

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
JULY 17, 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, Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, 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 of the June 19, 2012 Regular Meeting (9:01 AM)

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to approve the Minutes of the June 19, 2012 Meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Payment of County Bills (9:01 AM)

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

Department Supervisors Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works (9:02 AM)

Mr. Chipman expressed his pride for the Road Department crew for their hard work and efforts over the last few weeks.

Commissioner Sanders discussed problems with Transfield not picking up debris after the recent storm.

Mrs. Brownell explained that she had sent a mission statement to have DOT clean up the debris and if the County cleans up a state road FEMA would not reimburse the County.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to direct the Road Dept. and the Solid Waste Dept. to pick up storm debris on Highway 98; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Putnal complained of problems with Buck Street in Eastpoint and discussed issues with a sick young man that lives at the end of the road. He said he would like to have it maintained, even though it isn't a County road.

Commissioner Sanders stated that she has roads in her district that need attention and would rather approve a one-time upgrade rather than have the County assume the road.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Lockley, to approve a one-time upgrade to Buck Street in Eastpoint; Motion carried 5-0.

Fonda Davis– Solid Waste Director (9:09 AM)

Mr. Davis presented this item for Board discussion.

ST GEORGE ISLAND PLAYGROUND:

FOR BOARD INFORMATION: A portion of the St. George Island Playground has been closed due to unsafe conditions.

REQUESTED ACTION: None

Mr. Davis asked if there was any available funding to change the playground equipment on St. George Island.

Commissioner Sanders suggested replacing the equipment with wood or plastic equipment due to the saltwater erosion.

Chairman Jackel asked if infrastructure funds from the TDC can be used to replace the playground equipment.

The Board discussed this matter further, as the infrastructure money was previously allocated for upgrades to the Armory.

Lois Swoboda stated that a wood playground would not be good for St. George Island as there is an infestation of Brown Widow Spiders and they are usually found on wooden structures.

Commissioner Lockley suggested that an inspection be done on all playground equipment at County parks.

The Board discussed keeping all playground equipment in good working area.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to direct staff to look at the allocation of infrastructure funds from the TDC to approve \$20,000 for playground equipment on St. George Island, and inspect all County parks for the condition of the playground equipment; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Davis discussed Waste Management not providing enough boxes at the landfill and the affect this is having on operations.

Commissioner Sanders stated that she has also been affected by these problems.

Attorney Shuler said there were issues with Waste Management and the transfer station.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to direct staff to look into this situation and find some type of resolution to this problem; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Davis commended his department on their efforts during the Dixie Youth Softball Tournament, especially Nikki Millender and Link Carroll. He also thanked Dewitt Polous of Mosquito Control for their efforts.

Chairman Jackel asked Nikki Millender to come up front and Commissioner Sanders read a letter of commendation the Board received from a visiting team, commending the County and especially Nikki Millender.

Chairman Jackel also commended the Franklin County teams that played in the tournament and her desire to have the County sponsor a World Series tournament in Franklin County. She also discussed how much she enjoyed all of the events leading up to the tournament.

Commissioner Sanders commented on her experiences with the softball tournaments and the teams and also the importance of supporting the teams.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to authorize \$5000 toward expenses for the Franklin County Debs softball team to travel to Virginia for the World Series; Motion carried 5-0.

Nikki Millender stated that it will take about \$15,000 for travel expenses to the World Series. She also said there are many other expenses for the trip and asked the Board for as much support as possible.

Mrs. Millender stated that the tournament committee has asked Franklin County to host a World Series and will talk to the Board about this at a later date.

Mrs. Millender thanked the Board and the TDC and all of the people who assisted with the tournament.

Commissioner Sanders stated that she is in favor of making Parks and Recreation a separate department and believes that Mrs. Millender should be made the department head of the Parks and Recreation Dept. She stated that Mrs. Millender will answer to the Board.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to make Parks and Recreation a separate department with Nikki Millender as the department head with a \$2,500 salary increase; Motion carried 3-2, Lockley and Parrish opposed.

Commissioner Sanders stated that Mrs. Millender's office will be located in the Armory building in Apalachicola.

Chairman Jackel and Commissioner Sanders commended the Solid Waste Department for their great job during the tournament.

The Board discussed the structure of the Solid Waste Department.

Commissioners Lockley and Parrish were in favor of an assistant director at Solid Waste and explained the reasons for this.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to direct Mr. Davis, Mr. Pierce and Attorney Shuler to create a draft job description for the Assistant Director position for Solid Waste Department, which should be presented at the next Regular Meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders stated that she wanted to be sure the County employees were paid for their overtime hours.

Pam Brownell- Emergency Management (9:53 AM)

Mrs. Brownell had no action items but did have additional informational items that she presented to the Board.

Action Items: None

Information Items:

- *July 3, 2012 a Presidential Declaration for the State of Florida was signed for the Tropical Storm Debby for Individual Assistance. It was amended to include Public Assistance effective July 9, 2012.*
- *July 05, 2012 Franklin County Emergency Management office requested that FEMA/State open a Disaster Recovery Center. The center opened July 11, 2012, at the Community Service Center in Apalachicola. The hours of operations are 8:00am till 6:00pm seven days a week.*
- *July 11, 2012 we attended the Franklin County Communications Advisory Group meeting at the Franklin County Sheriff's office. Topic of discussion was the response to Tropical Storm Debby. It was a great meeting and we all agree that we have room for improvement.*
- *July 25, 2012 at 10:00 am there will be a Local Mitigation Strategy Task Force meeting at the Emergency Management office. The public is invited.*

The Board and Mrs. Brownell discussed areas in the Bay that should be submitted to the DRC, including the Eastpoint Channel and the Two Mile area.

Mrs. Brownell stated that a request was also put in to have DACS come in and check the oyster beds and bars.

Commissioner Lockley stated that damage was done in the winter bar areas.

Commissioner Putnal and Shannon Hartsfield, President of the FCSWA, discussed an issue regarding damages done to the barge that monitors the removal of the pylons. He said the contractor said they couldn't be in the area monitoring this project. He said this barge could cause damage to the oyster bars.

Chairman Jackel asked about a process using containment boxes that was used when this work was done in the past.

The Board and Mr. Hartsfield discussed the seriousness of this matter and how it can destroy the oyster beds.

Commissioner Putnal and Mr. Hartsfield discussed Social Security requirements for the seafood workers to get paid.

Commissioner Putnal stated that the new electrical poles in the Bay have no reflectors so it is a dangerous situation for the fishermen working at night.

Mr. Pierce stated that he would put a call into Progress Energy concerning this matter.

Alan Pierce –Report - Items 4 & 5

Mr. Pierce presented these items from his report.

4- The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) has made a request to the Governor for the state to waive the local match for FEMA PWs. In past federal declarations, FEMA has paid 75% of the cost of approved repairs (as written in a PW), the state pays 12.5%, and the local share is 12.5%. Pam has been advised that the state might not even pay their share so it is possible that the county will be responsible for 25% of the cost of repairs.

5- Pam may have reported that the county is still waiting for the FEMA kick-off meeting which is traditionally the meeting where FEMA representatives visit the county, review damage, and write the PWs. The kick-off meeting should have occurred by now and I understand that it will occur either later this week or the beginning of next week. The kick-off meeting is an important meeting because it provides the county with the current FEMA guidelines. The county has not been part of a FEMA declaration since 2005.

Bill Mahan – Extension Office Director (10:13 AM)

Mr. Mahan presented the following items from his report.

Franklin - UF IFAS Updates

- 1) 4H Summer Camp – We had a very educational and fun camp last week at Camp Timpoochee. We had 24 campers (12 boys & 12 girls). Seven of our campers after completing the “Counselor Training Class” attended camp as Cabin Counselors, or Counselor-In-Training. A total of 87 4-Hers from Franklin, Okaloosa, Walton and Covington County, AL participated in this year’s camp.*
- 2) 4-H and United Healthcare Grant Promoting Healthy Living among Families – I wrote a \$500 grant proposal to United Healthcare to team-up County 4H youth and the physicians and medical staff of the George E. Weems Memorial Hospital & Staff Weems Memorial in a Family Health & Wellness Program. The proposal was funded.*

Recess (10:14 AM)

Chairman Jackel called for a recess.

Reconvene (10:33 AM)

Chairman Jackel reconvened the Meeting.

Dewitt Polous – Mosquito Control Director (10:33 AM)

Mr. Polous updated the Board on the efforts of the Mosquito Control Dept., especially since the storm.

Commissioner Putnal stated that he has received several thank you from County residents regarding efforts of the Mosquito Control department.

Commissioner Sanders thanked Mr. Polous for the proactive actions of his department after the storm.

Mr. Polous gave some suggestions, such as emptying containers with standing water, for residents to do in order to reduce mosquito problems around their homes. He provided contact information and instructions on leaving messages.

Commissioner Sanders and Mr. Polous discussed the mission request he submitted for more spraying chemicals.

Pam Brownell provided additional information regarding the mission request.

Mr. Polous updated the Board on the status of his equipment and the area his staff is covering.

Commissioner Parrish thanked Mr. Polous for his department’s efforts and discussed the mosquito problems in the County.

The Board and Mr. Polous discussed the mosquito issue further.

Jay Abbott – Communication Committee – Update

Chief Abbott had to leave the Meeting. His item will be discussed during Mr. Pierce's report.

Debbie Belcher – CDBG – Update (10:45 AM)

Debbie Belcher, CDBG Consultant for the County, asked for Board action to transfer \$1,700 into engineering funds in the CDBG grant to pay an inspector for inspection of the water and sewer hook ups in Eastpoint.

Ms. Belcher updated the Board on the status of the project and explained where the funds will be transferred from for this inspector.

Chairman Jackel and Ms. Belcher discussed the availability of the remaining funds for the County to use for repaving the areas where the road was disturbed during the project.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve the budget amendment of \$30,000, which is earmarked for road repairs, along with a \$13,000 allocation from the Board and a two month extension of the grant as requested by Belcher; Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Belcher discussed the process and bid amount for repairing the road and asked for Board direction on this matter.

The Board discussed this matter.

Chairman Jackel discussed the importance of repairing the 4th Street and Otter Slide intersection.

Commissioner Putnal discussed other areas where there were cuts in the road.

The Board discussed the importance of repairing the road cuts during the project and the need to repair other roads in the area.

Ms. Belcher made some suggestions regarding the process of repairing some of the other road cuts.

Chairman Jackel stated that the other areas will be discussed after Mr. Pierce and Clay Kennedy, of Preble-Rish, have a chance to look at these other repairs that are needed.

Ms. Belcher confirmed that the County is willing to pay up to \$13,000 of the \$43,000 for the needed repairs, which she will relay to EPWS this afternoon.

Commissioner Parrish recommended C.W. Roberts as the contractor for the repaving project.

Commissioner Putnal asked that EPWS update the Board on their ongoing projects and asked Ms. Belcher to relay that request.

The Board and Ms. Belcher discussed this matter further.

Donna Williams – Gulf Coast Workforce Board – Membership & Budget Discussion (11:13 AM)

Gary Ross, Kim Bodine, and Debbie Bentley represented the Workforce Board. Mr. Ross gave some information on the Workforce and updated the Board on the Workforce Board efforts in the area. He explained that the budget process has changed this year and the County will be asked to sign the Workforce's budget along with an ITA waiver process.

Ms. Bodine explained the Workforce's budget process and said that they do not request any money from Franklin County but the Board will have to approve the budget. She said the Workforce spent \$330,000 this year and because of grants will spend over \$467,000 during the next budget year in the County. She explained how this money is spent in the County to help with job training and connecting people with employment.

Commissioner Parrish expressed his support for the Workforce Agency.

**Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve the Gulf Coast Workforce's budget;
Motion carried 5-0.**

Ms. Bodine then explained the ITA (Individual Training Accounts), which also needed Board approval. She explained how the ITA description changed and explained why the Workforce is asking for a waiver. She discussed the concerns of the Workforce in the event this waiver isn't approved.

The Board asked some questions regarding this item.

Mr. Ross addressed the Board regarding the legislation behind this ITA and explained what is being done to change it. He thanked the Board for their support.

The Board was in support of the Gulf Coast Workforce but asked that they do what they can to get this legislation changed.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve the Individual Training Account waiver;
Motion carried 5-0.**

Ms. Bodine stated some of the industries training assistance is provided for by the Workforce, such as corrections officers, nurse's aides, nurses, welding, etc.

Marsha Lenderman – Franklin County Health Department – Update (11:41 AM)

David Walker introduced Marsha Linderman as the Franklin County Health Department Interim Administrator. Ms. Linderman updated the Board on the FQHC and the status of the Health Dept. She said as the new Interim Administrator she will be a regular face at the Commissioner Meetings and will be seen a lot by each Commissioner in order to find out what their concerns are for their areas in the County. Ms. Linderman introduced a new Environmental Health staff member, Melissa Durkin and described her position at the Health Dept.

Chairman Jackel and Ms. Durkin discussed the backup on septic tank permits and how the backlog is being addressed.

Commissioner Putnal and Ms. Durkin discussed any septic failures during the storm.

Ms. Linderman and Mr. Walker updated the Board on the dental program being sponsored by the Health Dept.

Planning & Zoning – Report (11:48 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented the report to the Board.

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 with the following recommendations:

CRITICAL SHORELINE APPLICATIONS:

1- *Recommended Approval- Unanimous: Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock which is 89' x 4' with a 12' x 12' platform at 257 Magnolia Bay Drive, Lot 18B, Magnolia Bay Subdivision, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. This application has all State and Federal Permits and is consistent with the Franklin County Dock Ordinance. Request submitted by Dennis Lance, applicant.*

2- *Recommended Approval- Unanimous: Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock which will be 226' x 4' with a 8' x 20' terminus and a 134' x 4' walkway at 2015 Sand Dollar Trail, Lot 1, Bay Cove Village, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. This application has all State and Federal Permits and is consistent with the Franklin County Dock Ordinance. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Agency, agent for Donald R. Hansard, applicant. This application was recommended for approval based on the stipulation of the house being constructed within one year.*

Commissioners Sanders and Parrish discussed some of the problems that are causing Planning & Zoning members to resign, which includes dock permits and ordinances. Commissioner Parrish stated that the original ordinance was created so that a dock could not be constructed until after a home was constructed.

Chairman Jackel stated that her representative didn't resign from the Board for the same reasons as stated by Commissioners Sanders and Parrish.

Attorney Shuler commented on the County Ordinance that covers docks in the County. He said the Board has the authority to amend the ordinances but that the dock ordinance that P & Z has been going by doesn't specify that a home has to be constructed before a dock is built.

Chairman Jackel clarified that a dock could be built without having a home constructed first.

Commissioner Sanders stated that she didn't like giving approval for a dock with the stipulation that the house is built within one year.

Commissioner Parrish suggested scheduling a workshop with planning and zoning to discuss this matter further but recommended moving forward with these two requests.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Sanders, to approve of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock which is 89' x 4' with a 12' x 12' platform at 257 Magnolia Bay Drive, Lot 18B, Magnolia Bay Subdivision, Eastpoint and a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock

which will be 226' x 4' with a 8' x 20' terminus and a 134' x 4' walkway at 2015 Sand Dollar Trail, Lot 1, Bay Cove Village, St. George Island; Motion carried 5-0.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

- 3- *Recommended Amendment/Approval- Unanimous: Motion to request a revision to the Dock Ordinance and Zoning Code to not allow docks to be permitted or constructed before the principal structure is in place.*

Chairman Jackel suggested filling the vacant seats on the Planning & Zoning Board before scheduling the workshops.

Commissioner Parrish suggested going out for public hearing on the dock ordinance and move forward with that.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to approve a public hearing to discuss a revision to the Dock Ordinance and Zoning Code to not allow docks to be permitted or constructed before the principal structure is in place; Motion carried 5-0.

- 4- *Recommendation- Unanimous: To hold a public workshop with the Planning and Zoning Commission at Alligator Point to meet with the applicants of South Shoal PUD, Alligator Point Community and the Franklin County Planning Staff in the near future.*

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Attorney Shuler commented further on this issue.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to approve a public workshop with the Planning and Zoning Commission at Alligator Point to meet with the applicants of South Shoal PUD, Alligator Point Community and the Franklin County Planning Staff, with Attorney Shuler present at the meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR:

- 6- *Chairman- Unanimous: John Murphy as Chairman*
7- *Vice Chairman- Unanimous: Skip Frink as Vice Chairman*

REQUEST FOR NEW APPOINTEES:

- 8- *Franklin County Planning and Zoning Commission consists of 9 Members and 2 Alternates and the following vacancies are open to be filled: At this point if one person is not*

able to attend the Planning Staff would have no other choice than to call the meeting off due to lack of quorum.

A) At large- Seat 1 B) Real Estate- Seat 5 C) Forestry- Seat 6 D) Seafood Worker- Seat 7
E) Alternates 1 and 2

(TOTAL OF 6 NEEDED)

Resignations in the past 3 months are as follows:

Jean Ulrich- Resigned on May 12, 2012 from Real Estate- Seat 5

Walter "Dakie" Ward- Resigned on June 12, 2012 from Seafood Worker- Seat 7

Tom Brocato- Appointed on July 3, 2012 and Declined on July 9, 2012 from the At large- Seat 1

Tony Millender- Resigned on July 10, 2012 from Forestry- Seat 6

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to adopt a resolution thanking Tony Millender for his service on the Planning & Zoning Board; Motion carried 5-0.

Board of Adjustment – Report (12:10 PM)

Mr. Pierce presented the report to the Board.

The Franklin County Advisory Board of Adjustment met on July 11, 2012, and made the following recommendations:

1 - Approve unanimously a request to construct a single family house 13.5 feet into the front setback line on property described as Lot 87, Holiday Beach, Unit 1, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida as requested by Barbara Sanders, agent for Lee Williams, Jr.; approval contingent upon receipt of an onsite waste water treatment system.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve request to construct a single family house 13.5 feet into the front setback line on property described as Lot 87, Holiday Beach, Unit 1, Alligator Point, contingent upon onsite waste water treatment; Motion carried 5-0.

2 - Approve unanimously a request for a variance to construct a single family dwelling 8.5 feet into the front setback line and 2.5 feet into both side setback lines on property described as Lot 2, Block B, Range 3, McKissack Beach Village, Franklin County, Florida as requested by Dave and Denise Discepoli, owners. Request was based on the use of existing pilings and engineer's report stating they were adequate for construction of a house.

The Board discussed this matter and Attorney Shuler stated that it would be better to hear from the owner of the engineer.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to table a request for a variance to construct a single family dwelling 8.5 feet into the front setback line and 2.5 feet into both side setback lines on property described as Lot 2, Block B, Range 3, McKissack Beach Village until additional information is received from the applicant and the engineer; Motion carried 5-0.

3 - Deny unanimously a request for a variance to construct two hotel buildings below the base flood elevation (VE EL 14) as determined by the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Franklin County, as requested by Ben Watkins, owner. Denial based on response letters from FEMA and State Emergency Management, detailing possible consequences to County flood program if approved.

Attorney Shuler explained the consequences to the County if this request was approved. The Board discussed this matter.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Sanders, to deny request for a variance to construct two hotel buildings below the base flood elevation as determined by the Flood Insurance Rate maps for Franklin County as requested by Ben Watkins; Motion carried 5-0.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report (12:19 PM)

Mrs. Johnson had no written report but reminded the Board members of the Budget workshop on Friday.

Commissioner Sanders discussed the budget and asked that all non-governmental agencies receive a 10% cut, which would save the County \$11,550.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to direct the Clerk's office to reduce all non-governmental agency allotments by 10%; Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Jackel requested a copy of last year's budget.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report (12:23 PM)

Mr. Pierce distributed Chief Jay Abbott's report from the last Franklin County Communications Advisory Group meeting.

Chairman Jackel commented on the meeting, as she attended. She said the County's response from the recent tropical storm was discussed.

Mr. Pierce presented his report.

1-As the Board is aware, the roof of the courthouse was damaged during T.S. Debbie. The county's insurance carrier, Florida League of Cities, as well as their insurance adjuster has reviewed the damage. With the approval of the insurance adjuster, the county contacted All-South Contractors for the emergency repairs. All-South Contractors put the roof on the Annex

and has been doing the maintenance on the Courthouse roof for at least the last 10 years. They have submitted a bid of \$108,771.45 to replace the roof. The county's insurance adjuster has said the price is reasonable, and it appears reasonable as the last roof put on the courthouse was in 1995 at a cost of \$89,000. The county has a \$150,000 deductible but Mr. Mike Matheny, Florida League of Cities, believes the deductible will be paid by FEMA once a PW is writing. (A PW is the FEMA term for an expense that FEMA will pay for). Board action.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve replacing the roof on the courthouse building; Motion carried 5-0.

2- Provide the Board with a letter from Mr. Hal McCord of Alligator Point thanking the Board for the prompt action on his problem.

3- Inform Board that Pam and I are working on the debris removal issue as DOT has not initiated picking up the storm debris on US 319/98. Pam has sent a request in through the state EOC for assistance.

This item was discussed earlier in the Meeting.

4- The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) has made a request to the Governor for the state to waive the local match for FEMA PWs. In past federal declarations, FEMA has paid 75% of the cost of approved repairs (as written in a PW), the state pays 12.5%, and the local share is 12.5%. Pam has been advised that the state might not even pay their share so it is possible that the county will be responsible for 25% of the cost of repairs.

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6- Provide Board with a copy of notice sent by the Florida Dept. of Ag and Consumer Services that the Florida Legislature passed a law whereby, "The Florida Forest Service has the exclusive authority to require and issue authorization for broadcast burning and agricultural and silvicultural burning." Not that Franklin County has tried to pass such a rule but counties are now prohibited from adopting any enforcing regulations regarding such burning.

The Board commented on this item.

7- Mr. Dan Tonsmeire has sent the Board a draft Compact for the Board to consider creating an Apalachicola Rivers Riparian Counties Compact. Mr. Dave McClain and Mr. Tonsmeire have created the Compact for the six riparian counties along the Apalachicola River to sign- Calhoun, Gadsden, Gulf, Franklin, Jackson, and Liberty. Neither Mr. Tonsmeire nor Mr. McClain could be here today but they asked me to present it. Board discussion.

Commissioner Parrish explained that this is being created so that the Stakeholders can go before the legislature and get an appropriation.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve a draft of the Apalachicola Rivers Riparian Counties Compact; Motion carried 5-0.

8- Inform the Board that I met with Mr. Joe Shields, DACS, to go over the ground rules for an oyster re-shelling program. Mr. Shields said DACS is ready to assist the Board whenever it wants to begin the program. Mr. Shields will need a letter from me summarizing how the money will be spent, who is administering the program, where the shells will go, etc. The total funds available from DACS are \$112,000, of which \$1000 was provided the Seafood Worker's Association some months ago to help them organize. The county still needs to sign a contract with the Seafood Worker's Association if they in fact are going to administer the re-shelling program. The county is responsible for hiring an administrator, moving the shells from the DACS shell pile to the staging areas, and hiring an operator to load the boats. In round numbers, the county allocates \$100,000 for payment to the actual workers involved in re-shelling. Two years ago the county ran a DACS funded re-shelling program and the price per boatload of shells was \$125. At that price there were funds for 800 trips. If the price per trip goes up then the number of trips that can be funded will have to go down. Board discussion.

Mr. Pierce stated that this program will start on August 10.

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Hartsfield discussed the process that will be used for starting the program.

Mr. Pierce explained how the payments would be administered.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to authorize payment of up to \$35,000, as requested by Mr. Pierce, for the re-shelling program; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Hartsfield asked about the license process and Chairman Jackel asked Mr. Pierce to gather this information and forward it to Mr. Hartsfield.

9- As the Board is aware, a budget workshop is scheduled for this Friday. In preparation for the workshop, the Finance Office has prepared the budget as they do every year, but this year they have had to prepare a budget for the airport as it is now under county operation. Attached to my report is a proposed budget with differing income streams. I have spoken to Mr. Mosteller and while the airport is currently operating with 2 temporary full time employees Mr. Mosteller

believes this is inadequate and recommends a budget of one full time employee and 3 part-time so the staffing level reflects that. In summary, in order to avoid putting tax dollars into the airport either the income must be raised, or the county needs to find a private firm to run the airport. The airport is currently operating so any FBO operator will have very few capital improvements to make and will be taking over an on-going business.

The three largest components of the income are fuel sales, T-hanger rent, and corporate or large hanger rent. The county has two large hangers that are both empty- the FBO hanger, and the new corporate hanger. If those stay vacant, the county will be running a significant deficit next year. The Board currently has a \$1 dollar/gallon surcharge to fuel, and that needs to go to \$1.25 cents per gallon immediately, and then needs to find someone to rent the two large hangers. The airport committee still holds the opinion that the county should find an FBO to operate the airport. Board direction.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to RFP for FBO at the Airport with 2 weeks advertising in the newspaper; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Pierce read a recommendation from the Airport Committee.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Parrish, to accept the Airport Committee's recommendation to include increase of jet fuel to \$1.25 per gallon; Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Jackel asked Mr. Pierce to check on a possible reduction of hangar fees.

Commissioner Putnal asked about a company removing aluminum wire from under the old bridge.

Attorney Shuler stated that this item will have to go out for bids.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to start bid process to have aluminum wire removed from the old bridge; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Putnal discussed a zoning violation in Eastpoint in relation to two mobile homes and would like Staff to send this individual a letter with a 30 day period for a resolution to this violation.

Attorney Shuler provided some information on this matter and will follow up on it.

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Parrish, to resolve this situation with zoning enforcement; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders asked for an update on acquiring a new road since Gulf Shore Blvd. was destroyed during the storm.

Clay Kennedy, of Preble-Rish, updated the Board and stated his efforts with Mark Curenton concerning this matter.

Frank Gibson, who lives on Gulf Shore Blvd., commented on this matter.

Chairman Jackel updated the Board on a DEP meeting regarding the Eastpoint Channel dredging project. She said they are still meeting and moving forward with this project.

Chairman Jackel asked Mr. Pierce to check on boats, located at the Eastpoint Pavilion, which may have been damaged by the storm. She also stated that a trailer at the St. George Island sand ramp needs to be removed.

Mr. Pierce updated the Board on repairs to the road and seawall at the St. George Island boat ramp.

Commissioner Sanders stated that there is a problem with people homesteading at the Butcher Pen Camp location. She stated that a letter needs to be sent to FWC requesting that a time limit be given stating how long you can stay at County camping locations managed by FWC.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to send a letter to FWC with a request to place a 14 day restriction at camping areas managed by FWC in Franklin County; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders stated that the Forestry will do logging in the Jeff Sanders Road area and a weight limit might be required at some point since there is no lime rock on that road.

Commissioner Lockley discussed recent tragedies on the Apalachicola Bridge and would like to send the State a request for a no passing zone on that bridge.

The Board discussed this matter.

Commissioner Parrish suggested that both the Apalachicola and St. George Island bridges are included.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to contact the State about creating a no passing zone on the bridges between Eastpoint and Apalachicola and the St. George Island Bridge; Motion carried 5-0.

Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report (1:05 PM)

Item 1 – CPA contract

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve CPA contract for Roberson and Associates; Motion carried 5-0.

Steve Kearney – St. George Island Fire Department MSBU – Discussion

Bud Hayes, of St. George Island, asked if Attorney Shuler had additional information regarding a MSBU for the purchase of the water system on St. George Island.

Attorney Shuler said he examined the issue and believed it was a lawful purpose to create the MSBU and has located a firm that could assist with this matter.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to direct Attorney Shuler to engage additional legal counsel for the MSBU creation on St. George Island; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners and Public Comments (1:09 PM)

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to approve expenses for Commissioner Parrish to travel to the BP/Restore meeting on July 19, 2012; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Parrish discussed the BP/Restore Meeting he will be attending.

Commissioner Sanders requested permission for herself and Chairman Jackel to go to Virginia to attend the World Series tournament since the County Debs softball team will be participating.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve travel expenses for Chairman Jackel and Commissioner Sanders to attend the Dixie Softball World Series tournament in Virginia; Motion carried 5-0.

Board discussed rescheduling the first meeting in August because it conflicted with the World Series tournament.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to reschedule the next FCBOCC Meeting from August 7th to August 1st; Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn (1:15 PM)

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

Pinki C. Jackel, Chairman – FCBOCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts