

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
OCTOBER 18, 2011
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

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

Others Present: Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Court, Matthew Fuqua – Calhoun County Attorney, Michael Morón – Board Secretary

Call to Order (9:00 AM)

Chairman Lockley called the meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge (9:00 AM)

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes – October 4, 2011 Regular Meeting (9:02 AM)

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Jackel, to approve the Minutes of the October 4, 2011 Regular Meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Payment of County Bills (9:03 AM)

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

William Scott – VSO (9:03 AM)

William Scott, of the Veterans Service Office, introduced Mr. Charles Elliot as the new assistant VSO. Mr. Scott said he believed Mr. Elliott would be an asset to the Veterans of Franklin County.

Jimmy Harris, Tax Collector – Request – Time Extension on Tax Roll (9:04 AM)

James A. Harris, Jr., Franklin County Tax Collector, distributed copies of the Millage Rate chart and reviewed some of the information on that chart. Mr. Harris said that Franklin County has one of the seven Counties with the lowest millage rate in the State of Florida. He said the County has 348,160 parcels of land, of which the State owns 268,338, which is 100% tax exempt, and the Federal Government owns 21,816 and is 100% tax exempt also. Mr. Harris thanked the Board for the way they manage the County's budget with the 8% that is received from the Tax Roll. He asked for Board action to extend the 2011 Tax Roll before the value adjustment board completes their procedure, so that tax bills can go out on November 1st.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to approve extending the 2011 Tax Roll as requested by the Tax Collector; Motion carried 5-0.

Department Supervisors Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works (9:08 AM)

Mr. Chipman had no items for Board action.

Mr. Chipman updated the Board on the status of ongoing projects through out the County.

Commissioner Sanders stated that Gulf Shore Blvd. needs some maintenance so that property owners can have access to their homes.

Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director (9:10 AM)

Fonda Davis was in attendance for Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Davis stated that he needed Board action to allow the Chairman to sign the Solid Waste grant.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to approve the Chairman's signature on the Solid Waste Grant; Motion carried 5-0.

The Board and Mr. Davis discussed a vacant position at the Parks and Recreation Dept.

Commissioner Parrish and Mr. Davis discussed the signage at the Abercrombie Boat Ramp.

The Board, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Davis discussed signs for all County boat ramps and imposing time limits for boat ramp use.

Commissioner Jackel thanked the Parks and Rec. Dept. for their efforts during the Oyster Festival on St. George Island.

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management (9:18 AM)

Mrs. Brownell presented her report to the Board.

Action Items: None

Information Items:

- 1. Joyce Durham and I attended the Fire Prevention Week at the Learning Center October 17th, 2011. We handed out fire safety bookmarkers and coloring books. Joyce also did re-entry forms for the staff at the school.*
- 2. Franklin County Emergency Management and The Management Experts have scheduled the initial planning session on October 25, 2011 at 10:00 am located at the EOC for the water rescue exercise, and we are also going to test communications up the Apalachicola River.*
- 3. The Army Corps of Engineers plan to hold a Technical Project Planning Meeting at the Carrabelle Civic Center, Monday Oct. 17th, 2011. (exact time not specified as of this report). This will be to inform key City and County officials about the Corp's plan to continue their study on the former Camp Gordon Johnston Munitions Remedial Investigation Project.*

Mr. Pierce presented Item #6 from his report.

6- Inform the Board that Mr. Ken Webber, State Forester, has responded by telephone to the Board's letter about the lack of cell phone coverage in the state forest. Mr. Webber said he supports the Board's concern as his foresters have the same problem. He requested a map be developed with several possible cell phone tower sites that he would then take to Tallahassee to see what could be approved.

Board suggestions on locations. Please remember that while it appears the state will support a cell tower at some location there still needs to be a cell phone company willing to build and maintain the tower.

The Board, Mrs. Brownell and Mr. Pierce discussed this matter.

Bill Mahan – Extension Office Director (9:23 AM)

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

Franklin - UF IFAS Updates

- 1. ISSC Result Summary – The following is a brief summary of what happened to a few of the ISSC proposals discussed at this year's conference that could have impacts on the Franklin County Oyster Industry.
09-212 ISSC Dealer/Harvester Education – The Education Committee recommended that annual mandatory online training and testing not be required and made part of the National*

Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for a number of reasons. The Committee supported current education efforts at the state level and encouraged states to update and expand their educational program efforts. Task Force II approved the Education Committee's report; however, the issue was pulled at the General Assembly, amended to require annual harvester & dealer education. However, the exact wording & requirements of what was approved are not known at this time.

11-207 Vibrio cholera – The State of FL and the ISSC asked for guidance on how to handle potentially pathogenic bacteria that can be either naturally occurring or sewage related when the cause is unknown. The issue was considered too complicated to take a special action on just Vc 075. As a result the issue has been referred back to the Vibrio Management Committee. At this point, there is still no guidance for the industry.

07-305 Press Releases – The Use of the Press Committee met with five representatives from the FDA to discuss two recent cases during which the FL & WA oyster industries felt that FDA's use of national/international press releases announcing product recalls were ill-advised and punitive to the industry. In a nut shell, FDA told the Committee that if they think they can tell FDA how to do their press releases, "It ain't going to happen." The Committee told FDA that they will assign one of their media/press release specialists to the Committee and press guidelines will be developed for FDA to follow as an ISSC partner.

11-300 Changes to ISSC State Regions – The states of GA, NC & SC proposed moving FL out of their region and putting it with AL, MS, LA & Texas. They claimed that because they are "clam" producing states that their shellfish issues are very different than those of FL and the other Gulf oyster producing states. The issue passed in Committee & Task Force. However, the issue was pulled at the General Assembly by Leslie Palmer and rejected. Thus, FL and the Gulf States will continue to have two votes on the Executive Board.

Foreign Relations Committee: Concerns about Shellfish Exports from Non-MOU Countries – The Foreign Relations Committee had no proposals to review this year. After receiving a report from FDA on the status of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Country status and non-MOU Countries a general discussion on non-MOU countries followed and possible public health issues associated with exported shellfish products like breaded, frozen oysters. Products like this and other cooked and/or smoked products are not considered to be under the jurisdiction of the ISSC because they are not raw shellfish. However, once the discussions began, several public health issues were identified including products labeled as cook that are raw and biotoxin issues. The Committee sent a recommendation directly to the Executive Board requesting that they take a close look at these issues and provide guidance to FDA on these issues. This recommendation was approved by the Executive Board after what I was told was a very lively debate.

Commissioner Parrish offered some additional information on the ISSC meeting, including the Vibrio Cholera issues, the State region matter and also adding new States, which are not oyster producing, to the ISSC. He discussed this matter further.

Commissioner Sanders asked Commissioner Parrish to discuss how the State of Florida representatives did during the ISSC conference.

Commissioner Parrish stated that Ms. Palmer was beginning to truly understand the industry and the impact on the County's economics. He explained the possible dangers of private oyster harvesting and the risk per serving of oysters.

The Board and Mr. Mahan discussed renewing membership to the ISSC.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to renew membership of all Board members in the ISSC; Motion carried 5-0.

- 2. GAO Food Safety V. vulnificus FDA, ISSC Report – Attached, please find a summary I prepared for the Board of a just released 61-page US Government Accountability Report titled: Food Safety – FDA Needs to Reassess Its Approach to Reducing an Illness Caused by Eating Raw oysters.*

Mr. Mahan discussed this matter.

- 3. Beekeeping in the Panhandle – The Franklin County Extension Office will be hosting a series of Distance Learning Beekeeping Classes beginning November 21 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. The cost of the program is \$50. The dates and topics are as follows – Nov. 21 – Intro to Bees; Nov. 28 – Intro to Beekeeping & Equipment; Dec. 5 – Bee Management; Dec. 10 – Beekeeping Trade Show – Washington County Extension Office, Chipley; Dec. 12 – Bee Pests & Diseases; Jan 9 – Honey Plants & Pollination; Jan. 16 – Products of the Hive; Jan. 23 – Splitting Hives & The Pollination Business; and Jan. 30 – Other Bee Topics.*

Commissioner Sanders discussed her concerns with the decline of beekeepers in the area.

Roderick Robinson – Franklin County School Guidance Counselor – Request – Approval for Home Coming Parade Friday, October 28, 2011 (Same Route As Before) (9:43 AM)

Roderick Robinson, Franklin County School Guidance Counselor, asked for Board action to approve the regular route for the Franklin County School's Homecoming Parade on October 28, 2011 at 1 PM in Eastpoint.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to approve the regular route for Franklin County School's Homecoming Parade in Eastpoint; Motion carried 5-0.

Advisory Board of Adjustment – Report (9:46 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented the item for discussion.

The Franklin County Advisory Board of Adjustment met on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Franklin County Courthouse Annex.

The Advisory Board of Adjustments recommends the Board of County Commission approve the following variance as requested contingent upon the owners meeting additional fire protection measures on the side walls.

This request for consideration of a variance to construct a single family dwelling 5 feet into both side setback lines on property described as Lot 12, Block 9 West, Unit 1, located at 215 West Gorrie Drive, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Putnal, to approve variance to construct a single family dwelling 5 feet into both side setback lines on property described as Lot 12, Block 9 West, Unit 1, located at 215 West Gorrie Drive, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida, contingent upon the owners meeting additional fire protection measures on side walls; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Pierce stated that at the recent Planning & Zoning meeting there was a full quorum but the applicants were a no show.

Recess (9:48 AM)

Chairman Lockley called for a recess.

Reconvene (10:05 AM)

Chairman Lockley reconvened the Meeting.

Ms. Davie Lloyd (CEO) and Hospital Board – Discussion – Hospital Issues with TMH (10:05 AM)

Nick Yonclas, of the Weems Hospital Board, distributed and read a statement from Paul Marxsen, Chairman of the Weems Hospital Board. Mr. Marxsen apologized that he could not be present at the Meeting but asked Mr. Yonclas to read his letter to the Board. Mr. Marxsen's statement addressed the Hospital Board issues that were discussed at the September 20, 2011 FCBCC Meeting and also addressed and explained individual comments that were made concerning the Hospital Board.

Chairman Lockley and Mr. Yonclas discussed the by-laws concerning the presentation of monthly reports that the Hospital should be sending to the County Commission. Mr. Yonclas said he believed it was a mutual agreement that the Hospital Board would stop reporting to the Board and that Mr. Pierce would attend the Hospital Board Meetings instead.

Chairman Lockley also raised concerns of the County Commission not receiving comprehensive financials reports from the Hospital, not just the balances, but also debt information. Mr. Yonclas stated that the Hospital Board had not been receiving condensed financial information that they would like to get but said they had taken strides to change that and believed this would implement a change in the information that the Board receives.

Mr. Yonclas and Ms. Gail Dodds discussed the problems with receiving the financial information from the Hospital and how it will be distributed to the County Commission in the future. Ms.

Dodds stated that the Hospital Board never had any intention to mislead the Board in any way. She asked that the Commission tell the Hospital Board if they are not happy with the way the reports are presented to the Commission.

Chairman Lockley said he was not pleased with the way the reports are made to the Board. The County Commission discussed the problems they are having with the way financial information is provided to them.

Commissioner Sanders expressed her concerns with the available balances of Weems and how it affects health care in the County. She said she feels like the Hospital is regressing back to where things were at in 2005 and she was not going to let the health care in the County regress to when there was hardly any health care available.

Commissioner Sanders wanted to know if the Hospital is doing everything possible to bring the people in and bring the money in so that it is justifiable to the Commissioners' constituents. She said she has a problem with and is worried about the amount of money available in the Hospital's operating account. She stated that Hospital Board members should resign if they didn't feel like they could do an adequate job.

Commissioner Jackel addressed some of the points stated in Mr. Marxsen's statement. She took objection to any statements of the Commission not looking for the best health care in the County and said it was not appreciated. She felt like it was regrettable that Mr. Marxsen was not present at this Meeting to deliver his message in person, because it was one of the most important meetings concerning the Hospital since she has sat on the FCBCC.

Commissioner Jackel also stated that any misinformation that the Commission has received is the fault of the Hospital Board because it is their duty to come to the Commission and correct any misinformation that was received. She stated that the goal of the Commission is to provide the efficient and adequate health care to the citizens of the County.

Commissioner Jackel discussed the ambulance service and other contributions the Commission has made toward health care.

Commissioner Jackel commented on the lack of a CFO for many months and the details of how Ms. Kim Davis, the previous CFO, was terminated. She said Ms. Davis was a constituent of hers and she received calls concerning this termination. She said she went to the Hospital regarding this matter and expressed her dissatisfaction on how she was treated when she tried to meet with Ms. Lloyd, the new CEO, to discuss this matter. She said she doesn't know of Ms. Lloyd reaching out to meet with the Commission in any way.

Commissioner Jackel commented on the short term of the recent CFO, who was only on the job for two weeks before resigning, citing that he couldn't work with Ms. Lloyd.

Commissioner Jackel commented on the selection of the current CEO and the misunderstanding of how the CEO was selected. She commented on some of the other issues in Mr. Marxsen's statement, including communication problems between the Hospital Board and the Commission.

Commissioner Jackel said she has a problem with things that have happened since the new CEO has been at the Hospital and she has a serious problem with the lack of communication between the Hospital Board and the Commission.

Mr. Yonclas addressed Commissioner Jackel's concerns, starting with the Hospital Board reporting to the Commission on a monthly basis. He said the Hospital Board did not decide on

its own to stop reporting to the Board on a monthly basis, that he understood it to be a mutual agreement between the Commission and the Hospital Board. He said it was a mistake no matter whose decision. Mr. Yonclas said he thought it would be inappropriate to discuss operational issues, especially surrounding the finance department, because he thought it was too personal. He commented on the selection of a CFO, primary health care, if the health departments no longer provide that and the selection process of the current CEO. Chairman Lockley and Ms. Dodds discussed how the qualifications were set for the Hospital CEO. Ms. Dodds said TMH followed through with national guidelines in the CEO selection process.

Chairman Lockley and Ms. Dodds discussed, in a limited fashion, the Dr. Catlin issue. Mark O'Bryant, TMH CEO, explained their involvement with Weems. He supported the Weems Hospital Board and said this is one of the strongest you will find, although mistakes can be made and he felt like the lines of communication needed to be strengthened. He stated that TMH wanted strong health care services for Franklin County and wants them to grow and expand. He discussed other efforts of TMH to improve health care in Franklin County. Commissioner Putnal stated that he had an excellent experience at Weems Hospital recently but he later had a resident complain about an experience at the Weems East Urgent Care Clinic. He discussed this incident with Mr. O'Bryant and expressed his concerns. Mr. O'Bryant stated that these issues should be discussed with Ms. Lloyd and her team so that they can make improvements or explain how these issues are addressed.

Commissioner Parrish stated that he has never asked for anyone to be hired for any County position, even at the hospital, but he expects anyone who applies for a job to be treated fairly. He said he has always supported the Hospital and its Board and expressed his concerns with the low operating fund balances.

Mr. O'Bryant responded to some of Commissioner Parrish's concerns. He said the real future of this Hospital is going to be tied to its ability to grow, expand and bring new services to the County. He believed the future of the Hospital isn't going to be tied to expense management alone, it is going to be tied to extending its revenue string by bringing in new services. Commissioner Parrish agreed and repeated the Commission's concerns of problems at the Hospital and how it affects the County overall, including the low morale at the Hospital. He stated that he would like for the Hospital Board to be more hands on with the operation of the Hospital and also the need to work as a team. Mr. O'Bryant agreed and said that every employee is necessary in order to provide care for patients, even though they all provide different roles.

Chairman Lockley stated that there needs to be better communication with the Commission, especially before financial and administrative decisions are made.

Mr. O'Bryant addressed the Chairman's concerns and believed that, as was previously decided, that the Hospital bylaws need to be reinstated.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, for the Commission to review the Hospital Board bylaws for possible changes; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders stated that, without putting things in check, she was afraid that history will repeat itself with the Commission having to find funding to get Weems out of financial problems. She also addressed the necessity for confidence in the Weems, which has been lost. Commissioner Sanders believes that the residents deserve consistent health care in Franklin County.

Mr. O'Bryant stated that TMH would have to be directed by the Hospital Board to remove Davie Lloyd as CEO of Weems and he also asked the Commission to take some time before making a decision to remove Ms. Lloyd so that TMH can address some of these issues.

Commissioner Sanders expressed her dissatisfaction with Ms. Lloyd. She said the confidence in Ms. Lloyd has been lost.

Clarice Powell, Victim Advocate for Franklin County, stated that she was against the removal of Ms. Lloyd because Ms. Lloyd is good for Weems and Franklin County. She said improvements have been made since Ms. Lloyd came to the Hospital and believed that she has been doing her job.

Mr. O'Bryant asked the Commission not to act on removing Ms. Lloyd until there has been an opportunity to rectify some of the problems discussed today.

Commissioner Sanders said she will allow TMH to come up with an improvement plan but she does not want to hear any more derogatory statements being made about the citizens of Franklin County.

Mr. O'Bryant asked that the Commission look at their time with Ms. Lloyd and the team at Weems as an investment for the future.

Commissioner Sanders discussed some recent miscommunications with Ms. Lloyd and her staff and asked that the Physician's Assistant at Weems East be included in the improvement plan. She said she wanted her comments and the other Commissioners' comments to be taken seriously.

Chairman Lockley said he wants to see a new CFO at the Hospital in the next 25 – 30 days. Commissioner Parrish also discussed his concerns about not having a CFO at the Hospital and asked Mr. O'Bryant to be more involved with the operation of Weems.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to direct TMH to remove Davie Lloyd as CEO of Weems Hospital, but allow TMH 90 days to present an improvement plan and show demonstrated improvements to Weems management at the second regular meeting in January of 2012; Motion carried 5-0.

Recess (11:48 AM)

Chairman Lockley called for a recess.

Reconvene (12:07 PM)

Chairman Lockley reconvened the Meeting.

Public Comments (12:07 PM)

Charles Wilson, Charter Fishing Guide of Apalachicola, along with a few other charter fishermen, stated that the Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce has a charter company and real estate company renting space in their office. Mr. Wilson said it is an unfair business advantage to this particular charter fishing business.

Jerry Thompson, a local realtor, also spoke in support of Mr. Wilson's issue with this matter. He said he wasn't against this particular guide service and realtor business but didn't feel like it was fair to the other guides and realtors in the County.

Mr. Wilson stated that he has already discussed this matter with Attorney Shuler and has proposed a reasonable solution to this problem but said the Attorney said he didn't know that any laws had been violated by the Chamber. He explained that the guides bring a lot of TDC dollars into the County and there is an unfair business advantage by having this office in the same building as the Chamber's office.

Mr. Wilson discussed the solution he proposed concerning this situation and stated that the other party was not interested in resolving this matter as he proposed.

Rex Phipps, Guide Fisherman, suggested that the Board look into the non-profit status of the Chamber.

Attorney Fuqua suggested that the Board discuss this further with Attorney Shuler.

Commissioner Putnal suggested that the TDC look into this matter and other Board members agreed.

Commissioner Jackel believed that since Attorney Shuler is an acting Board member of the Chamber that he might have a conflict on making decisions and the Board might want to have Attorney Fuqua advise them in this matter.

Greg Kembro, Guide Fisherman, suggested the TDC consider moving the visitor's center from the Chamber to another location.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Jackel, to direct the TDC to investigate this matter and present a recommendation to the Board and because Attorney Shuler is a member of the Chamber, Attorney Fuqua will handle this matter and attend the next TDC meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

There was further discussion concerning this matter.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report (12:27 PM)

Mrs. Johnson presented her report to the Board.

*1- I have a resolution for adoption on unanticipated revenue. This is revenue that wasn't included in the budget last year 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 purposes it was received to comply with Florida Statute 129. This is part of the end-of-the-year bookkeeping being completed by the Finance Department. **This Resolution** deals with*

\$1,700.00 received from the State of Florida for E911 Database Maintenance. We put the funds in the E911 Fund into account 163.47.525.4600, Maintenance and Repairs.

**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 \$1,700.00 from the STATE OF FLORIDA for E911 DATABASE MAINTENANCE, 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>163.47.525.4600</i>	<i>Maintenance and Repairs</i>	<i>\$1,700.00</i>
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$1700.00 in the E911 FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 18TH day of October 2011.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to approve the Resolution as presented to appropriate these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$1700.00 in the E911 FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d); Motion carried 5-0.

2- For information, I've provided you each a copy of my office's holiday schedule for 2012 which follows the holiday schedule set by the Court. These are the dates:

<i>New Year's Day Observed</i>	<i>Monday, January 2, 2012</i>
<i>Martin Luther King's Birthday</i>	<i>Monday, January 16, 2012</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday, April 6, 2012</i>
<i>Memorial Day</i>	<i>Monday, May 28, 2012</i>

<i>Independence Day</i>	<i>Wednesday, July 4, 2012</i>
<i>Labor Day</i>	<i>Monday, September 3, 2012</i>
<i>Veteran's Day Observed</i>	<i>Monday, November 12, 2012</i>
<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	<i>Thursday, November 22, 2012</i>
<i>Friday after Thanksgiving Day</i>	<i>Friday, November 23, 2012</i>
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>Monday, December 24 2012</i>
<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Tuesday, December 25, 2012</i>
<i>The Day After Christmas</i>	<i>Wednesday, December 26, 2012</i>

3- For information, the balance in the hospital's operating account at the end of September 2011 was \$28,040.93. There is a total of \$204,111.60 in Certificates of Deposit, \$150,272.99 in a Money Market Account, and \$95,293.50 in a Grant Account also for a total of \$477,719.02. The balance in the hospital's capital fund is \$404,573.41.

Commissioner Sanders and Mrs. Johnson discussed the Hospital fund balances.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report (12:30 PM)

Mr. Pierce presented his report to the Board.

1- Board action to approve a Resolution requested by the Franklin County Refuge House designating October 2011 as National Domestic Violence Month.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to approve a Resolution designating October 2011 as National Domestic Violence Month; Motion carried 5-0.

2- Board action to approve closing US 98 in Eastpoint on Friday, Oct. 28, for the High School Homecoming Parade.

This item was discussed earlier in the Meeting.

3- Commissioner Jackel has received complaints of damage to Power Line Drive in Eastpoint being done by Progress Energy. Board direction to contact Mr. Bobby Pickels and remind him of the Board's expectation that the road will be fixed back to its original condition.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Parrish, to contact Bobby Pickels and remind him of the Board's expectation that Power Line Drive in Eastpoint will be fixed back to its original condition; Motion carried 5-0.

4- Inform the Board that Governor Scott sent the Board a letter "urging all local governments to form and maintain strong working relationships with (military) base commanders in order to prevent issues such as base encroachment." The Governor had visited some unnamed military

installations in the state and received a briefing about urban encroachment and incompatible future land development.

5- Mr. Lee Edmiston would like the Board and the public to know the Reserve is holding a public meeting to discuss and receive input on the Reserve's Management Plan. The meeting starts at 6 PM on Monday, Nov. 14, at the Reserve building in Eastpoint.

6- Inform the Board that Mr. Ken Webber, State Forester, has responded by telephone to the Board's letter about the lack of cell phone coverage in the state forest. Mr. Webber said he supports the Board's concern as his foresters have the same problem. He requested a map be developed with several possible cell phone tower sites that he would then take to Tallahassee to see what could be approved.

Board suggestions on locations. Please remember that while it appears the state will support a cell tower at some location there still needs to be a cell phone company willing to build and maintain the tower

This matter was discussed earlier in the Meeting.

7- Board action to authorize a waiver of liability for Fairpoint Communications to a run a new telephone cable in an existing conduit between the main courthouse and the Annex building. There are data lines in the conduit and Fairpoint doesn't want to be responsible for any damage that might occur during the pulling of the new lines. If they are not allowed to pull a new phone line all offices in the Annex will be affected by the loss of dial tone for both fax and voice and the loss of connections to the main phone system. The County Attorney, Michael Shuler, has been consulted on the waiver.

Fairpoint is not charging for the new telephone cable. Mr. Moron has coordinated this effort, and has gotten Fairpoint to pull another data line while they are pulling the phone line so that there is now a backup for data between the two buildings. Fairpoint will charge materials for the data cable but not labor since they are already pulling the telephone cable.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to authorize a waiver of liability for Fairpoint Communications to run a new telephone cable in an existing conduit between the main courthouse and the Annex building; Motion carried 5-0.

8- Inform the Board that DOT has released its 5 year work schedule and if their budgets are approved each year there are the following improvements to be done in Franklin County. In 2013: Construction of Carrabelle Beach Bike Path; widen and resurface Bluff Road to Pine Log Road (Abercombie Boat Ramp). In 2014 widen and resurface Oak St. In 2015, widen and resurface BayShore drive in Eastpoint. DOT will be doing additional work on US 98 in these years but that work will not be the county's responsibility.

The Board discussed this work schedule.

Commissioner Jackel would like additional information on this matter.

9- Board action to appoint Mr. Cal Allen as the City of Carrabelle's representative on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council. He will be replacing Mr. Jim Brown.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve Cal Allen as the City of Carrabelle's representative on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council; Motion carried 5-0.

10- Inform the Board that with the approval of the contract between the county and the Franklin County Seafood Worker's Association at the last meeting, the Association has received the authorized \$1000 advance for the re-shelling program.

11- Board direction on what to do with the Request for Qualifications for Landfill operations that were opened at the last Board meeting.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to direct Staff to schedule interviews with the companies that responded to the request for qualifications, to discuss the qualifications for efficiency and options, not privatization of the landfill; Motion carried 4-1, Lockley opposed.

12- Mark Curenton attended a workshop on Thursday, Oct. 6 to learn more about the Florida Rural Broadband Alliance and its affect in Franklin County. Also attending from Franklin County was Ted Mosteller and David Butler. The guidelines of the grant require the Alliance to have 85% completion of the broadband by next April. The Alliance is currently in the process of looking for tower locations in Franklin County to locate their antennas on.

Once the Broadband system is in place there will still have to be some local provider, such as Fairpoint, Mediacom, or some other telecommunications company, that would then sell the broadband system to the individual user. Only as a last resort with the Alliance get into the business of provider service to the individual.

Chairman Lockley suggested asking Broadband Alliance to provide service on Highways 67 and 65.

The Board discussed this matter further.

13- Board action to sign FWC boat ramp Grant for engineering and designs for Abercrombie and St. George Island.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Jackel, to approve FWC grant for Abercrombie & St. George Island boat ramps; Motion carried 5-0.

14- Discussed an email from Mark Curenton regarding the energy grant for the Courthouse.

The Board discussed available funding for renovating versus replacing the windows.

15- Presentation of Mr. Pierce's retirement plans.

Mr. Pierce said the Board needed to move forward in finding his replacement and presented his retirement plan to the Board.

Commissioner Parrish and Mr. Pierce discussed the manner in which Mr. Pierce's job description will be presented to the Board.

Commissioner Jackel asked that a college degree not be a single requirement of this job and explained that she thought many years of experience would work in lieu of a college degree. Mr. Pierce discussed how his job has evolved over the years and what the County could be looking for. He explained that his duties have been minimized with the current State administration.

Mr. Pierce discussed his reasons for retiring at this time and said he might have the opportunity to do other things. He said he appreciated working with the Board.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Parrish, to accept Mr. Pierce's recommended plan for retirement; Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report (12:58 PM)

Attorney Matthew Fuqua, Calhoun County Attorney, filled in for Attorney Shuler and discussed some of his experiences throughout other Counties.

The Board and Attorney Fuqua discussed Jackson and Calhoun Counties hospitals.

Commissioners and Public Comments (1:03 PM)

There were no Commissioner comments.

Ron Mowery, of Alligator Point Water Resource District, discussed the proposal to expand the APWD district. He asked for Board action to approve the Resolution supporting this expansion.

Tom Vanderplatts, former President of Alligator Point Taxing Authority, spoke in support of the proposed expansion and discussed some of the concerns of the residents who will be affected by this expansion. He discussed other possible actions, including contacting the City of Carrabelle water district for a resolution of support, and stated that it won't be mandatory to hook up to this system.

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Vanderplatts discussed why it was necessary to involve the City of Carrabelle.

Sara Hilliard, District Manager of APWD, and the Board discussed current customers and proposed customers, the advertising of this expansion, and the interest that has been showed by this matter.

Commissioner Sanders expressed her concerns with such little interest shown by property owners regarding this matter.

Commissioner Sanders suggested hearing from more residents and would like another public hearing to be scheduled, with her in attendance, so she can hear from the residents. She said that there should be a vote included to see if Alligator Point residents are interested in the City of Carrabelle water district.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed a possible CDBG grant.

The Board and Mr. Vanplatts discussed the number of full time residents at Alligator Point.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to table this matter until more residents can be heard from on this matter; Motion carried 5-0.

Wayne Gleason, of Community Management Services, representing the Villas of St. George Condominium Association, asked that no additional runoff is allowed due to the variance that was approved earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Pierce said that no one is allowed to discharge water onto their neighbor.

Attorney Fuqua stated that the CEO of Calhoun County Hospital makes approximately \$90,000.

Cal Allen, City of Carrabelle Commissioner, thanked the Board for his appointment to the ARPC and introduced the newest City of Carrabelle Commission, Mrs. Brenda Lapaz, to the Commission.

Adjourn (1:34 PM)

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

Noah Lockley, Chairman - FCBCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts