with Commissioner Sanders.

Commissioner Putnal suggested asking State Forestry to install a cell tower further up on Highway 65 on Forestry property.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report

12 - Board action to sign a contract for another 3 year period for the consultant, Governmental Consulting Services, to produce the Full Cost of Solid Waste Management Report. The cost is \$5,000 a year for a 3 year contract. The Board budgeted for this report. Mr. Johnson, Solid Waste Director, recommends the Board move forward on this contract as the state requires the report.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to approve signing a contract with Governmental Consulting Services for another 3 year period; Motion carried 5-0.

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management (9:15 AM)

Mrs. Brownell presented her report to the Board.

Information Items:

- 1. The Emergency Management is hosting a weather spotter class November 15, 2010 at the Emergency Management office from 5:00pm till 6:30 pm. Anyone in the county interested in attending this class, please call the Emergency Management office at 653-8977 to schedule.*
- 2. Red Cross classes are still ongoing at the Emergency Management office. We have had a few volunteers take the classes, but not as many as we had hoped for.*
- 3. The Emergency Management office has been made aware of a tower that the US Forestry Service has on RT 379 about ½ miles N. of Sumatra. We are working with the Forestry and Liberty County on trying to get some kind of emergency communications for that evacuation route.*

Mrs. Brownell discussed this item and explained that Verizon is not interested in putting a repeater tower there because of the low population in that area.

The Board discussed the importance for communication in that area during hunting season in the event emergency services are needed.

Mrs. Brownell discussed options that might encourage the cell providers to agree to provide service in that area.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to send Verizon a letter informing them that many of their customers are in the area, which has no service, at a certain time of year and let them know why the service is needed there; Motion carried 5-0.

- 4. Mike Rundel and I will be attending the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and the North Florida Domestic Security Task Force Meetings on October 26 & 27 in Tallahassee.*
- 5. Northwest Florida Water Management District has informed our office that the HMGP application applied for, after the spring floods of 2009, has tentatively been approved. Franklin County can expect three new Flood Warning and Forecast Monitoring Stations. (New River, Crooked River and Ochlockonee River). They will be installed and maintained at no cost to the county.*

Commissioner Sanders asked where the monitoring stations would be put and Mrs. Brownell said she didn't know yet.

- 6. Proposed Lanark Village Voluntary Firewall Inspection Plan please see attachment.*



Proposed Lanark Village Voluntary Firewall Survey Plan (Synopsis)

The intent of this plan is to provide framework for the voluntary systematic survey of the Lanark Village apartments which share a common roof. This is the first step in a long effort to eliminate the multi unit destruction as was witnessed on Sat. Oct. 9, 2010.

This plan will initially consist of two parts:

*The first part will be free to the home owner and will consist of interviews with volunteers to verify if they have firewalls between their units. If the owner is not sure, they can then, in writing, request a survey be done and forward it to the Lanark Village Association. A pool of local volunteers, acting as “*competent persons”, would then work with the homeowner to do the survey. This data will be compiled and would be available to the local VFDs for reference. The owner must sign a liability waiver prior to the survey being performed and the existence of an intact firewall in no way certifies the unit safe, but merely provides data to the responders in order to facilitate fire tactics.*

The second part will be up to the homeowner to correct those defects found during the survey. If the homeowner is elderly, on a fixed income or can prove financial hardship, this office will assist in searching for alternate funding options for these repairs.

There must be coordination between Franklin County Emergency Management, Franklin County United Firefighters, Lanark Village Association, Franklin County Building Department and possibly many more. As of 10/12/2010, not all of the above have been informed of this proposed plan, but will be as soon as possible.

As stated above, this is merely a synopsis and the complexity of the final plan can only be imagined. However, it should be agreed upon that fire walls are key in slowing and stopping fire advance such as that one firewall did in Lanark earlier this month.

Mike Rundel

Franklin County Emergency Management Coordinator

**competent person - Individual with inspection background, or extensive knowledge of building construction, systems and materials.*

Commissioner Sanders asked Mrs. Brownell stay until this is discussed later in the meeting.

Bill Mahan – Extension Office Director (9:21 AM)

Mr. Mahan had no items for Board action but discussed the following items.

Franklin - UF IFAS Updates

Annual FL Sea Grant Planning Meeting – The Annual FL Sea Grant Program Planning Meeting was very productive. I met with several UF researchers to setup potential projects in our area. One project will involve a study on blue crabs and the use of vessel log books to monitor boat movements and fishing effort. The second project is experimenting with the aquaculture of pinfish, pigfish and mud minnows for fishing bait. The initial economic study on the production of this saltwater baitfish is very promising.

Northern Gulf of Mexico Lionfish Wanted – NOAA ecologist Dr. Jim Morris, wants lionfish from the northern Gulf of Mexico. He is attempting to collect 100 lionfish tissue samples during the first year in this region. For additional information, contact Dr. Morris at:

Email: James.Morris@NOAA.gov

Center for Coastal Fisheries and Habitat Research

National Ocean Service, NOAA

101 Pivers Island Rd, Beaufort, NC 28516

Wk 252.728.8782, Cell 252.728.0213, Fax: 252.728.8784

Lionfish page: <http://www.ccfhr.noaa.gov/stressors/lionfish.aspx>

Natural Resource Conservation Service

1. *Application Deadline Announced for NRCS Programs – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s NRCS in Florida has set a cutoff date of October 29, 2010, to submit applications for several voluntary conservation programs that may help eligible participants pay for conservation practices to prevent soil erosion, improve water quality, restore wetlands and provide habitat for wildlife.*
 - *The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a conservation program that provides financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers who face threats to soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their land. Through EQIP, NRCS develops contracts with agricultural producers to voluntarily implement conservation practices. Persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production and owners of non-industrial private forestland are eligible for the program. Eligible land includes cropland, pastureland, private non-industrial forestland, and other farm or ranch lands.*
 - *The Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program for developing or improving high quality habitat that supports fish and wildlife populations of National, State, Tribal, and local significance. Through WHIP, the NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to private and Tribal landowners for the development of upland, wetland, aquatic, and other types of wildlife habitat.*
 - *The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners and Tribes to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands in exchange for retiring eligible land from agriculture.*
 - *The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is available on Tribal and private agricultural lands and non-industrial private forest land. CSP encourages producers to address resource concerns in a comprehensive manner by undertaking additional*

conservation activities; and improving, maintaining, and managing existing conservation activities. NRCS encourages interested parties to visit with our staff as soon as possible. Applicants who apply early have more time to resolve any program or land eligibility issues. Although applications are accepted on a continuous basis, Florida NRCS has established a cut-off date of October 29, 2010 for evaluation and ranking of eligible applications for the 2011 program year. For information & applications, Contact Brian McGraw or Cathy Davis at the NRCS Field Office, located at the Blountstown USDA Service Center, (17413 NW Leonard Street, Blountstown, Florida) or call (850)674-8271 ext.3. <http://www.fl.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/index.html>

Commissioner Sanders asked the Chairman to recognize David Baker of Lanark Village (9:23 AM).

Mr. Baker introduced himself to the Board and explained the importance of firewalls in the individual apartments at Lanark Village. He discussed a recent experience when dialing 911 during a recent fire in Lanark Village. He thought that there was a delay with the response to the fire and was not satisfied with the 911 line being answered as "Sheriff's Department can we help you". He discussed a long delay in response to the fire. He said he wasn't sure if the delay was because the Lanark Village Fire Department was slow to respond or because of delay with the Sheriff's Department communication. He said at no point during the call did he hear emergency. He thought that the "911" line should be removed from the Sheriff's Office and have it located at the Emergency Management Office.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Baker discussed whether or not "911" was ever mentioned when the call was answered.

Commissioner Putnal stated that the reason the "911" is located at the Sheriff's Department is because someone is there 24 hours a day and Emergency Management is not staffed 24 hours a day.

Commissioner Sanders and Mrs. Brownell agreed that improper training might be the main problem at the dispatch which is located at the Sheriff's department.

Commissioner Sanders discussed the fire at Lanark Village and the importance of residents knowing they are calling the right number when they call in an emergency.

Chairman Parrish discussed future training for emergency dispatchers.

Commissioner Sanders asked Attorney Shuler to look into this situation further.

Mr. Pierce explained that the dispatch office is located in the Sheriff's Department and the problem is probably training and protocol.

The Board discussed this matter further.

Attorney Shuler updated the Board on the enhanced 911 System equipment contract.

The Board asked that Pat McWhinnie is present at the next regular meeting.

Kawika Bailey, Division of Forestry Annual Update (9:40 AM)

Kawika Bailey, of Division of Forestry, distributed a report along with a Mutual Aid Agreement and reviewed both with the Board. Mr. Bailey discussed the Forestry's active role in Franklin

County and said he was sorry to report that because the Florida Statute has changed, the school board will no longer receive funds from the Division of Forestry.

Mr. Bailey discussed the Mutual Aid Agreement between the Division of Forestry and local fire departments.

Mr. Bailey discussed work going on throughout Tate's Hell and also future educational programs.

Commissioner Putnal said the Division of Forestry could enhance their funds by issuing quota permits to bow hunt for bears.

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Bailey discussed precautions that will be in place during the upcoming controlled burns.

Commissioner Sanders thanked the Division of Forestry for partnership with FWC on the Rock Landing Boat Ramp.

Chairman Parrish thanked Mr. Bailey for the updates and the Division of Forestry's efforts in the County.

Advisory Board of Adjustment – Report (9:50 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented this report.

The following recommendation was made by the Advisory Board of Adjustment:

1 – (Approved unanimously by the Board of Adjustment) A request to construct a commercial building 10 feet into side setback line off of 3rd Street East and five feet into the west side lot line of Lot 2, Block 4, Unit One East, St. George Island. Request submitted by Melvin D. McKinney, owner.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Putnal, to approve construction of a commercial building 10 feet into side setback line off of 3rd Street East and 5 feet into west side lot line of Lot 2 Block 4, Unit 1 East, St. George Island; Motion carried 5-0.

Planning & Zoning Commission – Report (9:52 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented the following items to the Board.

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 with the following recommendations:

CRITICAL SHORELINE APPLICATION:

1 – (Approved unanimously by Planning and Zoning) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Dock at 2082 West Highway 98, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. This Dock will be 210' x 4' and have an 8' x 20' platform. This application meets local and state requirements. Request submitted by Docks 4 Less, agent for Terry Cooksey, applicant. (There is a house on this property.)

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to approve construction of a single family dock at 2082 West Highway 98, Carrabelle; Motion carried 5-0.

SMALL SCALE LAND USE CHANGE & RE-ZONING:

2 – (Approved unanimously by Planning and Zoning) Consideration of a request to re-zone a 3.34 acre parcel from R-1 Single Family Residential to P-2 Recreational District and Small Scale Land Use Change from Residential to Recreational on property described as 1975 West Highway 98, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by the City of Carrabelle. (Lighthouse Site).

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to approve rezoning of the Lighthouse site in Carrabelle from R-1 Single Family Residential to P-2 Recreational District and Small Scale and to change Land Use from Residential to Recreational; Motion carried 5-0.

ZONING DIRECTION:

3 – (Unanimous vote by Planning and Zoning for Industrial Site only) Discussion requested on what zoning classification to place a "Garbage Pick-Up Service" in Franklin County, whether it be Industrial or Commercial property. Request submitted by David Isreal, applicant.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed the impact of this request and also possible site locations for this type of business.

Commissioner Sanders expressed concerns regarding this request and how it will affect residential home owners.

The Board suggested discussing this item with Van Johnson and proposed using property closer to the landfill.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to recommend an Industrial Zoning requirement for any requests for "Garbage Pick-Up Service"; Motion carried 5-0.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report (10:03 AM)

Mrs. Johnson presented her report to the Board.

1-For information, the balance in the hospital's operating account for the month ending September 2010 was \$91,033.59, and the balance in the hospital's capital fund to-date is

\$917,538.10.

2-For board action, I have a resolution on unanticipated revenues for adoption. This is revenue that wasn't included in the budget initially because we didn't know it was going to be received. The resolution needs to be adopted in order for the money to be appropriated and expended for the purpose it was received last year to comply with F.S. 129.06(2)(d). This resolution deals with \$112,000 received from the State of Florida Dept. Of Agriculture for the 2010 oyster re-shelling project this past spring. The money was put into 001.20.511.3401 Other Contractual Services - Re-Shelling Project:

**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 \$112,000 from the STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE for the 2010 OYSTER RE-SHELLING PROJECT, 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:

001.20.511.3401 Other Contractual Services – Re-shelling Project \$112,000.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$112,000.00 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 19th day of OCTOBER 2010.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to adopt a Resolution to allocate \$112,000 received from the State of Florida's Dept. Of Agriculture for the 2010 oyster re-shelling project this past spring, the money was put into account 001.20.511.3401 - Other Contractual Services - Re-Shelling Project; Motion carried 5-0.

3- For information, late yesterday afternoon, I received the Certification of Final Taxable Value from the Property Appraiser, and there was a decrease of 2.11% in value from the value provided us to prepare the budget. The value went from 2,057,250,908 to 2,013,790,897 – a difference of 43 million, 460 thousand, 11 dollars. As a result, at the millage rate you just

adopted, we'll collect less ad valorem taxes, and that difference is \$189,080. This doesn't include any adjustments that may come from the meetings held by the Value Adjustment Board as the Special Magistrate has yet to rule on those. The Board can administratively raise your millage rate to 4.4450 from 4.3511 to cover the loss of the revenue or you can do nothing and absorb the lost revenue. It's a choice you have to make today and if you wish to do nothing, you must assume this lost revenue will come out of your reserves.

The Board and Mrs. Johnson discussed further budget adjustments.

Commissioner Jackel asked if this would increase ad valorem taxes.

Attorney Shuler explained that this shortfall is a result of the Value Adjustment Board readjusting property values which affects taxable value, causing a deficit in the Tax Roll. He said this would raise taxes.

Commissioner Jackel expressed her concerns with the public not having an opportunity to voice their opinion on this matter because it is a possible increase in taxes.

Commissioner Sanders expressed her displeasure with this process.

Commissioner Lockley wanted to know if the value adjustments could be done before the budget was set and Attorney Shuler said the Commission has no say so in when the VAB takes place.

The Board and Mrs. Johnson discussed this matter further.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to increase the millage rate to absorb lost revenue; Motion carried 3-2, Jackel and Sanders opposed.

Commissioner Lockley asked if the County could file a claim with BP for this shortfall.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to ask the County to file a claim against BP regarding the reduction in property values in Franklin County; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Shuler discussed litigation involving BP, other Counties, and Property Appraisers on the Gulf Coast.

Recess (10:20 AM)

Chairman Parrish called for a recess.

Reconvene (10:35 AM)

Chairman Parrish reconvened the meeting.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report (10:35 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented his report to the Board.

1. Inform Board that the county has received a copy of the DEP permit that DOT is seeking for the removal of remaining St. George Island Bridge pilings. The permit is requesting that the piles be removed at the sea floor or 2 feet below sea floor. The pilings will be removed by a hydraulic clipper and then lifted onto a barge and transported to trucks for offsite disposal.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed DOT's responsibility in this matter.

2. Inform Board that the county received a DEP warning letter for efforts in cleaning out the boat ramps at Indian Creek. I met on site with DEP representatives. The county will ultimately enter into a Consent Order with DEP but I believe everything will be resolved satisfactorily.

3. Provide Board with copy of Memorandum of Understanding between the Board and the Leon County Sheriff's Office for the installation of \$26,667 worth of security equipment installed in the courthouse at the direction of the Office of Court Administrators. The Office paid for the installation. There is no action needed.

4- Provide Board with a copy of Memorandum written by Mr. Dave McClain of recent developments with the Riparian County Stakeholder Coalition.

5- Inform Board that the Governor is not delaying the implementation of the Septic Tank Inspection law passed by the Legislature last year. While several regional legislators have said they will introduce bills to repeal the law, until that happens the Dept. of Health (DOH) is moving forward with developing rules to implement the law. DOH will be having a workshop at the DeFuniak Springs Community Center on Oct. 21 if anyone is interested in attending.

The Board discussed this matter further, including bills that will be introduced repealing this law.

Commissioner Jackel stated that this bill affects rural Counties the most and discussed how it will cost property owners in the County. She would like the Board to adopt a Resolution opposing this law as other Counties are doing.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to adopt a resolution opposing this law and forward it to FAC for circulation to the small county coalition, which would allow other counties to see, send to the Governor and other State agencies; Motion carried 5-0.

6- Inform the Board that the Eastpoint CDBG project for which Ms. Debbie Belcher provided the Board an update at the last meeting will probably need a time extension. Eastpoint Sewer and Water is running behind in getting the project under contract.

7-Board action to accept the recommendation of the committee ranking the CDBG administrative and engineering services. The committee ranked Debbie Roumelis first for

administrative services and Preble-Rish first for engineering services. Board action to approve contracts to be signed for the services.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to approve contracts to be signed for CDBG administrative and engineering services; Motion carried 5-0.

8- Board action to allow the county Building Department to issue building permits for the City of Apalachicola and collect fees for inspection services. The county is already providing the same service for the City of Carrabelle. It is estimated that the county will collect some \$6000 in building fees from the City.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve contingent upon City of Apalachicola sending a letter to the County requesting this service; Motion carried 5-0.

9- Board action to appoint the five members to the Franklin County Emergency Services Advisory Committee, and the two ex-officio members. The two ex-officio members are: a representative from the Franklin County Firefighters Association, and a representative from Weems Hospital EMS. Each county commissioner shall appoint one member, and then the Committee will appoint its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The structure of the committee is that the committee will report to the Board and then the Board will relay information to the Hospital Board as needed.

Chairman Parrish believed the County's needs are unique in comparison with other counties. He said he is all in favor of creating this advisory committee but there are a lot of unknown objectives of what is to be achieved. He stated the need for the makeup, protocol, expectations, and the mission of this committee before it is established.

The Chairman also suggested looking at a County where the ambulance service is managed by the County.

Commissioner Sanders stated that she has four fire departments in her district which makes it difficult for her to appoint just one member to this committee.

The Board discussed other issues with forming this committee and what type of experience each member should bring to the committee.

Chairman Parrish would like the Attorney and others to look at forming this committee and would like the committee to represent the entire community.

Commissioner Lockley stated that he would like to have this done before the end of the year.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to appoint Attorney Shuler, Alan Pierce, and Chuck Colvert to formulate some proposed bylaws and a proposed model for the Board to consider in forming this committee; Motion carried 5-0.

10- Board action on appointments to the TDC. Ms. Diana Pritchett will move from the Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce appointment on the TDC to a collector of the tax seat that came open through the resignation of Ms. Helen Spohrer., and then to fill the Chamber seat.

The specific Board action will be to appoint Ms. Dianna Pritchett to a collector of the tax seat on the TDC and to appoint Mr. Mark Friedman to the TDC as the Apalachicola Chamber representative.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to approve appointment of Dianna Pritchett to a collector of the tax seat on the TDC and Mark Friedman to the TDC as the Apalachicola Chamber representative; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Putnal, to present a plaque of “Thanks for Service” to Helen Spohrer at a future meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

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This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

Commissioner Sanders discussed possible remedies to the problem of lack of firewalls for the apartments in Lanark Village. She said the residents are very concerned and afraid after the recent fire which destroyed several apartments.

The Board discussed the hazard to human life this problem presents, how it might have been caused and how it might be resolved.

Mr. Pierce gave some history on these apartments and why they are set up as they are now. Chairman Parrish expressed concerns with these apartments being bought and sold without making safety improvements.

The Board and Attorney Shuler discussed possibilities on upgrading these apartments, especially with firewalls.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to direct Mr. Pierce to attend the next Lanark Village Association meeting and research and present recommendations regarding upgrading the safety problems at the apartments in Lanark Village; Motion carried 5-0.

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

Mr. Shuler had no report for the Board.

Commissioners and Public Comments (11:11 AM)

Commissioner Jackel stated that she had missed the last three Apalachee Regional Planning Council meetings because of other County meetings and trainings.

Commissioner Lockley and Attorney Shuler discussed the newspaper meetings.

Commissioner Sanders said she will make clarification to the ambulance public hearing once the minutes are presented for approval.

Commissioner Putnal discussed the ongoing issues with bears in the community.

Commissioner Sanders discussed safety issues with the intersection of Highway 65 and Highway 98 and Mr. Pierce updated the Board that he had sent an email to the DOT contact.

Commissioner Sanders asked about signage at the Catholic Church in Lanark Village and Mr. Pierce said he had also sent an email to the DOT contact with this information.

Chairman Parrish discussed problems with consumption of alcoholic drinks and loitering at boat ramps in the County and would like the Board to consider a law regarding this matter.

Attorney Shuler stated that there is an ordinance in place that could be amended to include all County boat ramps.

Commissioner Jackel stated that she had received the same complaints, especially with loitering and vandalism at the county boat ramps. She said she would like the Sherriff's Department to be more diligent in policing the boat ramps.

Attorney Shuler stated that he would have some recommendations on this matter at the next meeting.

Adjourn (11:23 AM)

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

Noah Lockley Jr. – Chairman, FCBOCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts