

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX  
JUNE 19, 2012  
9:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

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

**Others Present:** Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Court, Mark Curenton – Assistant County Planner, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Michael Morón – Deputy Clerk/Board Secretary

**Call to Order (9:00 AM)**

Chairman Jackel called the Meeting to order.

**Prayer and Pledge (9:01 AM)**

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes (9:02 AM)**

**Motion by Lockey, seconded by Sanders, to approve the Minutes of the June 5, 2012 Regular Meeting; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Payment of County Bills (9:02 AM)**

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

**Department Supervisors Report**

**Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works (9:03 AM)**

Larry Brown, for Mr. Chipman, had no action items for the Board.

**Fonda Davis– Solid Waste Director (9:04 AM)**

Mr. Davis presented his report to the Board.

**CONSOLIDATED SOLID WASTE GRANT APPLICATION:**

*FOR BOARD ACTION: I have for Board approval and the Chairman's signature the completed Consolidated Solid Waste Management Grant application for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. The Legislature allocated a total of \$2.4 million for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 grant cycle. Although the Governor has not yet signed the budget, we anticipate an award of \$70,588 for the 34 counties with populations of less than 100,000, including Franklin.*

*The grant is used within the solid waste department to offset the cost of providing solid waste management services. The application needs the chairman's signature, and it's due back to the State by July 1. REQUESTED ACTION: Board Approval and the Chairman's Signature on the Consolidated Solid Waste Management Grant Program Application for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.*

The Board discussed the reduction of the grant but said the County is fortunate to be receiving it.

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to approve the Chairman's signature on the Consolidated Solid Waste Management Grant Program Application for 2012-2013; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Pam Brownell- Emergency Management (9:06 AM)**

Mrs. Brownell had no items for Board action.

*Action Items: None*

*Information Items:*

- 1. June 6, 2012, Tom Durham, Emergency Management Public Information Officer (PIO), was guest speaker at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce luncheon. He spoke on preparations and on being prepared for the upcoming hurricane season.*
- 2. June 8, 2012, Mike Rundel attended the North Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force meeting in Tallahassee.*
- 3. June 9 / 10, 2012, Mike Rundel from Emergency Management and Steve Kearney from St. George Island VFD, successfully completed the Emergency Vehicle Operations, Train-the-Trainer Course at Tallahassee Fire Department and are now certified instructors for this course available to Fire and Emergency Medical personnel within the county.*
- 4. June 15, 2012, the Emergency Management staff attended an open house for Lafayette County's new Emergency Operations Center in Mayo, Florida.*

5. *June 18, 2012, Emergency Management staff met with Ken Weber, Florida Forest Service to discuss the status of Emergency Managements ongoing efforts to identify possibly tower sites in the region, necessary for improvement of emergency communications.*
6. *June 22, 2012, Director Brownell and Special Needs Coordinator Joyce Durham, will be at the Apalachicola Senior Center doing outreach on getting prepared and once again issuing re-entry tags.*
7. *June 27, 2012, Emergency Management staff will be attending the Region 2 quarterly meeting in Tallahassee, sponsored by the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.*
8. *June 28, 2012, there will be this year's second meeting of the Franklin County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Task Force at the Emergency Operations Center at 10:00am.*
9. *June 29, 2012 Director Brownell will be attending the Disaster Response Planning meeting at Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve.*

The Board and Mrs. Brownell discussed acquiring cell towers and service in the remote areas of Highways 65 and 67. Mrs. Brownell explained that the biggest problem with installing these towers is the access to electricity.

Commissioner Parrish asked Mrs. Brownell to further explain the questionnaire sent from the State.

Mrs. Brownell said they have continuously asked why this EMS questionnaire is required but have not been able to receive an answer.

The Board and Mrs. Brownell discussed this matter further.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to send a letter to Governor Scott and the Legislative Delegation regarding the Governor's EMS ranking proposal; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Bill Mahan – Extension Office Director (9:15 AM)**

Mr. Mahan presented his report to the Board.

*Franklin - UF IFAS Updates*

- 1) *4H Tropicana Public Speaking Division Winners – Beyla Walker & Faith Sapp are here this morning to present their winning speeches for this year's Annual 4H Tropicana Public Speaking Contest. Beyla is the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Division winner; she is from the Franklin County School where she was a 5<sup>th</sup> grader in Ms. Humble's class. Her speech title is "Cyber Bullying." Faith is the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Division winner; she is from the ABC School where she was a 6<sup>th</sup> grader in Ms. Ward's class. Her speech title is "The Grey Wolf."*

Beyla Walker and Faith Sapp read their speeches to the Board.

- 2) *Action Requested – I am requesting the Board’s approval of a resolution in recognition of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Morrill Act establishing the American Land-Grant System and the University of Florida as Florida’s 1862 Land-Grant University. The Morrill Act was signed into law on July 2, 1862, by President Abraham Lincoln. The law created a nationwide network of public universities known as Land-Grant universities. There are two Land-Grant universities in FL – UF and FAMU (1890).*

Reverend Dr. Sink read the Resolution.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to approve Resolution in recognition of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Morrill Act establishing the American Land-Grant System and the University of Florida as Florida’s 1862 Land-Grant University; Motion carried 5-0.**

Rev. Sink provided some additional information on the Land-Grant Act.

- 3) *4H Camp Counselor Training – I taught the first of two camp counselor training sessions for returning campers who are interested in being Counselors-In-Training or Counselors at the this year’s 4H camp. At the training the 4H’ers learn what is expected of them as responsible leaders at camp. During the training they learn about childhood development, what to do during an emergency, ADHD and special needs children, leadership skills, working as a team, chain of command as well as organization and planning skills. Seven campers attended the training. The second training is scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup>.*
- 4) *4H Summer Camp Registration Continues – Registration packets for this year’s 4H Summer Camp at Camp Timpooshee are being sent out. The dates for Camp are July 9 – 13. The cost is \$195. I am currently seeking businesses and/or individuals interested in sponsoring a camper or making a donation to help cover the costs of our campers. If you are interested in helping support the 4H Camping Program please let me know. We currently have 17 campers registered or say they are going to camp.  
Senior Forum Scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> – A Senior Forum to discuss Franklin County Senior Issues is being planned for July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Carrabelle Senior Center. The forum is from 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM. Participants are being encouraged to arrive at noon and have lunch at the Senior Center.*
- 5) *New Beekeeping Law Voids Local Restrictions – In early May, Gov. Rick Scott signed a bill in to law that voids local government restrictions on where beekeepers can set up shop. The law gives Florida apiary inspectors the job of writing new rules after getting input from local governments. The law goes into effect July 1.*

**Maxine Creamer – Literacy Program – Update (9:31 AM)**

Ms. Creamer updated the Board on the services offered by the Literacy Program, such as education and career services. She discussed additional help and programs provided to students.

Chairman Jackel and Commissioner Sanders commented on the services provided by this program and its benefits for Franklin County.

**Bid Opening – Pressure Washing Courthouse (9:37 AM)**

Mark Curenton opened and stated the name of the bidders and amount.

TLG Construction, Apalachicola, Florida - \$14,950  
Richard & Allan Ham, Apalachicola, Florida - \$24,500  
JJ's Tree Service, Eastpoint, Florida - \$7,700  
Demetrius Cummings, Apalachicola, Florida - \$9,500  
Spray Wash Exterior Cleaning, Tallahassee, Florida - \$8,239

There was no bid bond required.

**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to forward to Staff for a recommendation; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Kim Barnhill – Health Department Update (9:42 AM)**

Kim Barnhill updated the Board on recent accomplishments of the Health Department in Franklin County. She provided a handout with information. Ms. Barnhill discussed a health council that has been formed to address issues with health services in the County.

Ms. Barnhill discussed dental services and supplies which will be provided out of the Carrabelle Clinic.

Chairman Jackel and Ms. Barnhill discussed a starting date for the dental services in Carrabelle and how long the funding will last for this service. Ms. Barnhill believes these services will begin in September.

Commissioner Sanders and Ms. Barnhill discussed the services provided in the school and if the school board provided any match for funds.

Commissioner Lockley and Ms. Barnhill discussed the lack of participation for the FQHC in Franklin County.

Ms. Barnhill discussed the re-organization of duties within the Health Dept. and also the purchase of equipment and supplies for staff and WIC clients.

Ms. Barnhill praised the local staff for their assistance, especially Mr. David Walker. She also stated that she will no longer serve in Franklin County and the State office will discuss a new administrator with the Board in the near future. She explained that it is likely that the Gulf

County Health Dept. Administrator will assume the duties as the Franklin County Health Dept. Administrator.

**Recess (9:56 AM)**

Chairman Jackel called for a recess.

**Reconvene (10:12 AM)**

Chairman Jackel reconvened the Meeting.

**Public Hearing – Land Use & Re-Zoning & Site Plan Approval**

Amy Ham-Kelly, of Planning & Zoning presented the item for the public hearing. She stated this item is for re-zoning and public use change for Coastline RV Resort to go from R1 & R4 to C3 commercial recreational and a site plan for an approval.

Chairman Jackel opened the floor for public comments. Buddy Moss asked about setbacks and fencing for this project. Jack Husband, of Southeast Consulting Engineers, stated the setbacks that will be used and that those setbacks will be green space. There were no further comments from the public.

Commissioner Putnal commented on the positive actions like this project to help boost the economy.

Mrs. Ham-Kelly stated that Jimmy Meeks sent a letter of objection to this project.

Commissioner Parrish was in favor of this project and the positive impact it will have on the County.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve the land use change from R1 & R4 to C3 Commercial; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve the zoning change from R1 & R4 to C3 Commercial; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve the site plan for Coastline RV Resort; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Sanders thanked Mrs. Amy Ham-Kelly for her presentation to the Board.

**Helen Spohrer – Approval of the FCTDC/BP Change Order #10 (10:23 AM)**

Ms. Spohrer presented the proposed Franklin County Tourist Development Council/BP Marketing Grant Change Order #10 to the Board.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve FCTDC/BP Marketing Grant Change Order #10; Motion carried 5-0.**

Ms. Spohrer discussed the Visitors Guide that she distributed to the Board.  
The Board discussed this guide.

**Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report (10:27 AM)**

Mrs. Johnson stated that she distributed a copy of vendor payment information for the TDC/BP monies and the Airport budget proposal.

**Mark Curenton – Assistant County Planner – Report (10:28 AM)**

Mr. Curenton presented his report to the Board.

*1 – On June 6, the day after the last Board Meeting, Alan received a phone call from George Allen saying that the contractor for Eastpoint Water & Sewer was working on the patches on Ridge Road. As of noon on that day, 4 of the 9 cuts had been patched. Alan advised the Chairman and the County Attorney of the information. Since that time all nine cuts have been patched and the contractor is working on patching the cuts along Highway 98. Does the Board have any further direction or does the Board want to wait to see if the patches perform?*

Commissioner Putnal stated that he is receiving complaints regarding the patches and would like Clay Kennedy, of Preble-Rish, to look at the patches and report to the Board on the condition of the patches.

Mr. Kennedy stated that he will look at the completed patches and discuss the quality of work with the Board.

*2 – The Audit Committee met on the afternoon of June 5 and ranked the two firms that had responded to the RFP for County Auditor. The Audit Committee ranked CRI first and Roberson & Associates second. The Audit Committee has met its obligation to provide the Board with a recommendation and the Board now needs to decide how it wants to move forward.*

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to engage Roberson and Associates to provide the County's Auditing services; 5-0.**

*3 – Jeremy Parker, with Modern Professional Engineering, has submitted a proposal to perform the load calculations and prepare bid documents for the replacement of the condensing unit for the Courthouse Annex. The proposal is for \$3,900. Action of the Board.*

The Board and Mr. Curenton discussed this item further.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to engage Modern Professional Engineering to perform the load calculations and prepare bid documents for the replacement of the condensing unit for the Courthouse Annex; Motion carried 5-0.**

*4 – Planning and Zoning Commission could not assemble a quorum for their June 12 meeting. Two members, Jean Ulrich and Dakie Ward, have recently resigned from the commission. This means there are currently five vacancies on the commission: one at large seat, the real estate seat, the seafood worker seat, and two alternate seats. You each have a sheet showing the current members, what seat they serve on and which commissioner's district they serve from. Action of the Board.*

Chairman Jackel suggested discussing this at the next meeting after the Board has an opportunity to look this over.

Mr. Curenton stated that all items on the Board of Adjustment meeting were tabled.

Mr. Ben Watkins explained that he has requested a variance to build a motel in Carrabelle but was told that he has to elevate his project by at least 15 feet. He stated his problem with this requirement and what he is willing to do not to raise his motel at least 15 feet. Attorney Shuler suggested that this item is tabled in order to give the Board of Adjustment and Staff an opportunity to look at options at the State level. He said there are some serious concerns about this matter affecting the flood insurance policy discount in the County. Commissioner Putnal commented on the need for motels in Franklin County and said if Mr. Watkins will not request insurance then there shouldn't be a problem. He expressed concerns that rejecting this project could cause the County to lose out on potential revenue. Attorney Shuler explained how Mr. Watkins' project might affect the insurance rate for other County residents and also discussed researching this process.

**Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to table this item until the ABOA completes its process and is able to research for this project; Motion carried 5-0.**

Chairman Jackel commented on this matter and stated that the Board is just trying to follow protocol.

**Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report (10:50 AM)**

Attorney Shuler had no report for the Board.

**Commissioners and Public Comments (10:50 AM)**

Commissioner Putnal discussed a call he received from a resident who needs internet service from Mediacom but, because of her location, Mediacom is unwilling to provide the service.



**Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to send Mediacom a letter in regards to assisting residents in receiving internet services; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Lockley discussed a resident who has experience and a degree in marketing and aviation and would like to work at the Airport.

The Board and Attorney Shuler discussed this matter, the Airport operations and the proposed budget for the Airport.

Commissioner Sanders discussed the need for Transfield to look at washed out areas of the shoulders of Highway 98, between Yent Bayou and John Allen Road, since they are being used by residents for fishing.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to send a request to Transfield asking that they inspect the shoulders of Highway 98 between Yent Bayou and John Allen Road; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Sanders asked for Board action for Scenic Byways to post signs beside the Carrabelle Beach signs.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve request by Scenic Byways to install signage beside the Carrabelle Beach signs; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Sanders discussed the FAC Conference and stated that she will not be able to attend because of her recovery.

Chairman Jackel discussed a letter she received from the Department of State regarding the VIVA Florida 500 multi-cultural commemoration. She said they are asking the County to designate a contact person within the library system in order to coordinate a time capsule and other events in association with the upcoming commemoration. Chairman Jackel recommended Glenda Ondracek, Director of Franklin County Libraries.

**Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockely, to appoint Glenda Ondracek as contact person for the VIVA Florida 500 multi-cultural commemoration; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to put Joe Bland on the agenda for the next Meeting in order to discuss his interest in employment at the Apalachicola Airport; Motion carried 5-0.**

Chairman Jackel discussed the Airport and the budget information that was provided by the Finance Office. She would like the Board to look at these numbers and discuss this issue at the next meeting and also to move forward with advertising for FBO's.

Commissioner Putnal stated that he has had conversations with frequent users of other small airports and they said that the best airports are run by counties.

Commissioner Parrish discussed the funding information provided by the Finance Office. He said going forward the County is going to have to subsidize even more so he would like for his fellow Commissioners to consider these matters.

Commissioner Putnal asked about a solution regarding parking on Alligator Point.

Attorney Shuler and Commissioner Sanders commented on this issue and said there is nothing prepared for the Board's consideration yet but they are engaging in dialogue and are continuing to talk about this issue.

**Adjourn (11:09 AM)**

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

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Pinki C. Jackel, Chairman – FCBOCC

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Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts