

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
APRIL 2, 2013
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

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

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 (9:03 AM)

Chairman Sanders called the Meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge (9:03 AM)

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes (9:04 AM)

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

Payment of County Bills (9:05 AM)

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

Dixie Partington- Capital City to Sea Loop Bike Trail Update (9:05 AM)

Ms. Partington introduced John Sewell, who has been working on the Capital City to Sea Loop Bike Trail project. Mr. Sewell, of Kimley-Horn and Associates of Tallahassee, explained the 120 mile bike trail project to the Board. He explained that Franklin County is not a part of the study

but the project includes Franklin County as part of the Trail. He asked for Board action to adopt a Resolution in support of the Trail and explained the benefits of being included in this project. Mr. Sewell stated that the County's investment would be minimal and Kimley-Horn and Associates will assist the County in seeking project funding through the State and Federal Governments. Mr. Sewell gave a little history of his experience building bike trails throughout Florida and explained the return investment for the County.

Commissioner Jackel asked who he represented and his role on seeking funding.

Mr. Sewell stated the company he represents, Kimley-Horn and Associates, and explained his role with seeking funding.

Commissioner Jackel stated some of her experience with bike trails in Jefferson County, the benefits of a trail in Franklin County, and she expressed her concerns with the County's commitment, with land and funding, if this Resolution is supported.

Mr. Sewell explained that supporting the Resolution doesn't commit the County to any funding or gifting of any land and explained the process further.

Mr. Sewell and Commissioner Massey discussed the options regarding property that will be used to create the trail and how it would affect hunting property.

Chairman Sanders commented on this project and gave some history, including Wakulla County's hesitation to join this project, and how it would affect hunting properties in the County. She said the Franklin County hunters would be up in arms if this were to affect any hunting land and believed the Board should table this until Attorney Shuler can review the Resolution.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to table this item until Attorney Shuler and other Board members have an opportunity to review; Motion carried 5-0.

Department Supervisor Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Public Works (9:25 AM)

Mr. Chipman had no items that required Board action.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Chipman to replace some damaged street signs on Chili Blvd. She also asked Mr. Chipman and Mr. Pierce to look at the crosswalks on St. George Island and be sure signage is installed designating these areas as crosswalks.

Commissioner Lockley asked Mr. Chipman to check with the Hospital concerning problems with the entry way.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Lockley, to send flowers to the funeral of Trigger Hutchins; Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Johnson questioned the legality of such a purchase using public funds and Commissioner Massey directed Mr. Pierce to investigate and make that determination.

Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director (9:29 AM)

Mr. Davis had no items that required Board action.

Mr. Davis stated that the Landfill is now on summer hours, 7 AM to 4:30 PM.

Commissioner Massey stated that he has found a truck for the Solid Waste Department and asked Mr. Davis to go inspect it.

Commissioner Jackel stated some action from the Legislature for an increase in funding for small county Landfills and Solid Waste.

The Board discussed this matter further.

Nikki Millender- Parks & Recreation (9:31 AM)

Mrs. Millender had no action items but stated that the Parks & Recreation Department is also now on summer hours. She stated that there will be an employee working at the beach parks on Saturdays.

Chairman Sanders stated that the first Day of Ball was a good day, even though the weather was bad.

Pam Brownell- Emergency Management Director (9:32 AM)

Mrs. Brownell presented her report to the Board.

Action Items: Opening the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for contractual services for the Emergency Management office. Recommend creating a 3 member committee to review and make a recommendation to the Board on the RFQs for contractual service contractors. The 3 members would be Alan Pierce, Michael Shuler, and Pamela Brownell.

Mr. Pierce opened and read the name of the companies that submitted RFQ's.

Emergency Disaster Strategies, LLC

TME, The Management Experts

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to forward RFQ's to the committee for a recommendation; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Shuler requested that he be replaced on the committee in the event there are any issues that could arise in the future with him representing the County.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to replace Attorney Shuler with Commissioner Massey on the committee that will review the RFQs; Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Brownell and the Board discussed the County's refund for storm clean-up from State and Federal Government.

Commissioner Lockley and Mrs. Brownell discussed storm readiness for the County.

Information Items:

1. *Joyce Durham conducted an outreach program for the ABC School and the Franklin County k-12 school's third graders on March 20th and 21st, 2013 to teach the importance of a having a disaster plan.*
2. *The Management Experts, the counties training contractor, conducted a training workshop at the ABC School on March 26, 2013 on school shootings. We met with the Hospital and EMS to start looking for a scenario for a full functional exercise.*
3. *April 5, 2013 I will be attending the "Volunteers Active in Disasters" scheduled for 10:00am-noon at the ANERR facility.*

Bill Mahan – County Extension Director (9:38 AM)

Mr. Mahan was not in attendance.

Open RFQ's – Contractual Services for Emergency Management Office (9:38 AM)

This item was addressed during Mrs. Brownell's report to the Board.

Weem's Update (9:38 AM)

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

1. *EHR – the electronic health record evaluation has been narrowed down to three vendors which are Razor Insights, Healthland and CSS with bids as follows:*

<i>Vendor</i>	<i>Purchase \$</i>	<i>10 yr Maint. \$</i>	<i>Total \$</i>
<i>CSS</i>	<i>\$450,000</i>	<i>\$1,267,627</i>	<i>\$1,717,627</i>
<i>Razor Insights</i>	<i>\$900,000</i>	<i>\$1,650,000</i>	<i>\$2,550,000</i>
<i>Healthland</i>	<i>\$670,320</i>	<i>\$1,499,716</i>	<i>\$2,170,036</i>

On-site demonstrations have been scheduled for March 26, 2013(completed with Healthland), April 2, 2013 and April 11, 2013.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Brownsworth discussed the selection of the vendor that will be best for the hospital. They also discussed the funding of this project and reimbursement of the maintenance costs. Mr. Brownsworth stated that he will get back with the Board concerning

the maintenance cost to the County. Commissioner Jackel expressed her concerns with the cost of this project.

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Brownsworth discussed the life expectancy of the software.

2. The Franklin County Health Department has agreed to allow Weems Memorial Hospital the opportunity to provide financial counseling to families and children at the Health Department in lieu of the prior agency from Sacred Heart. Ginny, Steve and Debbie have been working with David Walker from the CHD to begin our presence there after March 29th.

Mr. Brownsworth recognized and thanked Steve Lanier for his services. Mr. Lanier has resigned as the Controller of Weems Hospital.

The Board also thanked Mr. Lanier for his services at Weems.

3. Controller Position - Steve Lanier has resigned his position as Controller effective April 19, 2013 to take another position locally. We will begin the process of advertising this position as soon as possible. More information will be available in the near future on specifics after consultation with the Hospital Board. On behalf of the hospital, the Board of Directors and I extend our thanks to Steve and recognize him for his dedication and effort on behalf of Weems Memorial during his tenure here. We wish him the best in his endeavors and know that he will be successful in his new position.

4. Dr. Spurgeon - I have been in discussions with Dr. Steve Spurgeon to aid in promoting the hospital's Rehab Care program that has previously been referred to as the swing bed program. Hopefully, negotiations based upon Hospital Board direction will be completed in April allowing presentation to the Board of County Commissioners in early May.

5. Debt Service Coverage Report - Adams consulting group should have a draft capital debt service report available within the next week or two. The hospital valuation study in order to comply with HB711 has been completed and materials are being gathered for public and board presentations. In April, public meetings will be set up and provided related to HB711 and gain public input into our decision making.

6. Marketing - We are currently working on a comprehensive market program for the hospital to promote not only our services offered but also to improve public perception and promote our employees and service excellence.

7. Health Insurance - We are currently evaluating our options for health insurance and will advise the board in the future as to the selected options. At the time of writing this document, a

health plan has been selected allowing employees to obtain healthcare insurance with the premium being paid by the hospital. Two options are available for upgrades to health plans with lower out of pocket expenses. These upgrades require additional premiums to be paid by staff.

8. Fire doors – On March 27 & 28, 2013, the fire door previously approved for purchase was installed at the hospital.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Brownsworth discussed other items that need to be addressed from the AHCA deficiency list.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Brownsworth to review some of what was discussed at a meeting with the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce regarding the possible rental space with Sacred Heart.

Anita Grove, of the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, commented on this meeting.

Mr. Brownsworth updated the Board on the project of the Apalachicola Clinic project. Commissioner Jackel asked that a comprehensive job be done for the rehab project at that location so that there will be two nice clinical facilities in the County.

Mrs. Brownsworth discussed a health fair in May and a grant to rehab an ambulance. Chairman Sanders and Mr. Brownsworth discussed the amount of ambulances in operation at this time.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Service

Mr. Pierce discussed this item from his report as it pertained to the Hospital.

8- Board action on a Resolution of support for Weems Hospital as they are applying for an EMS grant for \$106,097 to re-chassis one of the existing ambulances. Weems is applying for a 90/10 grant, meaning they are asking the state to pay 90% of the cost. The state has the ability to agree to pay 90%, or they can cut the state share to either 75/25, or 50/50. Franklin County has received funding at all three ratios in the past for ambulances.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to approve a Resolution of support for Weems Hospital as they are applying for an EMS grant for \$106,097 to re-chassis one of the existing ambulances; Motion carried 5-0.

Weem's Report – Continued

Steve Lanier, Controller, presented the financial report to the Board.

Commissioner Jackel thanked Mr. Lanier for his services at the Hospital.

Mr. Lanier thanked the Board and Mr. Brownsworth for their support.

Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts (9:57 AM)

Mrs. Johnson had no action items but discussed recent Legislative activities regarding Clerks throughout the State with Chairman Sanders.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Service (9:57 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented his report to the Board.

1- Inform Board that the Clerk and the Finance Office have scheduled a budget workshop for the Board on Monday, April 22, at 10 AM. The workshop will be in the main courtroom in the courthouse as Judge Russell is using the annex that week. The focus of the workshop will be a discussion by the Board on proposed expenditures for next year. There are no state estimates on revenues yet, and Ms. Skipper, Property Appraiser, has not finished her assessment. She is expecting to have her preliminary numbers by June 1, and her estimate at this time is that the county tax base will shrink by 3-5%.

Mrs. Johnson and the Board discussed who should attend the workshop and what information should be discussed.

2- Remind the Board that the next regular county commission meeting will be in Carrabelle, starting at 10 AM, on April 16.

3- Inform the Board that the first meeting of the Franklin County RESTORE Council occurred last week in Carrabelle. While the Board has created a 13 member council, the City of Apalachicola has not made an appointment, so of the 12 seats, 10 members made their first meeting. The meeting lasted about an hour. Chairman Sanders ran the meeting and the purpose of the meeting was orientation. The Council members received a notebook and a brief introduction to the potential BP funding.

As the Board is aware, there are 3 pots of money associated with the oil spill. There is the local pot, and those are funds that will be reserved specifically for projects in Franklin County. The money in that pot will be held by the US Treasury for projects submitted by Franklin County. There is no money in this pot at this time and the US Treasury has not created any guidelines or applications forms. I told the RESTORE Council that it is my preference that the local council not starting collecting proposals until there is a clear timeline for when money might become available, and what the federal application process will be. Some communities have created pre-proposal forms and while it is good and beneficial for people to begin thinking about projects it may be misleading at this time to create expectations that by filling out a form now will somehow put someone in line for money in the future. As an example, Gulf County did create a pre-proposal form and they received 80 applications with a total fund request of over \$100 Million dollars. Gulf County has since stopped talking about pre-proposals.

The second pot of money is associated with the Gulf Consortium. Chairman Sanders is going to the next Consortium meeting on April 5. Depending on what information she obtains at that meeting we will decide when to have the next RESTORE Council meeting.

The third pot of money is for projects of "Gulf-wide significance" and this pot is being controlled by the Governor and DEP. It is our expectation that the county's SMARRT team will be putting an application in this pot. The SMARRT team, with assistance from the Univ. of Florida and Ms. Kim Bodine, Gulfcoast Workforce Board, is preparing the project description and budget. I have been in contact with members of the SMARRT team and it is my expectation that they will be making a presentation to the Board at the next meeting, or the first meeting in May, with the intention of getting Board support before the application is submitted.

Chairman Sanders discussed the need for DEP and other State agencies to be supportive of projects from the County regarding the BP/Restore funding.
The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed this matter further.

4- Inform the Board that we have received the first invoice from the Gulf Consortium and in accordance with the Board's request, the first quarter dues were pro-rated. The invoice will be paid at the next Board meeting.

5- Inform the Board that DACS has provided a packet of information to the Board regarding two proposed aquaculture leases within Franklin County waters. The Board has the opportunity to provide comment to DACS on the proposed leases but the Board does not have any authority to approve or deny the proposed leases.

The first proposal is a modification of two existing clam leases in Alligator Harbor for a Mr. Leo Lovel of Crawfordville. The modification is to allow the existing lease holder to try and grow oysters on raised platforms within the existing lease. Quoting from the cover letter, "We request the use of the full water column within the lease area. Currently we are restricted to the use of only six inches from the bottom. Full use of the water column within the lease will allow us to take advantage of the top twenty-four inches of water, which is proven to be the most nutrient rich, allowing for a more sustainable and rapid growth for many aquaculture products, and specifically oyster cultivation at this time."

The second proposal is for the lease of 2 acres of bottom directly across from the intersection of SR 65 and US 98. Several years ago DACS surveyed that area and there used to be PVC pipes identifying corner markers for leases. A Mr. Andy Arnold is going to attempt oyster cultivation in that area using "soft mesh bags along with some hard bags and possibly bottom planting. Need to do some trial and error methods" according to his proposal.

Commissioner Parrish expressed concerns with the use of the full water column due to recreational boating in Alligator Harbor.
The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed further.
Chairman Sanders asked Mr. Pierce to send a letter addressing the concerns that were discussed at this Meeting.

6- Board action to renew the contract between Franklin County and the ARPC for "Small Quantity Generator Verification" of hazardous waste. The contract is for \$3500, and is budgeted under professional services. The verification process is required by state law.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve renewal of the contract between Franklin County and the ARPC for "Small Quantity Generator Verification" of hazardous waste in the amount of \$3,500; Motion carried 5-0.

7- Board action to approve a Task Order at the Airport for work assessing the drainage system to be done by AVCON, the county's airport engineers. The Task Order is for \$10,800.00 and DOT grant funds will pay the full amount. After the assessment is done the Airport Committee will then take recommendations on fixing the drainage system as part of it has failed. There is some \$400,000 already awarded the county to fix the drainage system at the airport. Board action.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to approve a Task Order at the Airport for work assessing the drainage system to be done by AVCON; Motion carried 5-0.

8- Board action on a Resolution of support for Weems Hospital as they are applying for an EMS grant for \$106,097 to re-chassis one of the existing ambulances. Weems is applying for a 90/10 grant, meaning they are asking the state to pay 90% of the cost. The state has the ability to agree to pay 90%, or they can cut the state share to either 75/25, or 50/50. Franklin County has received funding at all three ratios in the past for ambulances.

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

9- Provide Board with copy of memo Bill Mahan and I are sending to Transfield and DOT outlining in writing the method we recommend for spraying herbicides along state roads. The Board may recall that over 2 years ago the Transfield asked for some clarification on when and how it could spray herbicides in the county, and the Board directed that Mr. Mahan oversee what Transfield was doing. This memo formalizes what Transfield has been doing these last two years. There are 3 conditions:

1. The herbicide used is the most environmentally friendly, and safest, and appropriate for the application area per federal/state guidelines.
2. Transfield or any other approved agent keeps accurate and up-to-date herbicide applications logs for auditing purposes.
3. Any employee of Transfield or any other FDOT approved agent will be an approved and licensed herbicide applicator as outlined in FL Statues.

10- Commissioner Jackel asked that I investigate the possibility of creating an area in Eastpoint where people could operate golf carts legally. After reviewing the county rules for St. George Island and reviewing the rules the City of Apalachicola imposed on golf cart use in and around US 98, I believe the county can allow golf carts on county roads north of US 98 in Eastpoint. Golf carts cannot be allowed to drive on or cross US 98. Board direction.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to proceed with public hearing concerning golf cart usage in Eastpoint; Motion carried 5-0.

11- Inform Board bids will be opened for re-surfacing CC Land Road at the May 7 Board meeting.

12- Inform Board that DOT has sent notice that SCOP applications are now open until May 3. DOT will accept two applications from each county. The county traditionally has sought funding for long expensive projects, as SCOP funding is up to 75% of the engineer's estimate. While the county submits projects, DOT does review the projects and determines what projects will get into the tentative work program. The county has previously submitted Mill Road for funding, and all of Pine St. on St. George Island. DOT has not put those projects on the work program and I have inquired why. According to the DOT review, paving dirt roads rank lower in priority than resurfacing. Both Pine St. and Mill Road are over 80% dirt. The county can re-submit those roads and if other counties put forth dirt roads as well then the money will be allocated around the District, but if other counties request funding for re-surfacing then the county's dirt roads will not get into the funding range. DOT allocates the money district wide, and no county is guaranteed any funding. Two candidates for re-surfacing are Bald Point Road, as that road has never been resurfaced since the county acquired it, and it provides beach access for part of Bald Point State Park, and then re-surface and widening of CR 67 from the City of Carrabelle to Pine Log Bridge. There is another Board meeting on April 16 for the Board to finalize their choices. Board direction.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Pierce discussed DOT assistance with the paving of dirt roads. The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed some of the upcoming DOT road projects and funding balance for paving.

Chairman Sanders asked that the paving fund balance be made available at the April 22nd workshop.

Commissioner Jackel asked that the North Bayshore Drive project is substituted for Pine Street. Commissioner Jackel also asked for a list of all roads that were previously submitted.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Jackel, to table this item until the next Meeting, when Mr. Pierce will bring an entire list of projects; Motion carried 5-0.

13- Board action to waive the remaining \$4,000 out of a \$10,000 forgivable SHIP down payment assistance to a homeowner who is facing a short sale. The county, in accordance with its SHIP plans, waives repayment of the down payment assistance at the rate of \$2,000 for five years so long as the homeowner remains in the house. In this case, the homeowner will lose the house in foreclosure unless a short sale can be approved. The bank that holds the mortgage is willing to accept a short sale so long as the county waives the rest of the down payment assistance.

Attorney Shuler informed the Board that the County would not receive the money whether the debt was waived or not but it would help the homeowner if the County could waive the debt. He also stated that this would not affect future funding for the SHIP Program.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Jackel, to waive the remaining SHIP down payment debt for a homeowner who is facing a short sale; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Pierce updated the board on the option of purchasing an additional lot in Eastpoint based on the funding limit the State has allowed. Commissioner Jackel also commented on this item.

Recess (10:29 AM)

Chairman Sanders called for a recess.

Reconvene (10:42 AM)

Chairman Sanders reconvened the Meeting.

T. Michael Shuler- County Attorney Report (10:43 AM)

Attorney Shuler presented his report to the Board.

1. E911 Grant Application for Tri-County Maintenance Costs Franklin County, Gulf County and Liberty County jointly operate a E911 system through Fairpoint Communications. Fairpoint has prepared a grant application to cover certain limited maintenance costs in the amount of \$16,000.00, m.o.l., for each county. The grant deadline for submission was April 1, 2013.

Given this deadline, I recommended that the chairman executed the contract prior to the meeting.

Board Action Requested: Motion ratifying the chairman's execution and submission of the grant application as stated herein.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve ratifying the Chairman's execution and submission of the E911 Grant Application for Tri-County Maintenance Costs; Motion carried 5-0.

*2. Highway Patrol Building - Eastpoint (2.59 acres, m.o.l.)
I am informed that the deed conveying the Highway Patrol Station from the State of Florida to Franklin County has been approved. They have requested payment of the balance due in the amount of \$270.00.*

Board Action Requested: Motion authorizing the Clerk of Courts to issue a check for \$270.00 payable to the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Chairman Sanders asked about the School Board lease and Attorney Shuler explained the lease agreement for the property.

Commissioner Jackel commented on the School Board lease.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve the Clerk of Court to issue a check for \$270.00 to record the deed to the Highway Patrol Station to the County; Motion carried 5-0.

3. County Attorney Board of Directors Meeting

On April 3, 2013, the county attorney board of directors is meeting in Tallahassee. I am a member of the board and need to attend that meeting.

Board Action Requested: Motion authorizing me to attend the county attorney board of directors meeting in Tallahassee, Florida on April 3, 2013.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Parrish, to approve travel for Attorney Shuler to travel to the County Attorney Board of Directors Meeting in Tallahassee on April 3, 2013; Motion carried 5-0.

4. Courthouse Roof Leak

The insurance company has denied coverage for the recent roof leak because it claims that there is no evidence of storm damage to the roof allowing interior water damage. It states that the water damage was the result of pre-existing leaks, inadequate roof drains, standing water on the roof and wind driven rain through pre-existing openings in the windows and cornices.

The County's investigation reveals that the leak was caused by an improperly connected roof drain. The county has used the same roofing contractor for twenty years, but they deny making this connection.

Board Action Recommended: A motion authorizing me to initiate a formal investigation and take enforcement action against the roofing contractor regarding the improperly connected drain and the damage that was proximately caused by this negligent act.

Commissioner Jackel asked about a professional opinion concerning this matter and Attorney Shuler stated that additional contractors have looked at the connection and they agreed with Staff.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve initiation of a formal investigation and take enforcement action against the roofing contractor for the Courthouse; Motion carried 5-0.

5. Alligator Point Revetment

Correspondence from DEP to APTA's letter is attached and speaks for itself.

6. Lanark Village

A. Rachele Bennett has obtained her building permit. I spoke with her contractor following the March 19, 2013 meeting and he informed me that he was going to commence work within a week or so of that date.

B. I am informed that the owner of apartment 19-6 on Oak Street has demolished the apartment.

7. Apalachicola Application With The Gulf Coast Consortium

Attached are two letters from the Gulf Coast Consortium to the City of Apalachicola and the City of Carrabelle informing them that their execution of the interlocal agreement creating the consortium does not make them members, and thanking them for their interest. Only the 23 counties affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill have a right to membership. Everyone else can be admitted upon majority vote.

On April 4, 2013, the consortium plans to begin a discussion relating to the participation of the 104 cities located within the 23 county members of the consortium.

8. Apalachicola Restore Lawsuit

Attached is a copy of the court's March 26, 2013 order dismissing with prejudice the lawsuit filed by the City of Apalachicola against Franklin County. The lawsuit sought to compel Franklin County to attend public meetings with the city regarding allocation of Restore Act funds that Franklin County may receive.

9. Capital City Bank vs. DEP and Franklin County

On March 27, 2013, Capital City Bank filed a notice of appeal of the dismissal of its lawsuit against DEP and Franklin County. The dismissal was without prejudice, but denied the bank leave to file any further amended complaints.

Chairman Sanders asked for an update on items 7 & 8. Attorney Shuler provided additional information on both items.

Chairman Sanders asked if the Florida League of Cities is being proactive in this matter.

Attorney Shuler stated that he doesn't think there has been a decision to make them the formal representative for all of the Cities.

Commissioner Parrish stated that he believes the Cities should be represented by the Florida League of Cities and the Counties that they fall in.

Chairman Sanders stated that she wanted to hear the opinions of the Board because she is attending the next consortium meeting. She said she will report back to the Board.

Commissioner Jackel discussed a possible action by the Tourist Development Council regarding a referendum to increase the bed tax. She discussed emails between the TDC, Attorney Shuler and herself requesting information on the referendum. Commissioner Jackel expressed concerns with the lack of communication between herself and Attorney Shuler on this matter. The Board discussed the TDC request further.

Commissioners' & Public Comments (11:05 AM)

Reverend John Sink shared an Easter story with the Board and read an article regarding Florida's history.

Adjourn (11:07 AM)

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

Cheryl Sanders, Chairman – FCBOCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts