

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX  
NOVEMBER 16, 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.

**Swearing In Ceremony – Commissioners Joseph Parrish & Cheryl Sanders (9:06 AM)**

Judge Van Russell conducted the swearing in of Commissioners Joseph Parrish and Cheryl Sanders.

**Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman (9:08 AM)**

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to elect Commissioner Lockley as Chairman and Commissioner Sanders as Vice-Chairman of the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Parrish exchanged seats with newly elected Chairman Lockley.

Commissioner Sanders reflected on her past years of service as a County Commissioner and her family's life in Franklin County. She thanked the people of District 2 for her re-election as County Commissioner.

**Payment of County Bills (9:10 AM)**

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

**Approval of Minutes (9:11 AM)**

**Regular Meetings – October 5, 2010- Amended, October 19, 2010, November 2, 2010  
Budget Public Hearings – (1<sup>st</sup>) September 7, 2010, (Final) September 20, 2010**

Alan Pierce explained the reason for the amendment to the October 5, 2010 Minutes.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to approve minutes of the Regular Meetings – October 5, 2010- Amended, October 19, 2010, November 2, 2010 and the Budget Public Hearings – (1<sup>st</sup>) September 7, 2010, (Final) September 20, 2010; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation to Ms. Helen Spohrer (9:14 AM)**

Mr. Pierce read the Resolution of Appreciation for Mrs. Helen Spohrer and her hard work with the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

Chairman Lockley thanked Mrs. Spohrer for her service.

Commissioner Sanders presented a plaque to Mrs. Spohrer from the Tourist Development Council for her services to Franklin County.

**Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services Item #5**

*5- Board action to re-appoint or appoint new members to the Small County Coalition. Current appointments are Commissioner Sanders, Commissioner Lockley, and I am the staff contact. There needs to be two commissioners and one staff.*

Commissioner Sanders said she had no problems with remaining on the Small County Coalition.

**Motion by Parrish, seconded by Putnal, to re-appoint Chairman Lockley, Commissioner Sanders and Alan Pierce to the Small County Coalition; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Department Supervisors Report**

**Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works (9:19 AM)**

Mr. Chipman had no items for Board action.

Commissioner Jackel asked that a dead pine tree be removed from Patton Drive.

**Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director (9:22 AM)**

Mr. Johnson had no items for Board action.

Commissioner Jackel asked for trash containers at the newly built pavilion in Eastpoint.

Commissioner Parrish commended the Parks and Rec Dept. for the County's youth soccer league and said there were well over 100 children participating this year.

Commissioner Sanders passed on praise from a resident regarding the efforts of Solid Waste with keeping trash containers clean in Alligator Point.

Commissioner Putnal asked if there is any available funding, possibly through a grant, for a children's park in Eastpoint.

Mr. Pierce pointed out that there is Vrooman Park and also discussed a possibility of adding equipment to Indian Creek Park. He also discussed seeking funding from FRDAP.

Commissioner Putnal suggested that Mr. Pierce contact Mr. Ben Watkins about swapping property with the County in order to have the park in a better location.

Chairman Lockley preferred a children's park at a location away from the water.

Commissioner Jackel discussed future plans for Indian Creek Park.

The Board and Mr. Pierce further discussed possible park locations and funding.

**Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services Item #8**

*8- The county has received notice that the Florida Communities Trust is accepting applications for projects subject to legislative funding this spring. The Board has previously applied to purchase a parcel of land on St. George Island and has talked about land purchases in Eastpoint. The deadline for applying is Feb. 23, 2011. Does the Board want to apply for any projects?*

Commissioner Jackel said she would like to re-apply for these land purchases.

The Board discussed this matter further.

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to apply for land purchases with the Florida Communities Trust; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Pam Brownell – Emergency Management (9:35 AM)**

Mrs. Brownell had no items for Board action.

The Board and Mrs. Brownell discussed hurricane season.

Mrs. Brownell discussed her recent meeting with BP operations from Panama City. She said St. George Island will continue to be monitored for tar balls every week and there will be another baseline study in February.

**Bill Mahan – County Extension Office – No Report (9:40 AM)**

Mr. Mahan had no items for Board action but discussed Item 6 from his report.

*Item 6 – FWC Seeks Input On Proposed Changes To The Red Drum Rules*

*The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is continuing a series of public workshops to review its analysis of the latest red drum (redfish) stock assessment and discuss possible red drum rule changes. In September, the FWC held red drum workshops in Panama City, Tallahassee, and Cocoa.*

*The FWC wants to hear what people think about its proposals to create regional management areas for red drum and raise the daily bag limit from one fish to two per person in northern Florida. The Commission also wants to receive comment on possible red drum rule change in southeastern Florida.*

*The FWC encourages interested people to attend the workshops, which will take place from 6-8pm in the following location: Fort Myers (Nov. 17), Jacksonville (Nov.23), St. Petersburg (Dec. 13) and Crystal River (Dec. 14).*

*In addition, the Commission has scheduled a special red drum video workshop from 6-8pm EST on December 15, where people can attend at FWC offices in Tallahassee, Lakeland, Panama City (5-7pm CST), West Palm Beach, Lake City, St. Petersburg, Ocala and Marathon, or participate by telephone. More information regarding the video workshop will be announced later this month. Anyone requiring special accommodations to participate in the workshops should advise the FWC at least five days prior to the workshop by calling 850-488-6411. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the FWC using the Florida Relay Service at 800-955-8771 (TDD) or 800-955-8770 (voice).*

*For more information regarding the FWC's management of red drum, including an upcoming online survey, go to [MyFWC.com/Rules](http://MyFWC.com/Rules) and click on "Fishing – Saltwater".*

Commissioner Putnal suggested sending a letter to Governor Rick Scott updating him on the water wars and the effects on Franklin County.

Commissioner Sanders stated that the same should be done to the new Secretary of Agriculture, Adam Putnam.

Commissioner Parrish updated the Board on the water wars, the three states, and the new cabinet. He said the County has to remain vigilant on keeping up with this issue and he will continue to stay on top of it.

Attorney Shuler informed the Board of the upcoming hearing with the Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta in January 2011.

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to send a letter to Governor Scott and Adam Putnam, Secretary of Agriculture, updating them on the Water Wars and the possible effects on Franklin County and to authorize Attorney Shuler and Commissioner Parrish to attend the appeals hearing in Atlanta in January 2011; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services Item #10 (9:50 AM)**

*10- Board action to approve contract modification with Dept. of Ag for \$112,000 for a re-shelling project. The contract allows the re-shelling to take place any time between now and June 30, 2011. The Board will be responsible for also signing a contract with the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association to organize and monitor the re-shelling program. The county's last contract with the Seafood Worker's authorized \$90,000 for the actual placement of the shells and \$7,500 paid to the Seafood Worker's Association for their role in organizing the workers. The remaining funds will be used by the county to pay for the shells to be hauled from the DACS shell pile in Apalachicola to the loading points. Last time the program used Lombardi to re-shell part of Dry Bay, and an Eastpoint site to re-shell part of Cat Point area.*

*If Board is prepared to act today it needs to approve the DACS contract and the sub-contract with the Seafood Worker's Association.*

Commissioner Parrish asked about auditing the program but Mr. Pierce stated that DACS does its own audit of the program.

**Motion by Parrish, seconded by Jackel, to approve DACS contract with the SWA administering the program but would like the re-shelling program done in January and February but the Board could readdress if the Bay is closed for a period of time before January 2011; Motion carried 5-0.**

The Board and Mr. Mahan discussed the inactive Seafood Task Force.

Mr. Mahan suggested an advisory board to DACS, who would be a unified voice specifically for oyster management and Chairman Lockley suggested directing Mr. Mahan to create this advisory board.

The Board discussed the functionality of an advisory board for the seafood industry.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to direct Mr. Mahan to contact the seafood task force and inform them that the Board recommends an advisory board to DACS; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Recess (10:05 AM)**

Chairman Lockley called for a recess.

**Reconvene (10:20 AM)**

Chairman Lockley reconvened the meeting.

**John Spohrer – Forgotten Coast TV – Update (10:21 AM)**

Mr. Spohrer discussed the ongoing negotiations between Forgotten Coast TV and Mediacom. He said there was a recent media report that contained misleading information and has muddied the water. He said the report claimed that Forgotten Coast TV was going to be available online, which is true, but it was not true that they were going to charge the TDC an additional \$60,000 per year to continue their programming. He said the TDC would not be charged any additional fees and will be available online and on channel 9.

Mr. Spohrer said Forgotten Coast TV had no intentions of litigating the matter with Mediacom any longer concerning broadcasting on channel 3. He said the Board meetings will be available live online and other community programming at no cost or obligation to the citizens or obligation to the tax payers of Franklin County.

Mr. Spohrer said that as of January 1, 2011 Forgotten Coast TV will no longer broadcast on Channel 3 but will be available online and on SGI cable on channel 9.

Commissioner Parrish asked if the Board meetings could continue to be broadcasted on Mediacom Channel 3 because there are citizens who do not have the internet readily available. Mr. Spohrer explained this matter based on how much he knows about public access stations and said if it is at all possible to continue the meetings on channel 3, Forgotten Coast TV would help the County as long as there were no costs incurred.

Chairman Lockley asked for more information about Channel 9 on SGI cable and Mr. Spohrer explained that this it is a lease station and it serves the residents and tourists of St. George Island.

Chairman Lockley stated that the County will help, if possible, with getting the meetings televised.

The Board and Mr. Spohrer discussed this matter further.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to direct Attorney Shuler to research what needs to be done to have the Board meetings broadcasted on Mediacom Channel 3; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Jay Abbott and Steve Fling – 911 Committee Update (10:36 AM)**

Chief Jay Abbott, of the St. George Island VFD, distributed the minutes of the 911 Committee Meeting and reviewed some of the items, such as Progress Energy's response times to emergency calls and updates on the BLS and ALS ambulance units. Chief Abbott also discussed the issue with citizens calling 911 from some cell phone companies and the call being answered as Sheriff's Department instead of 911.

Chief Abbott reminded everyone of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Toy Run for Franklin County, which will be held on November 20, 2010.

The Board and Mr. Abbott discussed scholarships for the EMT classes.

Chief Steve Fling, of the Alligator Point VFD, provided some information regarding the scholarships for EMT classes.

Commissioner Parrish discussed the Progress Energy response time and the availability of the 911 GIS base map.

Chief Fling discussed the ambulance needs for Alligator Point.

**Advisory Board of Adjustment Report (10:50 AM)**

Mr. Pierce presented the report to the Board.

*Approved Unanimously by the Board of Adjustment - Consideration of a request for a variance to construct a Single Family Dwelling 10 feet into the front setback line off Highway 98 on property described as Lot 82, Block C, Unit 3, 3146 US Highway 98 East, St. James Island Park, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Bank of America and Lewis T. Christie, owner/buyer.*

Commissioner Parrish was concerned about the County being liable having this dwelling built closer to the highway, but Mr. Pierce said the County was just considering the request of the property owner.

Attorney Shuler said this would not create a traffic hazard and said he saw no problem.

Commissioner Sanders asked if this was a buildable lot and Mr. Pierce responded that it was.

Mr. Christie was present to provide information. He said there had been a building on it previously but it had been demolished.

Mr. Pierce said the lot was created in 1950 and is just a smaller lot which requires the setback.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve the request to construct a Single Family Dwelling 10 feet into the front setback line off Highway 98 on property described as Lot 82, Block C, Unit 3, 3146 US Highway 98 East, St. James Island Park, Franklin County, Florida; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report**

Mrs. Johnson presented her report to the Board.

*1-For information, the balance in the hospital's operating account as of October 31<sup>st</sup> was \$99,507.91. The balance in the hospital's capital fund to-date is \$721,376.40.*

*2. As part of the end-of-the-year bookkeeping, I have several resolutions for adoption on unanticipated revenue - received during the past fiscal year that wasn't included in the budget*

initially because we didn't know it would be received. We need approval of the resolutions to appropriate and expend the money for the purposes it was received to comply with Florida Statutes 129. **The first resolution** deals with \$436,050.00 received from the Federal Aviation Administration for the Phase I and II Purchase of Additional Land for Runway 1-3. We put the funds into account 170.74.540.6100 Airport Land.

**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 \$436,050.00 from the FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, for the PHASE I & II PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LAND FOR RUNWAY 1-3, 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:

170.74.540.6100 Airport Land	\$436,050.00
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$436,050.00 in the AIRPORT FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 16th day of NOVEMBER 2010.

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Parrish, to approve the resolution to appropriate unanticipated revenues from the FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, for the PHASE I & II PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LAND FOR RUNWAY 1-3 in the amount of \$436,050.00 into the AIRPORT FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d); Motion carried 5-0.**



**The second resolution** deals with \$66,545.50 received from the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management for the Homeland Security Grants. We put the funds into the General Fund in account 001.48.525.3401, Emergency Management Grant Contractual Services.

**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 \$66,545.50 from the STATE OF FLORIDA, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, for the DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS, 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:

001.48.525.3401 Emergency Management Grant Contractual Services      \$66,545.50

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$66,545.50 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 16th day of NOVEMBER 2010.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to approve the resolution to appropriate unanticipated revenues from the STATE OF FLORIDA, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, for the DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS in the amount of \$66,545.50 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d); Motion carried 5-0.**

**The third resolution** deals with \$26,515.80 received from the State of Florida, Dept. of Transportation for the Federally funded SR30 Multi-Model Use Path Along Carrabelle Beach.

*We put the money into the General Fund in account 001.20.572.6309 Infrastructure – Carrabelle Beach Sidewalk 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 \$26,515.80 from the STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, for the FEDERALLY FUNDED SR30 MULTI-MODAL USE PATH ALONG CARRABELLE BEACH, 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:*

<i>001.20.572.6309 Infrastructure – Carrabelle Beach Sidewalk Project</i>	<i>\$26,515.80</i>
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*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$26,515.80 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).*

*THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 16th day of NOVEMBER 2010.*

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to approve the resolution to appropriate unanticipated revenues from the STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, for the FEDERALLY FUNDED SR30 MULTI-MODAL USE PATH ALONG CARRABELLE BEACH in the amount of \$26,515.80 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d); Motion carried 5-0.**

*3. I have one budget amendment for approval for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The Board approved at the September 7, 2010 meeting for the Tourist Development Council to purchase an*

*additional 2,200 gift cards for the Seafood Days Promotion. The following line item amendment is needed:*

INCREASE 130.33.552.4802 BP Seafood Days Promo \$21,000.00  
DECREASE 130.33.552.8100 Promotional Aid Govt Agency \$21,000.00

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to approve a 2009-2010 budget amendment that will INCREASE 130.33.552.4802 for BP Seafood Days Promo in the amount of \$21,000.00 and DECREASE 130.33.552.8100 for Promotional Aid Govt. Agency in the amount of \$21,000; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report (11:00 AM)**

Mr. Pierce presented his report to the Board.

*1- Inform the Board that Governor Crist's office has written thanking the Board for the Resolution opposing the implementation of the new septic tank law. The Governor did not repeal the law but the Florida Legislature apparently is going into special session and it plans to delay the implementation of the septic tank law until June, 2011. The law was supposed to go into effect Jan. 1, 2011. There may be further delay during the regular legislative session.*

**Motion by Parrish, seconded by Jackel, to write a letter to the new legislative delegation to inform them that Franklin County is opposed to the implementation of the new septic tank law; Motion carried 5-0.**

*2- Inform the Board that DOT has agreed to make the improvements requested by the Board at the intersection of SR 65 and US 98. The improvements include redoing the rumble strips, installing an oversized warning sign, and installing a solar powered flashing beacon above the warning sign.*

*3- Inform the Board that I received an email from FEMA representatives yesterday that a separate PW has been approved to negotiate the purchase of the 4 lots on Alligator Point that need to be bought in order to move the road between Harbor Circle and the Alligator Point Fire House. The Board now has funding to purchase that part of Tom Roberts that is currently owned by Capital City, subject to the Bank accepting the appraised value of the property, and funding to purchase the four lots and build a road.*

*The Board can now move forward with getting appraisals and negotiating with the Bank on both parts of the Road. Board directions to have the County Attorney notify Bank of our intentions to get appraisals.*

Commissioner Sanders asked that she be included in the negotiations with the bank.

Attorney Shuler suggested getting negotiations in writing.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to approve Attorney Shuler notifying the bank of the Board's intention to get appraisals to purchase 4 lots on Alligator Point; Motion carried 5-0.**

*4- Mr. Dave McClain has submitted a report and background data related to his work on the ACF. Mr. McClain intends to go to Washington and meet with Senator Nelson's staff. Mr. McClain is aware that his travel expenses are to be taken out of the \$5,000 of funds he has already received from the Board for his work as the ACF coordinator. There will be no additional expenses for the Board.*

*5- Board action to re-appoint or appoint new members to the Small County Coalition. Current appointments are Commissioner Sanders, Commissioner Lockley, and I am the staff contact. There needs to be two commissioners and one staff.*

This item was addressed earlier during the meeting.

*6- Board action to authorize Stop signs at east and west 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and Pine St. on St. George Island. This will complete the signage on Pine St in the commercial district.*

Commissioner Jackel commented on this matter.

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to approve Stop signs at east and west 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and Pine St. on St. George Island; Motion carried 5-0.**

*7- While the Board has not had many requests for rezoning and land use changes in recent times, Mark Curenton and I recommend that the Board raise the fees from \$150 to \$250. The fee covers the cost of public notice and the certified letters that are sent to adjoining property owners. The county has not raised the fee in over 15 years yet the price of postage and advertising has gone up so we want to make sure that applicants pay for the cost of the public hearing and not the taxpayers. Board action.*

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to approve a rezoning fee increase from \$150 to \$250; Motion carried 4-1, Jackel opposed.**

*8- The county has received notice that the Florida Communities Trust is accepting applications for projects subject to legislative funding this spring. The Board has previously applied to purchase a parcel of land on St. George Island and has talked about land purchases in Eastpoint. The deadline for applying is Feb. 23, 2011. Does the Board want to apply for any projects?*

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

9- Inform the Board that the Governor's Office has notified the county that the \$500,000 worth of energy grants will be arriving in the next few weeks. These are projects using Stimulus funding so both Mark and I will have to spend some time understanding the federal energy grant guidelines. There is very little administrative funding approved so most of the work will have to be done in-house.

10- Board action to approve contract modification with Dept. of Ag for \$112,000 for a re-shelling project. The contract allows the re-shelling to take place any time between now and June 30, 2011. The Board will be responsible for also signing a contract with the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association to organize and monitor the re-shelling program. The county's last contract with the Seafood Worker's authorized \$90,000 for the actual placement of the shells and \$7,500 paid to the Seafood Worker's Association for their role in organizing the workers. The remaining funds will be used by the county to pay for the shells to be hauled from the DACS shell pile in Apalachicola to the loading points. Last time the program used Lombardi to re-shell part of Dry Bay, and an Eastpoint site to re-shell part of Cat Point area.

If Board is prepared to act today it needs to approve the DACS contract and the sub-contract with the Seafood Worker's Association.

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

11- 911 Update.

A) Provide Board with copy of letter discussed at last Board meeting to be sent to Nextel/Sprint and other cell phone companies regarding the failure of cell phone companies to use the most current technology to transfer 911 calls from cell phones to the 911 Dispatch at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Upon consultation with Ms. Pat McWhinnie, 911 Coordinator, I have addressed the letter regarding cell phone companies to Fairpoint Communication. The reason is that Fairpoint is responsible for maintaining the county's 911 system and will know which cell phone companies are operating in the area, and how their systems are interfacing with the Fairpoint 911 system.

Mr. Pierce said he had received a call from Col. David Baker who was concerned that the County might not have been receiving the surcharge from 911 calls.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to send a letter to Fairpoint Communications verifying that Franklin County is receiving its share of the 911 fee collected; Motion carried 5-0.**

B) Board action on the Resolution proposed by Ms. Pam Brownell, EM Director, regarding Verizon's inadequate cell phone coverage up CR 67 and SR 65. While a letter has already been written directly to Verizon, Ms. Brownell will send this Resolution to the surrounding counties for support and will send it to the State seeking the state put pressure on Verizon to increase cell coverage.

Mr. Pierce read the Resolution.

**Motion Parrish, seconded by Sanders, to approve the Resolution regarding Verizon's cell phone coverage up CR 67 and SR 65; Motion carried 5-0.**

*C) Provide Board a copy for their file of the signed agreement with Fair Point to upgrade the county 911 system using the funds from the 3 county grants that Franklin, Gulf, and Calhoun counties are sharing.*

*12- The Board previously directed that I research surrounding counties for information on who has over-sight on the ambulance service. Please find the information below:*

*\*Liberty County- No over-sight committee, Ambulance Director reports to county commission.*

*\*Gulf County- no over-sight committee, Ambulance Director reports to County Administrator.*

*\*Calhoun County- no over-sight committee, did not get a response on who Director reports to.*

*\*Wakulla County- no oversight committee, Ambulance Director reports to Dept. of Public Safety and then to County Administrator.*

*\*Leon County- does an over-sight committee comprised of- County Administrator who acts as Chairman of the committee, the assist. County administrator, City Manager of Tallahassee, Leon County EMS Medical Director, and the administrator and ER director of each hospital. Quoting from Leon County's rules- "It shall be the duty of the EMSAC to make recommendations to the Board (county commission) and its administrative staff as to the significant needs, issues, and opportunities relating to emergency medical services, including the provision of ambulance service in the county..."*

Commissioner Parrish wanted to clarify that this should be an advisory committee, not an oversight committee.

Chairman Lockley suggested installing a GPS in each of the ambulances and Mr. Pierce said he would research and find out what the cost would be to install them.

*13- Inform Board that I have been involved in a series of emails and conference calls with the 7 Coastal counties impacted by the BP oil spill. The 7 counties are Escambia to and including Franklin County. Wakulla County has been dropped from being an impacted county. Commissioner Parrish attended a meeting on Nov.4, in Destin with other county commissioners to develop the framework for a unified request for a post-oil spill recovery plan. The FAC, NACO, and Gulf Power, have assisted the counties in developing a regional plan. There will be a joint Resolution signed by all 7 counties and a basic recovery plan for all 7 counties. I am passing out the version that appears to be the final version of the Resolution. The intention is for all the counties to sign the same physical document so if the Board is comfortable with this document then I will not have the Chairman sign it until we get something from Gulf County. The Resolution is being signed west to east and we will be the last signer.*

*I also have copies of the DRAFT recovery plan but this is still being worked on.*

The Board discussed this matter, including which agency would administer the funding and Attorney Shuler explained how this plan would work.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed the influence of the BP oil spill on lowering property values.

*14- Inform the Board and the public that the Perdido Bay Indian Exhibit that was supposed to be at the school today has been postponed. The Exhibit had transportation problems.*

*15- Board direction on expanding parking area around the new Eastpoint Pavilion. The building is mostly complete but before the county moves forward with putting a fence along the eastern boundary is the Board interested in trying to negotiate to the east for additional parking. The area to the east is vacant and is currently being used by the seafood industry but it is in fact private land. Patton Drive is so narrow that if vehicles and trailers park along the road then Patton Drive becomes one lane. Once a fence is put up along the property line it may cause more vehicles to park along the road because people are not going to want to walk around the fence to get to the dock on county property.*

Commissioner Sanders stated that there is no available funding to purchase or lease this property.

Commissioner Jackel explained the public safety problems in that area.

Commissioner Parrish suggested not erecting the fence at this time.

Commissioner Jackel explained that because of the amount of people working the Bay, parking at boat ramps is now at a premium. She also explained that because of the trash and junk on the property it makes parking a problem.

Commissioner Sanders stated that she is not opposed to the idea but would like to have more information on this item, especially regarding cost.

Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Pierce discussed lighting at boat ramps.

Chairman Lockley and Mr. Pierce discussed removing a derelict boat from the area.

Commissioner Jackel stated that she received a complaint about the lack of lighting at the Old Ferry Dock Boat Ramp area and said the light needs to be replaced because it creates a hazard. Commissioner Putnal agreed with Commissioner Jackel.

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Putnal, to install lights at both of the boat ramps on Old Ferry Dock Road in Eastpoint; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Pierce discussed the project at the Ochlockonee Bay Boat Ramp.

Commissioner Sanders asked about a missing rotor tiller from the Road Department and would like Mr. Pierce to investigate this matter further. She said there is a problem somewhere and it needed to be addressed.

Commissioner Sanders suggested having an inventory list which should be reviewed and maintained regularly.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to direct Mr. Pierce and Attorney Shuler to investigate the missing rotor tiller and report back to the Board; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Jackel asked if a date had been set for the dedication of the Carrabelle Urgent Care Center and Mr. Pierce stated that the contractor will schedule that date.

Attorney Shuler provided additional information and said there will be a walk through and transition period of 30 days before the dedication will take place.

Chairman Lockley and Mr. Pierce discussed the assignment of duties for the Commissioners.

Chairman Lockley stated that he will serve on the TDC Board.

**Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report (11:44 AM)**

Attorney Shuler presented his report to the Board.

*1. WATER WAR LITIGATION: There is some concern that the governors of the three states (Florida, Alabama and Georgia) may be involved in more secret meetings to settle the water war litigation.*

*The last time this happened, the Board wrote letters to the Governor protesting any closed door negotiations which we were uninformed of and from which we were excluded.*

*At that time the Governor assured you that no further secret negotiations would occur.*

*RECOMMENDATION: That the Board sends a letter to the Governor informing him of our concern and reminding him of the prior promises made to Franklin County that no secret settlement negotiations would occur.*

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

*2. LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT RFP: The Board was recently asked by the Franklin Chronicle to request proposals for all legal advertisements made by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners.*

*The last RFP in mid-2009, resulted in the Apalachicola Times being awarded the bid at \$1.05 per square inch.*

*In September 2010, two responses to the RFP were received. The Apalachicola Times submitted a proposal for \$2.25 per square inch. The Chronicle submitted a proposal for \$1.04 per square inch.*



*The circulation of the Apalachicola Times is slightly more than twice the circulation of the Chronicle.*

*The Committee you appointed to review this matter has asked as a preliminary matter that the Board provide guidance to it regarding what consideration the Board wants them to give the relative circulations of the two newspapers.*

*RECOMMENDATION: With no disrespect to your committee, I recommend that the board reject all RFP's and continue its existing contract with the Apalachicola Times at \$1.05 per square inch.*

Commissioner Jackel asked on what basis the County was able to reject the Chronicle's RFP if the proposal was a penny less and also asked if both papers were qualified by statute to meet the circulation requirements.

Attorney Shuler said that in this case the County would be saving a penny while only receiving half of the circulation and he didn't see the benefit in doing that.

Attorney Shuler said there are no circulation requirements.

Commissioner Parrish reminded the Board that the County was forced to advertise its tax roll in out of town newspapers because the Chronicle did not provide enough circulation. He believed that using a newly established newspaper compared to a 100 year old newspaper could have been part of the problem with people not finding the information for the tax certificate sale.

David Mills, of the Chronicle, stated that he believed the economy was the reason for the lack of sales of the tax certificates. He also stated the need for competition with legal ads in the County and discussed how the County benefited from the Chronicle bidding for the legal ads.

There was no Board action on this item.

*3. Proposed Ordinance Banning Alcohol Consumption At Public Boat Ramps and Docks. I have amended the penalty section of the proposed ordinance to provide that the first two offenses are civil penalties of \$75 and \$150 instead of a criminal offense. The third and additional violations will be criminal second degree misdemeanor offenses. The reason for the change is that gives the public more of chance to learn of the penalty without incurring criminal sanctions and the county gets to keep all the civil fine money. In criminal cases the county only gets a small portion of the \$260 fine; the rest of the money goes to the state.*

Commissioner Jackel and Attorney Shuler discussed scheduling this for a public meeting in December.

### **Commissioners and Public Comments (12:04 PM)**

Commissioner Jackel wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and stated some of the things she was thankful for.

Commissioner Jackel stated that there will be a Lighting of the Tree ceremony in Eastpoint on December 2, 2010 at the new pavilion. She said this event will be sponsored by Eastpoint merchants.

Commissioner Putnal stated that he would be available while the other Commissioners are out of town.

Commissioner Sanders thanked Commissioner Parrish for serving as Chairman for two years, especially during the oil spill and water wars.

Chairman Lockley also thanked Commissioner Parrish for his service.

Cal Allen, Carrabelle City Commissioner, invited everyone to Holiday on the Harbor and Carrabelle's Parade of Lights event on December 11, 2010. He said the museum will be open and there will be vendors, a boat parade, and fireworks.

Ann Cowles stated that she was recently terminated from her employment at the Refuge House and that her position was not filled over the last year. She said since the County gives this agency \$6,000 a year, she thought the County might want to find out how that money was being used. Ms. Cowles stated that the services provided by this agency is needed in the County, but is not being provided. She stressed that the County needed to investigate this matter.

Chairman Lockley asked Mr. Pierce to contact Refuge House and have them appear at the next meeting.

**Adjourn (12:13 PM)**

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

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Noah Lockley Jr. – Chairman, FCBOCC

Attest:

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Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts