

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
MARCH 5, 2013
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

Commissioners: Cheryl Sanders – Chairman, William Massey – Vice Chairman, Noah Lockley, Joseph Parrish, Pinki Jackel

Others Present: Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts, Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Michael Morón – Deputy Clerk/Board Secretary

Call to Order (9:02 AM)

Chairman Sanders called the Meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge (9:02 AM)

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes (9:04 AM)

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2013 Regular Meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Payment of County Bills (9:04 AM)

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

Department Supervisor Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works (9:05 AM)

Mr. Chipman had no items for Board action.

Mr. Chipman updated the Board on his mitigation projects. He stated that most of the standing water has receded. He also discussed the road shoulder work.

Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director (9:06 AM)

Mr. Davis had no report for the Board.

Nikki Millender – Parks & Recreation (9:06 AM)

Mrs. Millender had no items for Board action.

Mrs. Millender informed the Board that Dixie Youth League Day of Ball will be held March 23, 2013 at D.W. Wilson Field in Apalachicola.

Commissioner Jackel thanked her for her work in helping with the Chili Cook-Off on St. George Island.

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management Director (9:07 AM)

Mrs. Brownell had no items for Board action.

Information Items:

- *The Emergency Management on 2/21/2013 went to a Level 3 which is monitoring the severe weather and flood issues with the county.*
- *2/22/2013 water was over the road on Bloody Bluff and Gardeners Landing. We contacted the road department to close roads to everyone except residents that live in that area.*
- *On 2/25/2013 at 5:00am the anticipated river level at Blountstown was for 25+feet by Thursday. With this information, a voluntary evacuation notice was issued for residents living along the Apalachicola River and campsites starting at Hickory Landing on Owl Creek and continuing south along Hwy 65.*
- *Sand bags were filled and made available at the County State Yard off Bluff Road in Apalachicola in anticipation of some river flooding around the city of Apalachicola.*
- *Sand bags were checked for anticipated flooding on the East side of the county.*

Mrs. Brownell informed the Board of a slight chance of rain coming up soon.

Bill Mahan – County Extension Director (9:08 AM)

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

Franklin - UF IFAS Updates

- 1) *Leslie Palmer to Leave DACS – I want to inform the members of the Board that Leslie Palmer will be leaving her position with DACS for a position with the Department of Transportation. This is her last week at DACS (March 8th).*

- 2) *UF's Natural Resource Leadership Institute (NRLI) Visit – I want to inform the members of the Board the new class of UF's NRLI will be in Franklin County March 14th – 16th. The NRLI class members are made up of natural resource professionals from around the state and they will be here to learn about the "Water Wars" and the fisheries collapse issues currently facing the seafood industry and the residents of the County. The Institute's participants and instructors will be staying at the Buccaneer on St. George Island. I will be participating as one of the instructors and have been assisting with the program planning arranging for local speakers to meet with the participants.*
- 3) *UF's Arts in Medicine Program – The UF-Arts in Medicine Program came to town on Sunday March 3rd to spend the week, through March 9th, working with the Weems Arts In Medicine Program carrying out a number of programs/projects in the County. One of the projects includes the building of a wheelchair accessible community garden at the Apalachicola Senior Center. Last year the group built a community garden at the Franklin County Senior Center and in 2011 a nutrition education garden was built at the ABC School. We have assisted with each of the garden projects.*

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Mahan to check on a date for the opening of the Bay.

Commissioner Jackel, Mr. Mahan, and Mr. Pierce discussed a DEP meeting held recently in Panama City.

Chairman Sanders asked Mr. Mahan to contact Joan Matey concerning a gardening project in Lanark Village.

Discussion – County Attorney (9:12 AM)

Motion by Jackel, to appoint Ethan Way as County Attorney; Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Jackel, to appoint Kristy Banks as County Attorney; Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Parrish, to reject all bids and retain Michael Shuler as the County Attorney; Motion carried 3-2, Sanders and Jackel opposed.

Weem's Hospital – CEO – Report (9:14 AM)

Ray Brownsworth, CEO of Weems Memorial Hospital, addressed the Board and presented his report to the Board.

1. *The financial audit by Roberson has been completed and has been presented to the Board. I am currently developing an action plan based upon the Board's directions to me related to rectifying noted deficiencies to internal controls and reports.*
2. *I have sent a letter to the Franklin County Schools superintendent seeking to inform school staff on services provided under Blue Cross and Capital Health.*
3. *As previously noted, I have been seeking to engage both Therapy Management Consultants (TMC) and Tom Brocato for services at Weems. My intent with this was to provide for adequate coverage of therapy services as we grow our Swing Bed Program. Historically, both vendors have been unable to provide adequate coverage at times. This approach would hopefully prevent this and assure the staffing necessary to meet patient needs. On February 18th, I sent correspondence to TMC asking them to amend the current agreement to eliminate the non-exclusivity component thus allowing for coverage by both vendors. They have failed to do so and thus I have evoked the termination clause of TMC's contract. Mr. Brocato remains interested in providing these services concurrently with another vendor and this remains my intent. As a result, we will be seeking another vendor to provide services in TMC's place.*
4. *In regards to Capital Health, I am collaborating with Mark O'Bryant, TMH CEO, to seek assistance from Capital Health in providing for not only PT coverage in Franklin County by Capital Health, but also the broader scope of services the hospital can provide. The relationship with TMH is certainly helpful in facilitating these efforts as we would not have similar interest from them on our own.*
5. *On 2/12/13 and 2/13/13, ACHA visited Weems Memorial Hospital to conduct a follow up visit from December 2012 as well conducting a federal and state inspection survey. No clinical deficiencies were found. An article was published in the paper related to this.*
6. *Both Craig Gibson and I were to attend the Communications Committee for Franklin County to discuss opportunities for sharing costs related to "filling in the gaps" of our radio systems. Unfortunately, due to the presence of ACHA that day, we were unable to do attend. We will attend upcoming meetings. It has been suggested in our most recent Board of Directors meeting that it is possible to lease access to the states SLUR 800 Mhz radio system. I will be investigating this.*
7. *The hospital has taken possession of clinic next door which will be the future home of Weems West. We are beginning the process of plotting out potential space usage scenarios. The clinic needs a fair amount of updating. Craig Gibson is leading these efforts along with the Weems West staff and me to determine future floor plans and necessary renovations. In another location, Weems East, he is continues to get estimates on the build out of the North East outdoor porch for conversion to a Physical Therapy space.*

Mr. Brownsworth stated that Capital funds may be used for renovations.

8. *This coming week, I will be meeting with Pam Townsend from the Adam's group to begin the debt capacity study as part of our due diligence for a possible facility replacement or upgrade.*
9. *With Dr. Miniati's departure, his ex officio position on the board is vacant. Given the current participation of Dr. Conrad and that his position was a special appointment; I do not have a recommendation for replacement.*
10. *The purchase of a replacement GI Scope for the hospital has been approved by the Hospital Board of Directors for the price of \$16,410.47. Competitive bids were not taken due to the need to remain compatible with the existing system and due to the fact that this is a replacement purchase rather than a new purchase. Additionally, this is obtained directly from the manufacturer and not through distributors. We are asking that this be approved for purchase and that it be paid for via capital funds taken from the Healthcare Trust Account.*

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to approve the purchase of a GI Scope in the amount of \$16,410.47, to be taken out of the Capital Outlay Fund; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Brownsworth stated that it will take at least 120 days to renovate the old Health Department building for use as Weem's West Clinic.

The Board, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Brownsworth discussed the renovation process.

Steve Lanier, Comptroller of Weems Memorial Hospital, reviewed the financial report with the Board.

Open Bids for Electronic Health Records – Weems Hospital (9:22 AM)

Mr. Pierce opened and read the bids.

iCare – \$1,386,550.00 total one-time cost / \$3,502,243.00 – 10 year cost

Prognosis – \$1,381,888.00 – 5 year cost

Healthland – \$670,320 total one-time cost / \$2,170,036.00 - 10 year cost

CSS Health Technologies – \$450,000 total one-time cost / \$1,717,629 - 10 year cost

Reed Ligin (Razor Insight) – \$900,000 total one-time cost / \$1,650,000 - 10 year cost

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to forward bids to Hospital Board for a recommendation; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Parrish requested that these bids be reviewed in detail due to the variance in numbers.

Marsha Lindeman – DOH – Update – Child Immunization Records (9:29 AM)

Marsha Lindeman, Director of the Franklin County Health Dept., updated the Board on the programs that were funded by the Board and have been very successful.

Ms. Lindeman congratulated Mrs. Lisa Hogan on the success of the Child Immunization Program. She introduced the staff from the Environmental Health Division and discussed their success.

Open RFQ's for Economic Planner (9:33 AM)

Mr. Pierce opened the RFQ's.

PMG, of Deerfield Beach, Florida

Wilson Miller Stantect, of Tallahassee, Florida

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to forward RFQ's to committee for recommendation; Motion carried 5-0.

Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts Report (9:36 AM)

Mrs. Johnson had no report for the Board.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Service (9:36 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented his report to the Board.

1- Board action to recognize April 21-27 as National Volunteer Week. This week is recognized nation-wide in honor of the many citizens who volunteer time and talents helping those in need.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve recognizing April 21 -27 as National Volunteer Week; Motion carried 5-0.

2- Provide Board with copies of Bridge reports for the file. I have given a copy to the Road Dept.

3- Inform the Board that at the last meeting I was directed to write a letter to the City of Carrabelle requesting the City not charge the county for re-use water at Kendrick Park. I called City Hall to get some background and after discussion with city staff I have not yet written the

letter. The City of Carrabelle is considering increasing the re-use rates from 32 cents per 1000 gallons to 46 cents per 1000 gallons. There appears to be little opportunity for the city to provide water for free considering the financial straits the city is in. I have asked Ms. Nikki Millender to see if she can calculate how much we are currently spending operating the irrigation wells because if the city is not going to provide us free water it might be cheaper to continue to use the wells.

4- Provide the Board with a copy of the letter I have written to DACS regarding potential closures of shellfish harvesting areas during the time the Eastpoint Channel is being dredged. DACS is providing guidance to DEP on when the best time will be to dredge the channel. These closures would only kick in when the Corps actually begins to dredge.

Mr. Pierce and Commissioner Parrish discussed a possible time line and the best time for the shellfish project.

5- Provide Board with copy of letter and DOT permit authorizing the removal of the railroad crossing on Bluff Road. DOT required these documents.

6- Provide Board with copy of FEMA letter verifying Franklin County property owners are receiving a 15% discount on flood insurance premiums. This discount has already been applied to the premiums by the National Flood Insurance Program.

7- Inform the Board that Verizon Wireless is working with the Sheriff's Office to provide a repeater for use in the building so that cell phones will work in the Sheriff's Office. At this time cell phones have very limited use in the admin part of the Sheriff's Office. I have spoken to Verizon personnel and this is the first step in providing better cell phone coverage up SR 65.

8- Board action to sign a letter to US Special Operations Command inviting military training in the county from April 20 to May 2. The letter states the training will involve ground and air mobility, including the use of helicopters and wing aircraft.

Chairman Sanders asked that residents are notified of any activity in their neighborhood.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to approve the Chairman's signature on a letter to the US Special Operations Command inviting military training in the County from April 20 to May 2; Motion carried 5-0.

9- Board action to approve an amendment to the Cost Sharing Agreement between the 2nd Judicial Circuit and each county in the circuit in funding for aiSmartBench software. Quoting from the Agreement, "As a result of Joint Legislative Budget Commission action which will provide \$81,579.50 in funding for aiSmartBench software, we have prepared an Amended Exhibit A to the Cost Sharing Agreement which will have the effect of lowering the overall costs to your county by approximately twenty-nine (29%)." Using an attached table, it appears that

Franklin County will be rebated approximately \$3507 out of the \$12,108 it cost to install, which is a savings of 29%.

The letter and agreement was addressed to me as Director of Admin. Services so I am presenting it. I have conferred with the Clerk on this matter.

Mrs. Johnson provided some information on this matter.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to approve amendment to the Cost Sharing Agreement between the 2nd Judicial Circuit and each county in the circuit in funding for aiSmartBench software; Motion carried 5-0.

10- Inform the Board that Centennial Bank has countered the Board's offer of \$25,000 cash for the property in Eastpoint with \$40,000 cash. The tax appraised value of the property is approximately \$36,000. I checked the records for sales, and a slightly larger parcel in a better location, without encroachments and a without a dilapidated building, recently sold for \$52,000. I believe the maximum the property is worth to the county is the tax value. I believe there are going to be significant costs to make the property useable to the public. Board direction.

Commissioner Lockley stated that this property is needed for parking.

Commissioner Jackel discussed other property that the County might get for parking and stated some of the problems with the property that they are discussing.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed the use of this property further.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to offer no more than \$36,849, which is the appraised value for the Eastpoint property; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jackel asked that this offer be sent directly to Tracy French of Centennial.

11- Board direction on ranking the 2 FWC projects- St. George Boat ramp bathrooms, and Abercombie boat ramp dock extension.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Massey, preferring that the County not rank the projects, let the State decide and if one isn't funded let Restore money fund it; Motion carried 5-0.

12- Inform the Board that DOT has notified the county that it has reserved funds for 5 landscaping grants, each at \$10,000, if the county wants to participate. The sites had to be within the US 98 ROW, and should be where landscaping has access to irrigation. The Board had discussed these projects over six months ago and now funds have become available: The sites are: US 98 and Hefernan Drive in Lanark Village, Carrabelle Beach Wayside Park, US 98 and Patton Drive in Eastpoint, base of the bridge in Apalachicola, and US 98 and 12th St in Apalachicola. The Board will be required to maintain whatever is planted.

Commissioner Parrish suggested moving the US 98 and 12th St project further west to the Lombardi area.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Pierce discussed the need for bidding the project and if each Commissioner could start their projects now.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to accept 5 projects with change of location as provided by Parrish; Motion carried 5-0.

13- Update on Consortium meeting in Panama City. I attended the Consortium meeting and this is my report of the actions taken.

- A. The Consortium thanked Franklin County for joining. Even though the county did not join the Consortium until February the county will be receiving an invoice for dues for the first and second quarter. I understand the our annual dues is \$4432.00*

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to send letter to FAC requesting a pro-rated amount for annual Consortium dues; Motion carried 5-0.

B. The US Treasury still has not issued any guidelines for submitting plans or projects. Everyone needs to be reminded that all funds will ultimately come from the US Treasury so no one, no county, and no project, can receive funds until those rules are created. There is no timeline on when those rules will be released.

C. The next Consortium meeting will be April 5, during the FAC Legislative Day. The meeting after that is scheduled for May 17 in Key West. The June meeting will be during the FAC Annual Conference. Tentatively there will be no July meeting.

Chairman Sanders and Commissioner Jackel questioned the location of some of these meetings, especially the Key West location.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed meeting locations further.

D. Most importantly, the Consortium is going to act as a representative board. The county representatives are going to have to vote on items without having the ability to obtain confirmation from their own county commissions. This was extensively debated at the meeting.

Chairman Sanders was uncomfortable with this item as she would like the entire Board to be part of all decisions.

Mr. Pierce discussed this matter with the Board.

E. While I attended the meeting on behalf of the Board, the Board needs to determine who the alternate is in the event the Chairman cannot attend a meeting.

F. Pass out copies of Inter-local Agreement for Consortium for Board members.

Mr. Pierce stated some of the items that were discussed at the recent meeting. Commissioner Lockley asked for a listing of the members of the SMART group. Commissioner Massey provided additional information regarding the SMART group.

Recess (10:08 AM)

Chairman Sanders called for a recess.

Reconvene (10:20 AM)

Chairman Sanders reconvened the Meeting.

Mr. Pierce continued his report.

14- Board direction on releasing \$60,000 of SHIP funds that the Board had asked to be held back for disaster assistance. The funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2013. Ms. Switzer has a few people on the waiting list for emergency repairs but she needs Board authorization to spend the money. By the SHIP guidelines this money must be spent on houses, not mobile homes.

Commissioner Jackel would like for the funding to be evenly dispersed among all districts.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to authorize spending of SHIP funds but disperse funds evenly throughout all districts in the County; Motion carried 5-0.

15- Remind Board that when I have three outstanding road department projects that need to be completed on St. George Island- moving Marks St., creating swales along Sawyer St., and resolving a flooding problem involving Gorrie Drive and property owned by Ms. Day McGee.

16- At the direction of the Chairman, I sought advice from FAC on rules that other counties use to govern their meetings. I was directed by FAC to contact Taylor County as a representative of having a concise set of rules. I have contacted Taylor County and have copies of their rules. Taylor County re-adopts their rules every November when they have an organizational meeting and select Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Sanders would like for the Board members to review these rules and discuss at the next Meeting.

17- Board direction on sending a letter of support that has been requested by the Apalachicola RiverKeepers to designate the Apalachicola River as a National Recreation Trail by the US. Dept of Interior. Certain parts of the lower segment of the River have already been designated and already has a canoe and kayak trail designated.

Commissioner Parrish wanted more information before he approves this item.

Motion by Jackel to approve sending a Letter of Support to designate the Apalachicola River as a National Recreation Trail by the US Dept. of Interior; Motion withdrawn.

Mr. Pierce will provide more information on this at the next Meeting.

18- Inform the Board that I will be out of town on Thursday and Friday. I am in the in-coming President of the local Rotary Club and I am required to go to training in Orlando. I will be taking time off to do this.

19- The county Finance Office has been holding payment of a TDC bill pending clarification. In 2010, the county entered into a contract with the Panama City Airport to rent display space. The contract was a 10 year contract, at \$580/month. In January, 2013, more display space became available and the TDC recommends the existing contract be amended to reflect a 7 year 3 month commitment, effective Feb. 23, 2013, for \$700 per month. Board action.

Commissioner Parrish asked if the added space would be a bigger ad or more ads. Mr. Pierce stated that the additional space would allow for brochure stands.

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Pierce discussed ads in other locations.

Commissioner Jackel provided additional information.

The Board discussed this matter further.

Commissioner Parrish stated that he wants copies of the TDC meetings sent to the Board members in order to keep up with on-going projects.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to approve existing contract be amended to reflect a 7 year 3 month commitment, effective Feb. 23, 2013, for \$700 per month for advertising at the Panama City Airport; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jackel asked about the run-off on Hwy 98 at the most eastern portion of the Apalachicola Bridge.

Mr. Pierce said he had contacted VMS about this but would follow up on this concern.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Pierce to follow up on possibility of opening the Bay 7 days a week for the seafood workers.

Commissioner Jackel stated that three boats were recently removed from the Eastpoint location.

Commissioner Jackel discussed Governor Scott's visit to the County.
Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Pierce to write a letter of thanks to the Governor for visiting to discuss his budget for Apalachicola Bay.
Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Pierce discussed available funding from DACS for relay programs.

Chairman Sanders asked about the Mr. Emo's results at the Jail. Mr. Pierce stated that during recent rains the roof at the Jail didn't leak very much.
Mr. Pierce discussed continued problems with the plumbing at the Jail.

T. Michael Shuler – County Attorney Report (10:37 AM)

Attorney Shuler presented his report to the Board.

Action Items

1. TP Transport hanger lease

Attached for the board's review is the proposed aircraft hanger lease with TP Transport. It has the same terms as the lease you previously approved, except the lease is now for the existing aircraft maintenance hangar southeast of the FBO instead of a new hanger. Because the existing hanger has no office area, I also changed the lease to provide that the county may construct an office, subject to the availability of grant funds.

Board Action Requested: Motion approving the replacement lease.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to approve replacement lease at for the TP Transport hangar at the Airport; Motion carried 5-0.

2. Supervisor of Elections Lease

A proposed new lease for the Supervisor of Elections office is attached. I recommend accepting the lease as proposed, with two modifications: First, that the county reserve the right to terminate the lease upon 6 months notice to the landlord and, second, that the tenant would only be responsible for "minor" repairs, such as the plumbing and HVAC, defined as any repair less than \$250.00 for parts and labor.

The landlord would be responsible for all other repairs.

Board Action Requested: Motion approving the lease, as revised above.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve the lease for the current location of the Supervisor of Elections Office; Motion carried 5-0.

Informational Items

3. Lanark Village

I spoke with members of the family that own the old Putnal Station. They have informed me that they plan to remove the building by having a construction company use the rubble in

construction projects, such as seawalls. Unless the board directs otherwise, I plan to let the family have. time to implement their plan.

Chairman Sanders and Attorney Shuler discussed a timeline for this project. Attorney Shuler stated that he will continue to follow up on this item.

Chairman Sanders and Attorney Shuler discussed other units that needed to be cleaned up.

4. Apalachicola Consortium Application

Attached is a copy of the resolution adopted by Apalachicola seeking admission into the consortium. I understand that Carrabelle has adopted the same resolution.

One can view the city's adoption of this resolution as a stratagem in their lawsuit against the county bolstering their claim that they have standing under the Restore Act.

5. Franklin County Restore Council

I understand that ethical standards are being considered for Restore Council Members by other counties. It may be a response to the recent audit of the Okaloosa County TDC; a summary of the auditor general's audit is attached for your convenience.

Some ethical standards to consider include:

a. Prohibiting anyone on the committee from seeking Restore funding, as well as any entities that they represent or are employed by.

b. Prohibiting the purchase of goods and services from vendors affiliated with Restore Council members, as well as any entities that they represent or are employed by.

Commissioner Parrish asked Attorney Shuler to verify that the FCTDC is complying with audit rules and regulations in order to avoid issues in the future.

Commissioner Jackel commented on the ethical standards of serving on the Restore Council, as recommended by Attorney Shuler.

The Board and Attorney Shuler discussed his recommendations concerning the Restore Council. He stated that what he has proposed is that members sitting on the Committee should not be proposing projects on groups that they represent.

Chairman Sanders asked that any questions concerning this matter be addressed for Attorney Shuler at the next Meeting.

6. Highway Patrol Building

The school board attorney has provided a copy of their lease on the old highway patrol station building in Eastpoint. The school's lease expires in 2017. A copy is attached.

In light of the county's desire to use the building as a welcome center, the board should consider having someone from the TDC communicate with the school board about their lease.

Commissioner Jackel and Attorney Shuler discussed this lease. She asked Attorney Shuler to verify that the School Board did verify the lease.

Commissioners' & Public Comments (10:51 AM)

Mr. Pierce distributed the Consortium rules and regulations.

Chairman Sanders invited everyone to the annual Camp Gordon Johnston Days event this weekend. Commissioner Massey discussed a fund raiser going on there at the same time.

Chairman Sanders stated that she will be attending the City of Carrabelle on Thursday night in order to represent the residents of Carrabelle and Lanark Village.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Parrish, to authorize the Chairman to attend the City of Carrabelle Meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Day McGee, of St. George Island, discussed a variance that was granted for a house in her neighborhood that has brought in a lot of dirt that is causing flooding in all the other houses. Mr. Pierce provided information on this item and discussed possible solutions to resolve this problem.

Commissioner Jackel commented on this item and asked about creating a swale. She asked Mr. Pierce to direct Mr. Chipman to work on this item and asked Ms. McGee to call her if the problem isn't resolved.

Allen Feifer, of Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, thanked the Board for their workshop this afternoon regarding non-governmental organizations. He discussed some upcoming issues that will affect the budgets and some possible options to assist with the budget. He suggested pre-budget workshops for open discussions and suggestions.

Commissioner Jackel stated that she agreed with Mr. Feifer's suggestion and has always been in favor of these workshops.

Chairman Sanders discussed the economical status in the County.

Mrs. Johnson made a correction to Mr. Feifer's comment about the Commissioners not receiving budget information prior to pre-budget workshops. She stated that she has no problems with scheduling pre-budget workshops.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to schedule a pre-budget workshop; Motion carried 4-1, Lockley opposed.

Chairman Sanders suggested that a cost of living adjustment for employees is included in the budget as no raises have been given since 2006. She commented on the dedication of County employees and the struggle some of them are facing.

Mr. Pierce commented on this issue.

Adjourn (11:10 AM)

There being no further business Chairman Sanders adjourned the Meeting.

Cheryl Sanders, Chairman – FCBOCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts