

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
NOVEMBER 1, 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, Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Linda Phillips – Finance Clerk, 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 (9:03 AM)

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

Royce Rolstad- FCTV to announce the FCTV will be back on Mediacom (9:04 AM)

Royce Rolstad, of Forgotten Coast TV, stated that FCTV has leased Channel 3 from Mediacom and went back on the air today. He said the FCBC Meetings will, once again, air on Monday nights at 7 PM.

Commissioner Parrish asked Mr. Rolstad to post an ad in the local newspaper letting everyone know that they are back on the air.

Mr. Rolstad discussed FCTV's efforts to advertise this item.

Nina Marks – Superintendent of Schools- Request a referendum be placed on the ballot (9:07 AM)

Mrs. Marks read from a prepared statement asking for Board action to place a referendum on a special ballot/election to transfer funds.

The Board and Mrs. Marks discussed this matter further.

Commissioner Jackel asked that this item be placed on the 2012 election and Mrs. Marks said it was believed that this item would get more attention if it were on a separate ballot.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Parrish, to approve placing a referendum on a special ballot in the spring to transfer funds from Capital Outlay funds to General Operating; Motion carried 4-1, Jackel opposed.

Department Supervisor Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works (9:10 AM)

Mr. Chipman presented his report to the Board.

Mr. Chipman updated the Board on grass cutting and road maintenance projects.

Mr. Chipman stated that one of his employees has decided to retire and he needs authorization to advertise to fill that position.

The Board and Mr. Chipman discussed this matter further.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to authorize advertising for vacant position at the Road Department; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders presented to the Board the lock and chain that was once blocking Tom Harbor Road on Alligator Point. She said the Board had worked 20 years to get this road opened up and thanked everyone who was involved in opening that road.

Mr. Pierce stated that both roads are opened.

The Board discussed this matter further.

Commissioner Jackel presented a letter with photos of a road on St. George Island and asked Mr. Chipman to contact the resident and discuss his issues regarding this road.

Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director (9:16 AM)

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

Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Johnson discussed a vacant position at the Landfill.

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Pierce discussed the qualifications for the Amory Renovation project.

Open Qualifications for Armory Renovation (9:18 AM)

Mr. Pierce stated that EMO Architects and Johnson Peterson Architects, both of Tallahassee, were the only two companies that responded to the request.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to form a committee of Alan Pierce, Mark Curenton and Van Johnson and forward the qualifications to this committee for a recommendation; Motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the need for extensive renovations to the Armory.

Department Supervisor Report - continued

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management Director (9:20 AM)

Mrs. Brownell had no report for the Board.

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

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

1. UF IFAS Annual Report & Calendar- Attached, please find a copy of the 2010-2011 UF IFAS Annual Report and 2012 calendar.

2. UF IFAS Impact Magazine- Attached, please find a copy of Impact Magazine, a UF IFAS publication that highlights UF IFAS' programming efforts. Featured stories include; "Meet Jack Payne," our new UF IFAS VP and "Oil Spill Task Force." A story about UF faculty efforts to address last year's BP oil spill disaster.

Shannon Hartsfield- President of FCSWA - Update of Association (9:23 AM)

Shannon Hartsfield, President of Franklin County Seafood Workers Association, updated the Board on the shelling program.

The Board and Mr. Hartsfield discussed the relaying program and funding for the shelling project.

Mr. Hartsfield also discussed the current status of the oyster bars and what is causing the problems. He said he has never before seen Dry Bar this bad.

The Board and Mr. Hartsfield discussed the need for more fresh water in the Bay. Chairman Lockley and other Board members stated some of the possible upcoming problems with the availability of oysters and the best use of the available funds.

Chairman Lockley advised Mr. Hartsfield that he needed to make a good decision on the relaying and shelling issues. He said there will be some hard times between now and the Summer time.

Commissioner Parrish suggested that Mr. Hartsfield address the relaying and shelling funds with Ms. Palmer.

Mr. Hartsfield discussed the status of oyster bars in Bay and Wakulla Counties.

Commissioner Jackel suggested that Mr. Hartsfield report back to the Board and give information regarding the discussion he will have with Ms. Leslie Palmer this afternoon.

Mr. Hartsfield stated that none of the members of the Seafood Workers have requested their funds back after the rules changed regarding relaying and shelling. He said they have even had more people join.

Commissioner Jackel stated that the Seafood Workers Association did well during the Franklin County Oyster Festival in Eastpoint and St. George Island. Mr. Hartsfield discussed this matter further.

Helen Spohrer – BP buying schedule (9:44 AM)

Helen Spohrer, of Forgotten Coast TV the agency of record for the TDC, reviewed and asked for Board action on the third buying schedule for the BP Marketing Grant. She distributed a copy of the buying schedule and executive summary. She said there were no changes to the overall marketing plan. Mrs. Spohrer gave a recap of the buying schedule and stated that this will be the smallest because it is the off season.

Mrs. Spohrer also provided information on print and online advertisement, which will deal with specific locations throughout the County.

Mrs. Spohrer discussed other projects that are in the works such as bumper stickers, geo-caching coins and t-shirts.

Mrs. Spohrer also discussed an increase in visitors to the County this past year and how Facebook has been a positive outlet for advertisement. She also discussed reaching people through email.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Putnal, to authorize the TDC's third buying schedule for the BP Marketing Grant, as presented by Mrs. Spohrer; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jackel said she was glad to hear the TDC was doing a County-wide visitor's guide as it will be a comprehensive guide of everything the County has to offer.

Mrs. Spohrer and Chairman Lockley discussed funding for the African American History Festival in Franklin County. Mrs. Spohrer suggested that members from that committee attend the next TDC Meeting on November 8, 2011 at 3 PM.

Recess (10:04 AM)

Chairman Lockley called for a recess.

Reconvene (10:23 AM)

Chairman Lockley reconvened the Meeting.

Marcia Johnson- Clerk of Courts Report (10:23 AM)

Mrs. Johnson presented her report to the Board.

1. *I have some resolutions for adoption on unanticipated revenues as part of the end-of-the-year bookkeeping. This involves funds that weren't included in your initial budget last year because we didn't know at the time they would be received. The resolutions need 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. **The first resolution** deals with \$12,428.00 received from the State of Florida for ALI Database Software. We put the funds in the E911 Fund into account 163.47.525.5200, Operating Supplies. **The second resolution** deals with \$131,260.00 received from the State of Florida for the purchase of E911 PSAP Equipment. We put the funds in the E911 Fund into account 163.47.525.6401, Machinery and Equipment. **The third resolution** deals with \$1,111,128.00 received from Florida Coastal Northwest for the BP Tourism Promotional Event. We put the funds in the Tourist Development Fund into account 130.33.552.4803, Promotional-BP Phase 4. **The fourth resolution** deals with \$1,679,293.00 received from BP for payment of expenses incurred in response to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. We put the money in the General Fund in the following accounts:*

<i>001.48.525.3400, Emergency Disaster Relief Contract Services</i>	<i>\$1,633,769.00</i>
<i>001.47.525.1200, Emergency Management Salaries</i>	<i>\$6,629.00</i>
<i>001.47.525.2100, Emergency Management FICA Taxes</i>	<i>\$507.00</i>
<i>001.47.525.2200, Emergency Management Retirement</i>	<i>\$714.00</i>
<i>001.20.511.6400, County Commission Machinery & Equipment</i>	<i>\$1,401.00</i>
<i>001.20.511.6401, County Commission Machinery & Equipment</i>	<i>\$10,009.00</i>
<i>001.20.511.3100, County Commission Professional Services</i>	<i>\$26,264.00</i>

**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 \$12,428.00 from the STATE OF FLORIDA for ALI DATABASE SOFTWARE, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2010-2011, 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:

163.47.525.5200	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$12,428.00
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$12,428.00 in the E911 FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 1ST day of November 2011.

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

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$131,260.00 from the STATE OF FLORIDA for THE PURCHASE OF E911 PSAP EQUIPMENT, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2010-2011, 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:

163.47.525.6401 *Machinery & Equipment* \$131,260.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$131,260.00 in the E911 FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

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WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$1,111,128.00 from FLORIDA COASTAL NORTHWEST for the BP TOURISM PROMOTIONAL EVENT, and

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

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

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

130.33.552.4803 *PROMOTIONAL – BP PHASE 4 \$1,111,128.00*

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$1,111,128.00 in the TOURIST DEVELOPMENT FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 1st day of November 2011.

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

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$1,679,293.00 from BP for the payment of expenses incurred in response to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 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:

001.48.525.3400	Emergency Disaster Relief Contract Services	\$1,633,769.00
001.47.525.1200	Emergency Management Salaries	\$ 6,629.00
001.47.525.2100	Emergency Management FICA Taxes	\$ 507.00
001.47.525.2200	Emergency Management Retirement	\$ 714.00
001.20.511.6400	County Commission Machinery & Equipment	\$1,401.00
001.20.511.6401	County Commission Machinery & Equipment	\$10,009.00
001.20.511.3100	County Commission Professional Services	\$26,264.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$1,679,293.00 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 1st day of NOVEMBER 2011.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to adopt resolutions as presented by Mrs. Johnson; Motion carried 5-0.

2. I have a line-item budget amendment for approval for the 2010-2011 budget year. After the budget had been approved, the Board approved an additional \$80,592.00 to Weems Hospital to add a third ambulance at the October 5, 2010 meeting. This amendment is needed to move \$80,592.00 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to Transfer to Hospital Fund for Ambulance Service. We would increase 001.51.581.9101, Transfer - Ambulance Service to \$80,592.00 and decrease 001.99.584.9600 Reserve for Contingencies by the same amount of \$80,592.00.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Parrish, to approve the line item budget amendment to move \$80,592.00 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to Transfer to Hospital Fund for Ambulance Service; Motion carried 5-0.

Debbie Belcher – CDBG Update (10:29 AM)

Debbie Belcher, of CDBG, updated the Board on the Eastpoint Water and Sewer expansion grant. She asked the Board about using local plumbing contractors, section 3 contractors only, to assist with connections under the project. Ms. Belcher said she would have to discuss the criteria with local contractors to see if they qualify as a section 3 contractor.

The Board discussed the details of the water and sewer project further.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Jackel, to authorize Ms. Belcher to proceed with her recommendation for local contractors to assist with connections; Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Belcher updated the Board on the status of the 2008 Disaster Recovery Grant regarding the elevation of Highway 67 project.

Ms. Belcher also discussed new DREF Grant requirements for the County, which require a point of contact for certain items. She recommended listing Mark Curenton as Fair Housing contact, Erin Griffith as EEO contact and Robin Brinkley for 504-ADA Compliance contact.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to accept recommendations for point of contacts for the 2008 Disaster Recovery Grant; Motion carried 5-0.

Alan Pierce- Director of Administrative Service (10:39 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented his report to the Board.

1-Inform the Board that 4 sets of beach flags have been ordered from DEP. The county is in receipt of an email from DEP confirming the order and stating that delivery will occur approximately 90 days from the time DEP places the order from their contractor. They anticipate placing the order on Dec. 15, so the county should receive delivery in March, 2012.

2 – Inform the Board that there appears to be an inconsistency in speed limits on two roads in Eastpoint with similar characteristics. Twin Lakes Road has a posted speed limit of 25 mph. Old Ferry Dock Road and Avenue A have a speed limit of 35 mph. Both roads have long straight sections with numerous driveways. Commissioner Jackel has received an inquiry from the public as to why the difference in speed limits. Board action to raise the speed limit on Twin Lakes road to 35 mph.

The Board discussed this item and decided to ask Clay Kennedy, of Preble-Rish, to make a recommendation on this matter.

3-Inform the Board that Commissioner Parrish and I were on a long conference call last Wednesday organized by the FAC regarding the federal legislation on the BP oil spill. FAC has taken a leadership role in coordinating with the 8 impacted counties. These are the significant points I gained from the conference call. Commissioner Parrish may want to add to these.

**Both houses of Congress, Senate and House, are working on bills that would distribute fine money generated by the Clean Water Act. The amount of money could be substantial. Both the Senate Bill and the House Bill (HR 3096 of which Congressman Southerland is a sponsor) are still in committees. I asked specifically when we might expect to see a vote on either bill and I was told that it is unlikely that either bill would get to the floor of their respective chambers this year. On the House side, they are still looking for co-sponsors.*

**Both bills direct a percentage of fine money to the impacted states and counties. There is an issue with a definition in the House bill between "local" political subdivision, and "coastal" political subdivision. FAC is taking the position that the 8 impacted counties are the ones to receive the funds so they are attempting to insert the names of the 8 counties in the bill instead of using a generic term like "coastal" because that might be applied to other counties.*

**In order to keep the FAC in its leadership role, the FAC has proposed a "Gulf Coast County Coalition Memorandum of Agreement" whereby the FAC would agree to provide certain services and the 8 counties would pay a set fee. Franklin County's fee would be \$2500, which is the same fee that Gulf and Wakulla are paying. All the other counties are paying more. The complete agreement and fee schedule should be on your Board IPAD but I have additional copies. Board discussion of proposed Agreement.*

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Sanders, to agree to Gulf Coast County Coalition Memorandum of Agreement, contingent upon other counties agreeing; Motion carried 5-0.

**Inform the Board that the FAC is drafting another joint Resolution to be signed by the 8 impacted counties supporting the current bills in Congress. The concern among some of the counties is that if too much time passes Congress will move on to other issues.*

Commissioner Parrish commented on this item, explaining the differences and discrepancies between the House Bill and the Senate Bill as far as wording which names specific counties. He said he would like to see a few changes in the House Bill before the Board fully endorses it.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to authorize the Chairman's signature, contingent upon House Bill adding names of each county so that funds are sent directly to the county rather than the state; Motion carried 5-0.

4- Inform the Board that I have received an automated email from DEP verifying that all of Franklin County's NRDA projects are still in the hopper. While there was a promise from Florida's NRDA trustees that there would be a dialogue between the trustees and the counties on projects that dialogue has not happened. To my understanding none of the counties have been contacted.

Commissioner Parrish discussed a conversation he had with Lesley Palmer at the ISSC Meeting. He said DACS put in for \$2 million with BP to do some oyster reef restoration and Franklin County put in for \$30 million with BP to do additional projects. He recommended forming a partnership between the County and the State so that the funds are better utilized.

Other Board members commented on this item and agreed with Parrish's recommendation.

5- At the last Board meeting, the Board directed staff to contact Congressman Southerland's office for assistance in any additional BP claims Franklin County might be entitled to. I contacted the Congressman's office and did receive a spreadsheet of government claims paid as of Oct. 3 for all governments and cities in Florida. According to the report, Franklin County government has received \$1,927,092 in response and recovery costs. In comparison, Gulf County received approximately \$300,000 in recovered costs. Wakulla County received approximately \$60,000.

There are entities listed on the report that indicated they received Loss of Revenue payments. The Gulf County TDC received \$130,000 for Loss of Revenue. According to records compiled by the TDC, and reviewed in the Clerk's Office, the tax receipts for the Franklin County TDC were up slightly during the period and so Franklin

County could not make a claim for loss of revenue. The Franklin County TDC has received over \$1M in BP grants to promote tourism in the county which is one reason the county's TDC revenues are up. Congressman Southerland has received a commitment from BP that they will be contacting Franklin County in the near future to discuss our government claims.

Commissioner Putnal asked Mr. Pierce about the possibility of a new claims program with BP for those who did not receive the \$25,000 settlement. He said he had received calls from his constituents and wasn't sure what to tell them.

Mr. Pierce discussed this matter with the Board and said he would have to call BP and get more information.

Chairman Lockley provided additional info on this matter saying that this is true and these folks have to contact the claims office.

Commissioner Parrish stated that he and Mrs. Johnson had reviewed most of the tax revenues in the County and there were no significant drops in revenue.

6- Board action to appoint new member to Franklin County Public Library Advisory Board. The Advisory Board has requested the county commission appoint Ms. Kate Agular, as a new Library Advisory Board member.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Parrish, to accept the recommendation of the Franklin County Public Advisory Board and appoint Kate Agular as a new Library Advisory Board member; Motion carried 4-1, Lockley opposed.

7- Remind Board of Community Health Survey meeting in Carrabelle City Hall on Thursday, Nov. 3, from 11:30 to 1:30.

Mr. Pierce said this is a meeting to receive feedback concerning health care concerns for the County.

Commissioner Sanders informed the Board of a Camp Gordon Johnston meeting that same morning.

Mr. Pierce stated that the three member committee recommended EMO architects for the Armory restoration project.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to accept the committee's recommendation of EMO for the Armory restoration project; Motion carried 5-0.

8- Provide draft of County Coordinator job description.

Mr. Pierce reviewed the job description with the Board. He said he tried to list the things he does for the Board but said the salary range would need to be decided by the Board. He said he also told the Hospital Board that he was going to recommend that the County Coordinator not be a liaison between the County Commission and the Hospital Board.

The Board discussed this matter further and whether or not the County needed to replace Mr. Pierce's position.

Mr. Pierce stated that Franklin County spent less money on administering its functions than most counties.

Commissioner Sanders said she would like to let each Commissioner look at it and discuss ideas then make a decision in December.

Commissioner Jackel stated that she was contacted by Jeff Littlejohn, of DEP, regarding available funding for the dredging of the Eastpoint Channel and explained a possible partnership between the County and the Army Corps of Engineers for this project, which would cost approximately \$2 million.

She stated that the Corps would provide \$1.8 million so the County would only have to provide \$200,000. She said there would no longer be funding set aside for these types of projects.

Commissioner Jackel said the DEP suggested that the County look for documentation where the Corps agreed to dredge the Channel but due to destruction from Katrina the efforts were made elsewhere. She said Mr. Littlejohn thought this might be a one time opportunity for the Corps to fund 100% of the project since they never dredged as originally planned. Commissioner Jackel stated that the DEP and the Corps are in favor of the project and the DEP will support the County on this matter.

The Board discussed this matter further.

T. Michael Shuler- County Attorney Report (11:16 AM)

Attorney Shuler presented his report to the Board.

Action Items:

1. Canvassing Board Workshop

On December 9, 2011, the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE) will conduct a Canvassing Board workshop in Orlando to educate canvassing board members, and the board attorney, regarding the many changes to Florida's election laws made during the 2011 Legislative Session.

The workshop costs \$60.00 per person and the governmental hotel rate is \$90.00 per day per room.

The members of the canvassing board are: The Supervisor of Elections, the County Judge (who acts as the Chairman), and the chairman of the board of county commissioners. If

the chairman of the county commission is unable to serve, or is disqualified, then the board shall appoint a substitute.

Board Action Requested: I request board permission for the canvassing board members and myself to travel to this workshop.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to authorize travel and expenses for Attorney Shuler and members of the Canvassing Board to travel to the Canvassing Board Workshop in Orlando; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Jackel, to appoint Commissioner Sanders as the Board representative to the Canvassing Board; Motion carried 5-0.

2. Elections Systems & Software Contract

Attached is a proposed contract I received from the Supervisor of Elections. The contract provides the terms and conditions for leasing 10 handicap voting booths over a five year period. The expense for the handicap voting booths totals approximately \$20,000.00, payable over five years, beginning December 1, 2011, plus the cost for printing ballots (which have to be printed anyway), programming and installation.

This expense is caused by another Legislative mandate. This mandate requires that all voting booths must leave a "paper trail." The existing handicap voting booths owned by the county do not provide a "paper trail," and, therefore, must be replaced by 2016. In lieu of purchasing replacement handicap voting booths, several smaller counties have banded together to lease the booths. This was done as a cost saving measure. The expense to purchase the new voting booths is approximately \$60,000.00 for ten machines. The lease costs \$24,500.00.

I am told that the attached contract is the same contract that is being used by several other smaller counties because the smaller counties cannot afford to purchase the new machines outright. The lease proposal is cheaper and allows the county to amortize the expense over five years.

The Supervisor of Elections says that she has the funds in her budget to pay for this.

Board Action Requested: Board approval of the contract for execution by the Chairman.

The Board discussed this matter.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to authorize leasing 10 handicap voting booths over a five year period; Motion carried 5-0.

3. Daly House

According to the SHIP coordinator, \$42,000.00 was provided by SHIP to construct the Daly House.

I need Board direction. Does the Board desire to re-advertise the house for sale? Lori Switzer suggested that you may desire to refer the matter to the SHIP advisory board for its recommendation whether to sell the house or rehab it for use as a rental managed by

them? I presume that rehab of the building by SHIP will require the use of additional SHIP monies for repairs. You may want to consider conveying the property to the Franklin County Land Trust and let them develop the use of the property at their expense.

Board Action Requested: How does the Board want to proceed?

Commissioner Parrish asked if there was any response to previous advertising for the sale of the property and Attorney Shuler said there wasn't.

Commissioner Sanders asked if the house and land could be donated to the SHIP program. She discussed a family that had just lost their home to a fire this morning.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to direct Attorney Shuler to discuss the option of donating the Daly home to the Franklin County Land Trust with the Chair of the Trust and report back to the Board with an answer; Motion carried 5-0.

Non-Action Items

4. South Shoals

a. Effective October 20, 2011, following the Clerk of Court's receipt of your deposit into the Court's Registry, title to the 300 foot long by 50 foot wide paved strip of land connecting Harbor Circle to Tom Roberts Road vested in Franklin County in fee simple.

b. Attached is a copy of the signed settlement agreement between Franklin County and Capital City Bank. The original has been given to the Clerk.

5. Repeal of Local Gun Ordinances

The hearing on the Board's consideration of the repeal of local gun ordinances and regulations will be held on November 15, 2011.

6. 2010 Census

I am reviewing the 2010 census information with Mark Curenton. You are required to consider the 2010 census before the end of the year and determine what, if any, changes will need to be made to the existing commissioner district boundaries. I anticipate being ready to bring this before you at either the first or second meeting in December 2011.

7. Carrabelle Health Department

Attached is the letter the Board directed to be sent to Dr. Farmer. The letter speaks for itself.

8. Franklin County Military Training Exercise

Attached is the letter from the Board authorizing military training in Franklin County, provided due public notice is given. The letter speaks for itself.

9. BP Denial of Skimmer Claim

Attached is a letter from BP to CGA confirming its denial of CGA's claim for reimbursement for staging an oil skimmer in Franklin County. The letter speaks for itself. Attorney Jordan Kay represents CGA. He informs me that he is preparing a lawsuit against

BP and that CGA will ask the Board either to join as a party to the lawsuit or assign our skimmer claim against BP to CGA. Your contract with CGA requires that we work with CGA in good faith and that CGA will be lead plaintiff in any lawsuit against SP. This means that the principal expense for any litigation falls on CGA.

Attorney Shuler submitted a letter to the Board, from the County auditing firm, stating that there is a possibility that the Weems Hospital annual audit might be late and that there are consequences if it is late.

Attorney Shuler and the Board discussed the consequences if this audit is late.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to have Attorney Shuler send a copy of letter to the CEO's of TMH and Weems Hospital and the Weems Board of Directors, letting them know the consequences if this audit is late and ask for a response from both; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to send a letter to the CEO's of TMH and Weems Hospital and the Weems Board of Directors regarding Tom Brocota's complaint of lack of payment for services and to have a resolution to this issue; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders asked Attorney Shuler if he had received any response from Dr. Farmer, of the Dept. of Health, regarding the status of the closing of the Carrabelle Health Dept. Attorney Shuler stated that he had not received a response. Commissioner Sanders discussed the time frame of which the Carrabelle Clinic was supposed to be closed.

Commissioners Sanders and Putnal discussed the issues that have evolved since the closure of the Carrabelle Clinic.

Donna Duncan, of Apalachicola, stated that her son recently got poison ivy and she discussed the difficult time getting him in to see a provider. She said she ended up having to take her son to an emergency room.

Commissioner Jackel asked that the record be clarified that there was not an investigation into any actions of Mrs. Whaley, who worked at the Carrabelle Health Clinic, but instead it was an inquiry. She said she felt like Mrs. Whaley's integrity had been compromised and she wanted folks to know that this was not an investigation. The Board discussed this matter further, including funding for the Health Department.

Commissioner Putnal discussed problems with Weems East losing patients due to the PA not refilling prescriptions.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to direct Attorney Shuler to send a letter to Dr. Framer, of DOH, asking for an re-opening date, for the Carrabelle Health Clinic, in writing; Motion carried 5-0.

The Board thanked Attorney Shuler for recommending Attorney Matthew Fuqua, of Calhoun County, to substitute at the last Regular Meeting.

Commissioners' & Public Comments (11:42 AM)

Chairman Lockley asked about funding for the Sports Illustrated photo shoot in Franklin County.

Curt Blair, of TDC, stated what documentation the TDC is awaiting from the Chamber of Commerce.

Mark Friedman, President of Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce, explained why the documentation was delayed in getting to the TDC.

Mr. Blair discussed the process further and included the role the Clerk's Office plays with approving payments.

Toni Rearden, of St. George Island, commented on the House Bill discussed during Mr. Pierce's report earlier in the meeting. She said the House Bill excludes the ability to use any restoration dollars on Federal Lands.

Commissioner Jackel informed Ms. Rearden that the Board had previously received information concerning this matter.

Adjourn (11:51 AM)

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

Noah Lockley, Chairman – FCBOCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts