

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
JUNE 21, 2011
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

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

Others Present: Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Michael Morón – Deputy Clerk

Call to Order (9:02 AM)

Chairman Lockley called the meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge (9:02 AM)

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Payment of County Bills (9:04 AM)

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to pay the County's Bills as presented; Motion carried 5-0.

Chris Brooks – Department of Agriculture (9:07 AM)

Chris Brooks, of Dept. of Agriculture, updated the Board regarding the actions of the Dept. of Agriculture during the recent recall of seafood from Apalachicola Bay in Franklin County. He explained that there is a model ordinance in place when any type of recall takes place and it is mandatory that the Dept. of Agriculture follows this ordinance and explained details of how the system works.

Mr. Brooks said he was here to answer any questions the Board may have.

Chairman Lockley stated that no one in Franklin County got sick from the seafood.

Mr. Brooks stated he wasn't sure why the recall was put in place here.

Commissioner Putnal mentioned that the seafood that was destroyed because of the recall could have been tested first to see if it was still good but Commissioner Sanders said that Ms. Palmer had said that the meat could not be tested.

Commissioner Sanders asked if there was any relief for the seafood workers and dealers that were affected financially from this recall and Mr. Brooks said he wasn't aware of any type of financial assistance.

Commissioner Sanders stated that the Dept. of Agriculture should have done more to assist the local dealers during the recall and also to specify that the seafood that was affected was from Area 1642 and not the entire Bay.

Commissioner Jackel agreed that the Dept. of Agriculture was slow to respond in assisting Franklin County during the FDA recall and stated that the Press Release hurt the seafood industry in Franklin County. She thanked Mr. Brooks for coming to the meeting today and asked that the Dept. of Agriculture look out for the Franklin County seafood industry in a more aggressive manner.

Chairman Lockley asked that overall health conditions or pre-existing health conditions of those who claim to get sick from the local seafood is considered. He also stated that some consumers do not use the proper procedures to keep the oysters safe and then blame illness on bad seafood.

Mr. Brooks agreed with and understood some of the concerns of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Putnal stated that people get sick from numerous other food products every day and there are no recalls but said he believes that Franklin County seafood is treated unfairly by the FDA.

Commissioner Jackel asked for an update on new seafood harvesting rules.

Mr. Brooks stated that the FWC is opposed to night time harvesting and explained the results of meetings with other States and ISSC, who were against it.

Commissioners Jackel and Sanders expressed their concerns with FDA asking other States how they feel about night time harvesting in Florida and also not agreeing to night time harvesting. Mr. Brooks stated that seven day harvesting will be enacted soon and discussed the night time harvesting issue further and FWC's objection to it.

Commissioner Jackel commented on the need for night time harvesting further.

Chairman Lockley stated that too many of the people making the decisions do not actually work or understand the industry.

Commissioner Jackel said that the State should allow the County to have more influence over decisions made for the industry.

Commissioner Putnal stated that there is a push to close the local oyster industry.

Commissioner Sanders stated that the Dept. of Agriculture is turning into a regulatory industry and no longer supports the seafood industry in Franklin County and would like that attitude to change so that there is more of a partnership between the two.

Commissioner Putnal stated that he would like to see the Dept. of Agriculture Commissioner at one of these meetings.

Chairman Lockley stated that it seems that the Dept. of Agriculture is only looking out for land farmers but seafood workers are "water" farmers.

Commissioner Parrish said he wanted to reiterate Commissioner Sanders' concerns and stated that better communication between the County and the State is important before the next ISSC meeting is held in October in Washington, DC. He believed that everyone needs to be on the same page and unified as an industry, in order to keep it viable. Commissioner Parrish expressed the need for ISSC committee members to meet with State agencies and industry members before these meetings and asked that Mr. Brooks take this message back to his agency.

The Board discussed a meeting in Arizona in 1999 where there was division between the County and State and did not want that to happen again.

Commissioner Parrish asked that the Commissioner of Agriculture come to a Board Meeting. Board members stated that the FDA is against Florida's raw seafood industry.

Commissioner Putnal believes that over regulating is going to destroy small Counties in Florida. Chairman Lockley thanked Mr. Brooks for attending the meeting and asked him to move forward with arranging a meeting with the Dept. of Agriculture and the FCBOCC.

Bruce Millender – Seaquest Seafood

Mr. Millender thanked Mr. Brooks for attending the meeting and he also thanked Mr. Mahan for his assistance with trying to get the seafood released that he has in storage because of the recall. He said that he has met all requirements but because of government bureaucracy he is unable to get his product released or to be reimbursed for what product he has lost. He suggested that since the oyster bars are property of the State they should have recall insurance like any other business.

Chairman Lockley asked Mr. Pierce to check with the State to see if there is any type of compensation for Mr. Millender's loss.

Mr. Pierce discussed steps he has already taken to try to find an answer to this matter.

Mr. Brooks stated that he will check into it but he thinks that the FDA is unsure of how to proceed with this matter.

Commissioner Parrish stated that Mr. Millender's product should not still be on hold because he met the 30 day freezing requirements which made it a validated process.

Mr. Brooks clarified that the 30 day freezing requirements was for vibrio vulnificus and not vibrio cholera, which is what caused the recall.

Commissioner Parrish said he has never heard of vibrio cholera being found in Apalachicola Bay.

Mr. Brooks and the Board discussed the difference between the two types of vibrios and the requirements for each.

Mr. Brooks stated that he will send the Board information on vibrio cholera, which caused the recall.

Commissioner Parrish stated that this item needs to be discussed at the ISSC meeting so it is very important that the Dept. of Agriculture and the Board discuss this before the meeting takes place.

Commissioner Sanders asked if the Dept. of Agriculture is as tough on pork, beef and poultry farmers as they are on the seafood industry and Mr. Brooks said he really couldn't answer that question.

Commissioner Sanders stated that the oyster industry is being unfairly regulated and she also discussed the need for the seafood industry to lobby like any other farming industry. Chairman Lockley asked Mr. Brooks if he had these types of issues with seafood when he worked on the West Coast and along the East Coast states. Mr. Brooks discussed some of his experience in working with different types of agriculture and aquaculture. Mr. Millender asked the Board to consider pushing the State to get recall insurance for its oyster bars.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to send a letter to the Dept. of Agriculture's Commissioner Putnam regarding acquiring recall insurance, along with figures to support the loss due to the latest recall; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to send a Letter of Support to the Legislative Delegation regarding Dr. Otwell's letter; Motion carried 5-0.

Department Supervisors Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works (10:15 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented this item from his report.

1- (Discuss with Hubert present) At the last meeting the Board directed that I review the activities at Public Works to see if I can make suggestions for improvements. The Board also directed Mr. Chipman to begin advertising to fill a vacancy with a starting salary of \$21,200. After reviewing the situation I have asked Mr. Chipman not to advertise a starting salary of \$21,200 because I felt that he would be repeating a cycle that he has already been through. A starting salary of \$21,200 is so low in today's world that anyone filling that position will only stay there until he or she can get a better job somewhere else. Mr. Chipman and other departments would be a revolving door of new hires coming and leaving.

I recommend the Board raise the minimum starting salary to \$25,000 effective July 1, 2011. This will allow Mr. Chipman to advertise his current vacancy at a salary level that I believe would be competitive and would help retain employees. If the Board takes this action then it is proper that those existing county employees who are currently making less than \$25,000 be raised to that same starting salary. There are 9 county commission employees below \$25,000. The cost of raising the county commission employees to \$25,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year is \$9,949.

Ms. Doris Pendleton has 2 employees below \$25,000. Ms. Pendleton will raise her 2 employees to \$25,000 using funds out of her budget. No other county office has employees below \$25,000. Board action.

Commissioner Sanders stated that there are other County Commission employees who also need some type of increase as soon as possible.

Commissioner Putnal stated that it is unfair that the new starting salary will be the same as other employees who have been there for a longer period of time. He discussed his reluctance with approving this matter.

The Board discussed this matter.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to approve the starting salary increase and ask Mr. Pierce to look at raising the salaries of any employees who have been working for numerous years and will still be at the starting salary range and report this information to the Board at the next meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Chipman thanked the Board for this action and explained how it will help his department.

The Board, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Chipman discussed the request for speed bumps at Bayshore Drive. There was no support for this action.

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management Director (10:26 AM)

Mrs. Brownell had no items for Board action.

Action Items:

None

Information Items:

- 1. Pamela Brownell participated in the Wakulla Sheriff's office press conference June 16, 2011. We did this for the Hurricane Survival Guides which we mass mailed this year to every resident in the county.*
- 2. Joyce Durham attended the Special Needs Shelter Tour in Tallahassee on June 13 to familiarize herself with the facility.*
- 3. Joyce Durham attended the Transportation Disadvantaged meeting on June 15 as an alternate for Bill Mahan.*
- 4. Pam Brownell and Mike Rundel will be attending the Region II meeting in Tallahassee on June 22.*

Bill Mahan – Extension Office Director (10:28 AM)

Mr. Mahan presented items from his report to the Board.

2- (Discuss with Bill Mahan present) The Board directed that Bill Mahan's secretary be cross trained with the Public Works secretary so that when the Public Works secretary goes on maternity leave shortly that Public Works will continue to be able to produce their required reports. There is concern from Public Works that there has not been enough cross-training. Discussion with Bill and the Board.

The Board, Mr. Pierce, and Mr. Mahan discussed this matter.

Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director – No Report (10:29 AM)

Fonda Davis, filling in for Mr. Johnson, had no items for Board action.

Commissioner Putnal and Fonda Davis discussed using the old bus that was used for the emergency exercise for recycling.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Davis to return the large trash container that was previously located at the St. George Island public beach parking lot area.

Commissioner Parrish asked how many teams are going to State tournaments. Rhonda Skipper, of the Property Appraiser's Office, stated that all of the Franklin County Dixie Youth League All-Star teams are going to State Tournaments.

Commissioner Jackel recognized Mrs. Ada Long, of St. George Island, as she was able to get Anheuser-Busch Group to provide recycle containers to be placed at each trash can location along the boardwalk on St. George Island.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to seek having recycle containers placed throughout the County; Motion carried 5-0.

Open RFP – Chapman Building Lease (10:38 AM)

Mr. Pierce stated that he has separated the electricity from the building and the Charter School will be responsible for their own utility bill.

Attorney Shuler stated that there was only one response to the RFP's to lease the Chapman Building. He explained what requirements were included in the request.

Shezad Sanaullah, MD - \$22,000 annually, agreed to lease the building in its present condition, being responsible for insurance.

Attorney Shuler said that he wanted to add that whatever lease the Board enters into could be subject to the Board's right to terminate the lease with a 6 months written notice without cause.

Commissioner Jackel asked if the offer meets all of the requirements in the ad and meets the necessary standards for a contract with the County; Attorney Shuler stated that it did.

Denise Roux, of Apalachicola Municipal Library Board, asked the Board to reconsider this action as the building is one of the most historic buildings in the community of Apalachicola. She said the library would like to move into this building and has the support of the City of Apalachicola. Commissioner Jackel and Attorney Shuler verified that the building will not be changed without written approval by the County. Commissioner Jackel recognized the historic importance of the building.

Tom Daly, of Apalachicola, asked the Board to reconsider this decision because of the historical importance of this building to the County and the City of Apalachicola. He stated that the City library was very interested in this building and should be considered for this building. Mr. Daly discussed a youth project that would benefit by having the Chapman School location.

Commissioner Jackel asked why this foundation had not put in a bid to lease the building and Mr. Daly said because he believed the money used could go toward making improvements to the building.

Commissioner Jackel stated that health care is just as important as the library and explained that the Board has considered this matter and realized the need for additional healthcare in the County.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to accept Dr. Sanaullah's proposal and direct Attorney Shuler to negotiate a lease with the provision that will include a 6 month termination clause; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders stated the problems that small rural counties have with health care and keeping doctors in the community. She said the Commissioners have to support the local doctors.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to direct Dr. Miniatt to pay utilities at his present location at the Old Health Dept. building; Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Wilburn Messer, of the City of Carrabelle, spoke against closing the Health Dept. in Carrabelle. He said people from all over the County come to the Carrabelle location. Mayor Messer expressed his concerns with the Urgent Care not providing the same medical care that the Health Dept. currently provides.

Commissioner Sanders said that she had been in contact with the State Dept. of Health concerning the closure of the Carrabelle Clinic and was told that it would remain open for this year but wanted to send a letter to the State Dept. of Health asking for the removal of Wesley Tice, Franklin County Health Dept. Administrator.

Chairman Lockley asked if Mr. Tice was doing what he was told to do by the State or if he was making these decisions on his own.

Commissioner Putnal expressed his concerns with not being notified of meetings at the Health Dept. after asking Mr. Tice to notify him if there were any meetings.

Mayor Messer also spoke in favor of the Board's actions with the seafood industry.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to send a letter to the State's Office of Dept. of Health asking for the removal of Wesley Tice, the local Dept. of Health administrator; Motion carried 4-1, Lockley opposed.

Recess (11:04 AM)

Chairman Lockley called for a recess.

Reconvene (11:20 AM)

Chairman Lockley reconvened the meeting.

Advisory Board of Adjustment Report (11:20 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented the item to the Board.

The Franklin County Advisory Board of Adjustment met on June 1, 2011 to consider a request for a variance to construct a vinyl seawall within the Critical Habitat Zone on a manmade canal on property described as Lot 6, Block 64, Unit 5, 712 Buck Street, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The request was submitted by Larry Joe Colson, agent for Charles W. & Marjorie E. Brannon, Owners.

The Advisory Board Adjustment agreed to recommend that the Franklin County Board of County Commission approve this variance as requested.

Mr. Pierce explained this item to the Board.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to approve a request for a variance to construct a vinyl seawall within the Critical Habitat Zone on a manmade canal on property described as Lot 6, Block 64, Unit 5, 712 Buck Street, St. George Island; Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution of Condemnation – Alligator Point Property (11:22 AM)

Attorney Shuler stated that the documents for this item are not completed and this item will be placed on Agenda for the Regular Meeting on July 5, 2011 and updated the Board on the condemnation process.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report (11:24 AM)

Mrs. Johnson was not present and had no items for Board action.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report

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3- Board action to have Chairman sign a grant application for the Sheriff's Office for the annual FDLE Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant of \$86,571. The Sheriff is required to work cooperatively with the two municipalities in the expenditure of these funds.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to have the Chairman sign a grant application for the Sheriff's Office for the annual FDLE Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$86,571; Motion carried 5-0.

4- Inform the Board that the County has been approached by a Ms. Emily Traiforos, representing GoRail, and she is asking Board support for letters opposing the raising of weight limits on state and county roads to 97,000 pounds from the current 80,000 pounds. She included letters

already sent by Liberty County Sheriff Donnie Conyers, and Gulf County Commissioner Ward McDaniel. The letters would go to our federal delegation. Board discussion.

Commissioner Jackel expressed concerns with the lack of support from other officials regarding this matter.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to table this item until the Board is presented with more information; Motion carried 5-0.

5- Board action to approve a letter signed by the Chairman requesting the Dept. of Corrections keep state inmates in the county jail.

This letter was requested by Sheriff Skip Shiver. The Sheriff has met with the Secretary of Corrections, Mr. Edwin Buss, and the Sheriff was told inmates will be kept one more year in the county jail, but only one more year. Mr. Buss has told the Sheriff that there are only three counties left in the state that still house state inmates and that he plans to discontinue that program state wide by June 30, 2012. The Dept. has called to say that the inmate contract is late in coming, so Board action to sign the DOC contract when it arrives.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Parrish, to approve a letter signed by the Chairman requesting that the Dept. of Corrections keep state inmates in the county jail; Motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed this matter.

6- At the last meeting the Board directed that I collect more information regarding the Derelict Vessel Program. I contacted Mr. James Adams, Owner of Florida Small Vessel Recovery Program. His address is out of Tennessee. Evidently, the state has privatized the derelict vessel program. Only two counties have shown interest, Brevard and Franklin. Mr. Adams sent me a draft contract with a contract price of \$246,010 if both Franklin and Brevard participate. If only one county participates the price goes to \$492,020.

I told Mr. Adams that the price was out of the question. He then said he could remove all tagged vessels for \$27,500 if the county provides fuel and a disposal site. Unless the Board knows about a significant problem with derelict vessels I recommend the Board not participate.

The Board discussed this item and agreed with Mr. Pierce's recommendation.

7- Inform the Board that its current Florida Boating Improvement Program applications, which were for bathrooms at the St. George Island Boat Ramp and a dock extension at the Abercombie Boat Ramp are still under review by FWC. The award announcements will be made by July 1.

The Board discussed problems with portable toilets at the docks in Eastpoint and St. George Island.

8- At the last meeting I presented the Board with another boating improvement grant- this one with the acronym BIG- "Boating Infrastructure Grant". The BIG program is funded from the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the construction and renovation of tie-up facilities for transient boaters in vessels 26 feet or more in length. This program funds the development and repair of marinas, not boat ramps.

The county does not currently own any marinas and because of the risk of water pollution and closure of shellfish harvesting areas I do not recommend the Board pursue this program.

9- Inform the Board that the Legislature did not fund any Historic Preservation grants, so the Fort Coombs Armory repairs were not funded.

Commissioner Sanders stated that Mr. Pierce and Van Johnson need to get with the TDC because they need plans for the Armory and Lombardi's Park in order to proceed.

10- Inform the Board that while the Legislature did create a mechanism for the funding of land acquisition through the selling of surplus state lands, the Governor vetoed that proposal so there will be no land acquisition this year. The county had applied to purchase land on St. George Island as well as expand the county facility in Eastpoint on Patton Drive.

11- Provide Board with copy of letter written by Mr. Wade Brown requesting assistance in cutting timber by using a county road for access. The county has an ordinance prohibiting log trucks on county road because of the damage they do to the roads.

Attorney Shuler stated that he had been in contact with Mr. Brown and had discussed the ordinance prohibiting log trucks on County roads.

12- Commissioner Parrish and I attended an 8 County meeting in Fort Walton on Friday, June 17 to discuss with DEP representatives the status of the NRDA projects. NRDA stands for Natural Resource Damage Assessment and it is part of the federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990 which requires the responsible party, in this case BP, to pay for damages to natural resource or the loss of human use of that natural resource.

In negotiations with BP, federal and state representatives got BP to put up \$500M to begin the NRDA projects. Florida will get \$100M. Federal agencies will get \$300M with some of that money going to projects in Florida. BP will put up another \$500M at some point in the future, but the point of Friday's meeting was to encourage the counties to look at their proposed projects and see what can be funded immediately so that BP will see that its early release of money was beneficial.

Franklin County submitted \$50M for NRDA funding. The total submitted state wide was over \$2B, but the state has cut the list down to \$1.5B. The central part of the county's request was \$30M to rebuild oyster bars that were damaged by the over harvesting that occurred when the Louisiana oyster industry was shut down because of the BP spill. The other significant

projects the county submitted were \$15M for beach renourishment, and \$5M to buy land and build additional boat ramps. All of the county projects made the first cut.

State and federal agencies put in for projects in Franklin County that we were unaware of. Significantly, state and federal agencies want to spend some \$206M to purchase some 130,000 acres of land in Gulf and Franklin Counties between Lake Wimico and St. Vincent Sound. There were other projects for lesser amounts also in Franklin County, including some for dune restoration, and improvements at Bald Point State Park. The state also put in for beach restoration on Alligator Point, and on Dog Island and St. George.

The DEP officials will be coming to Franklin County at some point to discuss and refine the county projects. Board discussion on what refinements it would support in order to get some of the first \$100M allocated to Florida spent in Franklin County. The DEP officials would like to start awarding money by Oct. 2011.

The Board discussed the details of these projects.

Commissioner Sanders expressed concerns of the State's involvement with this project.

Commissioner Parrish explained the process further, including the role of the Trustee Council, which is made up of members from all five States that were affected by the BP Oil Spill.

Commissioner Parrish discussed various projects around the County that would benefit from NRDA.

The Board discussed the repercussions of the State using these funds to buy public land.

The Board discussed not having enough information to make a decision today.

Commissioner Parrish recommended waiting until after the Board meets with DEP before making a decision on this matter.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Putnal, to table this item until more information can be obtained; Motion carried 5-0.

13- Board action to sign contract with Johnson Peterson Architects for work to be done as part of the Energy Grant. I have sent the draft document to the Governor's Energy Office and there were no objections.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to sign contract with Johnson Peterson Architects for work to be done as part of the Energy Grant; Motion carried 5-0.

14- Board action to set budget workshops. The county Finance Office recommends the workshops be held over two days- , Thursday, July 21 and Friday, July 22.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to set budget workshops for Thursday, July 21st and Friday, July 22nd, as recommended by the County Finance Office; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jackel wanted to be sure there would be enough time to make changes to the budget after this workshop.

Chairman Lockley asked about the increase in the TDC Administrative Fees.
Mr. Blair discussed this matter with the Board.

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Blair to update the Board on how much the TDC will contribute to the Parks and Rec. Dept. for the banquet planned for the Dixie Youth Girls State Tournament to be held in Carrabelle.

Mr. Blair stated that the TDC would contribute \$3,500 to help with the banquet but overall \$11,000 would be spent to distribute "goody" bags and to help fund brochures for the tournament.

Commissioner Putnal discussed that the revenue coming in during the Tournament would help put money back into the TDC.

Chairman Lockley and Mr. Blair discussed the 9% cap on Administrative Fees.

Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report (11:56 AM)

Attorney Shuler had no items for Board action.

Commissioners and Public Comments (11:56 AM)

John Peareshuck, of Eastpoint, asked about enforcing litter laws in the County and asked the County to create stricter laws, especially for trucks hauling garbage.

The Board and Mr. Pierce stated that commercial haulers are regulated, not private vehicles. This matter was discussed this matter further.

Commissioner Jackel suggested sending a letter asking the Sheriff to be vigilant of vehicles, boats and trailers with trash blowing out on the highways.

Janet Peareshuck, of Eastpoint, stated the dangers of trash going into the Bay.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Parrish, to send a letter to the Sheriff to be more diligent with enforcing litter laws, especially at boat ramps and perhaps do random road blocks to educate and inform the public of how loose garbage can hurt the roadside and Bay; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jackel suggested having the TDC create a campaign to keep Franklin County clean.

Mr. Pierce stated that he needs board action on the CDBG Resolution.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to approve the CDBG Resolution for the project on Highway 67 in Carrabelle; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders discussed an email regarding Alligator Point Water Resource District expanding their area. She asked Attorney Shuler to contact the APWRD attorney and inform him that this action is more of a legislative action and get more information.

Chairman Lockley discussed an email he got from Larry Applebee regarding his interest in a vacancy at Weems East in Carrabelle.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed this matter.

Adjourn (12:09 PM)

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

Noah Lockley, Chairman – FCBOCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts