

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
JULY 16, 2013
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

Commissioner's Present: Cheryl Sanders – Chairman, William Massey – Vice Chairman, Pinki Jackel, Noah Lockley, and Joseph Parrish

Staff 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 (9:04 AM)

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sanders apologized for a statement she made at the July 2, 2013 Meeting.

Approval of Minutes (9:06 AM)

There were no Minutes presented for approval.

Payment of County Bills (9:06 AM)

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

Department Supervisors Report

Howard Nabors –Superintendent of Public Works (9:06 AM)

Mr. Nabors had no action items for Board approval.

Mr. Nabors gave an update on conditions throughout the County based on all of the recent rain. He also stated that because of the state inmates being reassigned temporarily to the new jail his projects and work has been delayed.

Chairman Sanders and Mr. Nabors discussed employees' certifications in their current positions and also discussed the starting salary for employees.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Nabors discussed advertising for his assistant. They also discussed an employee who isn't supervising any inmates.

Commissioner Jackel stated that there are locations in Eastpoint and St. George Island that need to have the grass cut on the shoulders of the road.

Fonda Davis– Solid Waste Director (9:13 AM)

Mr. Davis had no action items.

Commissioner Jackel discussed Mr. Davis's current work schedule, which is Monday through Thursday. Commissioner Jackel expressed her concerns with this schedule and asked the Board to consider whether or not this is the best schedule for the Director of the Solid Waste Department.

Commissioner Parrish asked for a clearer understanding of what direction this discussion should go for Mr. Davis's work schedule. He made suggestions for handling emergency situations in Mr. Davis's absence.

Commissioner Lockley stated that he didn't see a problem with Mr. Davis's hours remaining as scheduled.

Motion by Jackel, to approve department supervisors working any shift; Motion failed for a lack of second.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Parrish, to approve Mr. Davis to continue with a 4 day work week, but leave on his County phone when he is off, except for vacation time; Motion carried 4-1, Jackel opposed.

Commissioner Massey said a decision is needed for Mr. Leonard Brannan's employment since he can only perform light duty job duties. Mr. Davis explained how light duty positions work within his department.

Attorney Shuler asked for the opportunity to discuss this situation further with Mr. Davis and gather more information.

The Board and Attorney Shuler discussed this issue further.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Massey, to direct Attorney Shuler to meet with Mr. Davis concerning Leonard Brannan's employment; Motion carried 5-0.

Nikki Millender- Parks & Recreation (9:29 AM)

Mrs. Millender presented her report.

1. *For Board Action: On Monday, July 8th I and Commissioner Sanders traveled to Brooksville Florida to support the Franklin County Debs and Belles Softball Teams which both had advanced on to play Monday for the Dixie Youth Softball Florida State Champs. The Belles got put out on Monday and brought home Second Place Trophy. The Debs swept through the tournament without a loss and are brought back home the title Florida Dixie Debs State Champions. Not only did the Debs bring home the title State Champs but they also captured the Sportsmanship Trophy. This is a Great accomplishment for this group of young ladies. The Debs are now headed to the World Series as Team Florida to compete in the World Series which is being held in Alexandria Louisiana starting August 2nd and they need to raise \$20,000 to \$25,000 to cover the expenses for their trip. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so at any Centennial Bank location. At this time I would like to ask the board for approval to contribute \$5,000 to the Franklin County Dixie Debs.*

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval to contribute \$5,000 to the Franklin County Dixie Debs

The Board and Mrs. Millender discussed all of the All Star teams from Franklin County.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Massey, to approve contribution of \$5,000 to the Franklin County Dixie Debs to go to the World Series; Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Millender discussed a list of needed improvements for County recreational facilities that she distributed to the Commissioners.

Pam Brownell- Emergency Management (9:32 AM)

Mrs. Brownell had no action items.

Action Items: None

Information Items:

- *The Emergency Management office attended the Emergency Management assistance Compact (EMAC) webinars on July11, 15, 2013.*
- *The Emergency Management office met with Phil Worley to go over and finalize the county debris plan so he can submit it to the State and FEMA for review.*
- *Emergency Management attended the North Florida Domestic Security Task Force meeting held in Tallahassee on July12, 2013.*
- *There is a communications meeting scheduled at the Emergency Management Office for July 17, 2013 at 10:00am.*
- *There is a table top hospital shooter exercise scheduled for July 19, 2013 starting at 9:00am at Weems Memorial hospital.*

- *Pam Brownell will be attending the Midyear Florida Emergency Preparedness Association conference from July 23-26, 2013 at Clearwater, Florida. This is part of the scope of work for our State and Federal grants.*

Commissioner Parrish asked Mrs. Brownell to find out when Williams Communications will fill in the signal gaps that exist in the County. He stated that he expects improvements with the signal gaps. He stated that these issues should be answered at the next communication meeting.

Commissioner Massey and Mrs. Brownell discussed an upcoming emergency exercise.

Bill Mahan- County Extension Director (9:36 AM)

Mr. Mahan presented the following items from his report.

Franklin - UF IFAS Updates

- 1) *Board action/direction requested - FWC Sea Turtle Grant Proposal – We received an email from Dr. Robbin Trindell with FWC reporting that our Deep Water Horizon Restoration Phase II Project, “Restoring the Night Sky” proposal was reviewed by FWC & DEP and well received. Our proposal has been approved for funding pending the completion of a few minor revisions/additions that FWC & DEP requested. As part of the proposal, the County was approved to hire a part-time, seasonal Code Enforcement employee. Direction from the Board.*

Commissioner Jackel, Mr. Pierce, and Mr. Mahan discussed a letter that should be sent to the rental companies about leaving equipment on the beach and the possibility of it interfering with the sea turtles.

The Board agreed that there should be a meeting with all rental companies throughout the County on this matter to discuss solutions before Attorney Shuler proceeds with an amendment to the current Sea Turtle Lighting Ordinance.

The Board, Mr. Pierce, and Mr. Mahan discussed this matter further.

- 2) *Board action/direction requested - DACS Oyster Aquaculture Plans – Last week during discussions with FL Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services about oyster aquaculture I was informed that they plan to take a request to the FL Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund Sovereignty Submerged Lands to approve oyster aquaculture leases in Apalachicola Bay (the old Oyster Aquaculture Units – Hwy 65, SGI Unit 4, Four Mile & Nine Mile). Please see attached map.*

Shannon Hartsfield, President of Franklin County Seafood Workers Association, provided additional information on this matter, and stated that there are a lot of potential problems with this plan. He stated some of the problems with the State making decisions that is not

good for the Bay and that more local input is needed. He said that some of the closed places are areas that people other than oystermen use.

Chairman Sanders expressed concerns with oystering and clamming areas.

Commissioner Parrish discussed problems with the administrators in the Dept. of Agriculture not knowing enough about the Bay and the industry and suggested that some of the issues discussed today are presented at the SMARRT meeting on July 29th.

The Board discussed this matter further.

Mr. Mahan asked that the Board forward him any questions that they would like to have presented at the meeting.

Mr. Hartsfield mentioned that the FCSWA had a list of questions to present and suggested the Commissioners might want to add to them.

- 3) *UF Oyster Recovery Team Oyster Aquaculture Q & A Session – The Franklin County SMARRT has requested that the UF Oyster Recovery Team have an “Oyster Aquaculture Q&A Session” to answer questions the members have about oyster aquaculture. The Oyster Aquaculture Q&A Session will be held on July 29th from 3:00 – 5:00 PM at the Apalachicola Community Center at 10-Foot Hole. The UF Oyster Recovery Team has asked the SMARRT to provide a list of questions ahead of time so the Recovery Team can research the questions if needed. If the Board has any questions, please give them to me and I will add them to the list.*

Chairman Sanders recognized one of Mr. Mahan’s associates from the University of Florida that was in the audience.

Mr. Mahan informed the Board of an upcoming meeting based on a handout he distributed.

Ray Brownsworth - Weem’s CEO - Hospital Update (10:01 AM)

Mr. Brownsworth covered items on his CEO report that he didn’t address at the last Meeting.

1. Clinic renovation options – Several companies were asked to assist Weems in developing budget figures. Adams Consulting Group which provided the hospital valuation for HB711 was the only firm which responded by figures. This was discussed at the June Hospital Board meeting. The original intent was to provide for additional exam rooms within nearby clinic space (Annex) and thus allow for additional providers. This unfortunately, would invoke upgrades within the building to comply with various regulations such as ADA due to the initiation of renovations. Instead, by using the existing space in its current configuration and by using providing like services from the prior occupancy, this can be avoided. Jim Bachrach will lead a work group to evaluate the necessary renovations to the Annex and work with me on getting a budget estimate and soliciting bids.

2. Clinic Operations – Ginny, Becky, and Nicole have been providing a detailed evaluation of how things are being done at the clinic resulting in a lot of discovery. Robb Moss and staff

from TMH will have performed an operational assessment of the clinics providing us with insight into how to structure the clinics for both performance and quality care in the near future. With the assistance of these three as well as James Roberson, I am directing changes in policy, practice and processes. Part of this will be the expected productivity of both practitioners and staff as relates to staffing and productivity.

Specific focus is being given to timeliness of chart completion and billing. The current clinic software system is cumbersome and will be replaced with the installation of the new hospital computer system. This will aide in charting, billing and revenue management.

Recent reports from the current software have raised some concerns about open charts, billing and accounts receivable. Discussions with staff and further review question to usefulness of the data as it appears that the A/R and chart status needs to be cleaned up. Therefore, we are more current on billing that it would first appear.

3. Mammography – Several informational emails have been distributed on the status of our mammography machine. In summary, the film processor for the current machine has gone out and will cost \$8,000 to fix. Since October 2012, we have only done 20 mammo’s with numerous months having no procedures performed. This drop off is due to the advantage of digital imaging verses our analogy (film) imaging. Fixing the processor would not do anything to increase our volumes and would waste the money.

Instead it makes sense to put the money toward a used digital unit. This has been discussed as a strategy in previous board meetings and I referenced seeking funding from a foundation or grant. Our foundation has chosen to continue raising funds for an ultrasound machine. I recommend that we continue to seek options related to the provision of digital mammography and pair it with our bone densitometry machine for women’s’ services. Jeanne Sorrel is currently seeking pricing on a used machine and the availability of mobile services. If mobile services are available, it makes the most sense to begin with it to build volumes and then purchase a used machine later.

4. IT Contract – Earlier this month, I provided BlueManta, our prior IT vendor, with 30 days’ notice of termination of the contract. This was due to concerns about their responsiveness to our requests and a failure to adequately provide for business continuity services. Based on BlueManta’s response, I advised them that for the remainder of their contract their services would not be required. After such a change, it is typical to reset system security controls and access. This has been performed related to this event.

Concurrently, I have engaged Eagle Tree Technologies for an interim service agreement to provide IT services. Michael Schuler was consulted as part of the action with BlueManta and has reviewed a contract for month to month services with Eagle Tree Technologies. Input from the Board of Commissioners and Hospital Board of Directors will be sought related to a longer term agreement and the proper selection process.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to recommend the Hospital Board go out for RFP’s for IT services; Motion carried 5-0.

5. CFO search – I made a recommendation to the Hospital Board on the selection and hiring of a new hospital CFO. The recommendation was accepted and employment terms have been approved. At the time of writing this report, we were in process of making an offer and have not received a response from the candidate yet. It is my preference to wait until the offer has been accepted to announce the person selected. We were fortunate in that both of the final candidates were of exceptional quality, work history and had excellent references.

6. Recognitions – See Below

Hello All,

I spoke with a customer today and he was very appreciative of how his family was assisted today with signing up for Kidcare and all of the other Medicaid services". He was raving at how wonderful the program is and the assistance that they received. I told him that I would thank the staff on his behalf. Please share with your staff. Thank you all!!

Best of Health, David

I would just like to reinforce the comments of our patient. I would like to extend to everyone at Weems my sincere thanks and gratitude to the excellent and fantastic care that I received at our hospital, I could not have received better care anywhere, and yes; the food was great. Thanks for saving my life! Doctor C

7. Pre-Construction Activities – We continue to meet with the Adams Consulting Group and TRO Architecture on activities that must precede any USDA application. On June 27 and 28, 2013, I met with representatives from TRO Architectural firm and Adams Consulting Group to discuss and prepare information needed to determine the scope of expected construction and renovations and for the USDA loan. They are developing three plan scenarios which tie into the dollar figures provided for in the Debt Capacity Study.

To provide more contexts on this, we had a debt capacity study performed to make a high level evaluation of whether or not Weems would be able to fund construction for a replacement/renovated hospital based on our revenues and expenses. Due to the cost reimbursement aspect of critical access hospitals, it is possible for Weems to afford a larger capital investment that allow for by our current volumes and revenues. This is because we are reimbursed at cost for Medicare and Medicaid which represents about 50-60% of our volume. Having determined at a high level that it is feasible to build a new/renovated hospital, we now need to conduct a more detailed analysis. The Hospital Board has approved the authorization of a Feasibility Study with a cost of \$50,000. This will be presented to the County Commission for consideration and action.

The study is required by the USDA which previously had been selected as our funding source. Due to the time since our original application, a new application along with the feasibility study and opinion letter will be required.

The cost for this is \$50,000 can be paid for from the Healthcare Trust Fund as pre-construction activities.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Brownsworth discussed a less expensive option since this report has been done before by the same company.

Commissioner Lockley asked how long these reports are valid and he was told about 1 or 2 years.

Commissioner Parrish and Mr. Brownsworth discussed the ability to move forward with this project so this report won't be needed again in the future.

Mr. Brownsworth discussed options for moving forward with the project.

Commissioner Jackel stated that too much funding is being spent on planning and evaluation instead of moving forward with the project.

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Brownsworth discussed the possible amount of beds after the project is completed.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Brownsworth discussed the possibility of building a new facility and then connecting it to the current facility.

Mr. Brownsworth discussed the renovation cost for the new clinic.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to approve \$50,000 for feasibility study for pre-construction of the new Hospital; Motion carried 5-0.

8. 800 MHz Radios – Earlier this year we were approved by the Board of Directors and the County Commissioners to upgrade our radios for narrow banding. The amount approved was approximately \$69,000. At that time, we noted this was merely to comply with federal requirements and that in the future it would be necessary to spend additional funds to minimize gaps in our coverage area, provide for a stronger clearer signal and to provide for cross agency communication. As a follow up to the approval and at the request of both boards, we have performed additional research into the 800 MHz radios that various agencies use in the area and statewide. For an additional \$20,000, we can meet federal guidelines for narrow banding, maintain our existing capacity in the event of disaster and upgrade to 800 MHz. The 800 MHz units have been tested by our EMS staff and provide a clear and strong signal all the way to Tallahassee. There are some gaps remaining in our coverage area but they are less than the current system. Addition towers are scheduled to be added in our region to reduce the gaps even further. The units have the capability of being programmed in the future to allow communication with other agencies as they likewise upgrade their systems. We have tried to facilitate a meeting with other agencies to provide for agreement on equipment and purchasing but have been unsuccessful to date. It is therefore in our best interest and that of our patients to put in place a system that will take us 4-5 years into the future until such a collaborative approach can be realized and providing for equipment that could be easily programmed until such time.

This item was addressed at the last meeting.

9. Possible Grant Opportunity – On June 25, 2013 I attended a dinner in Tallahassee with Dr. James Stockwell and several other physicians looking to develop a grant proposal to improve coordination of care between tertiary hospitals and rural hospital as well as the development of programs to improve clinical quality and reduce costs locally. This is part of the Affordable Care

Act which is providing a billion dollars for these efforts. From this fund, 100 grants will be given. The collaborative is seeking 10-20 million dollars.

Gulf Coast Workforce Agreement Renewal (10:18 AM)

Kim Bodine, of Gulf Coast Workforce asked for Board action to approve the Inter-local Agreement and Budget. Ms. Bodine stated that her agency had an increase in their budget by about 21 percent. She discussed services that her agency is doing in the County and stated that there are two full time employees working in the County now. She stated that they have requested more funding for re-shelling under a National emergency grant.

Attorney Shuler suggested adding a termination provision to the agreement.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Parrish, to approve Inter-local Agreement and Budget with Attorney Shuler's recommendation to add a termination provision; Motion carried 5-0.

Recess (10:24 AM)

Chairman Sanders called for a recess.

Reconvene (10:34 AM)

Chairman Sanders reconvened the Meeting.

Open Bids – Plumbing Repairs at the County Jail (10:34 AM)

Mr. Pierce opened and read the only bid submitted.

Kings Plumbing – \$61,536.38 / Alternate bid - \$98,129.00

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to send bid to committee for recommendation; Motion carried 5-0.

Open Sealed Quotes – Ballpark Lighting (10:37 AM)

Mr. Pierce opened and read the bids.

Anytime Electric, of Crawfordville, FL - \$274,900.00 – Bid Bond included

Alternative, of Eastpoint, FL - \$298,385.00 – Bid Bond will be provided if necessary

Alan Pierce – Report

Mr. Pierce presented this item from his report.

8- Board will be opening sealed quotes for lights at Vrooman Park. Before a quote is awarded Mark Curenton will verify and consult with baseball officials that the new lights will provide the required illumination. We have received a call from one vendor that says LED lights have not been developed that are bright enough for lighting sports fields.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed this matter further.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to forward the quotes to staff for review and recommendation; Motion carried 5-0.

Open CIE Qualifications – Carrabelle Beach Multi-Use Path (10:42 AM)

Mr. Pierce stated that he only had one response to the advertisement so DOT recommended that the County not open the bid because more bids are needed. He did not open the bid.

Open Bids – Construction for Carrabelle Beach Multi-Use Path (10:43 AM)

Mr. Pierce opened and read the bids.

Gulf Coast Utility Contractors - \$318,543.05, Bid Bond included

C. W. Roberts - \$390,147.86, Bid Bond included

North Florida - \$307,270.45 Bid Bond included

Marshall Bros. \$638,155.00 Bid Bond included

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to forward to Staff for a recommendation; Motion carried 5-0.

Planning & Zoning Consent Agenda (10:47 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented the items to the Board.

CRITICAL SHORELINE REVIEW:

1. **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL** by P&Z (Unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock at 1705 East Gulf Beach Drive, Lot 7 Shell Harbor, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The Dock will be 133'x 3' with a 10' x 10' terminal platform. This application has all State and Federal Permits and meets all county requirements. Request submitted by Builders By the Sea, Inc., Gary Bartlett, agent for Thomas Dolan, applicant. (Has House)

2. **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL** by P&Z (Unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock at 16 Fiesta Drive, Lot 57, Holiday Beach, Unit 1, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. The Dock will be 30'x 6' parallel to the property. This application has

State Exemption and meets all county requirements. Request submitted by Daniel Scheer, applicant. (Proposed House on Site Plan)

Motion by Massey, seconded by Parrish, to approve items 1 & 2 of the Planning & Zoning report; Motion carried 5-0.

REPORT:

3. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL by P&Z (Unanimous) Consideration of a request from the Franklin County Planning and Zoning Commission to hold a Workshop at the St. George Island Volunteer Fire Department in September to discuss the Commercial District on St. George Island's future zoning changes.

BOA Consent Agenda (10:49 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented this item to the Board.

1. Approved by ABOA - A request for a variance to construct a vertical seawall within the Critical Habitat Zone on property described as Lot 5, Block B, Magnolia Bluffs, 123 North Bayshore Drive, Eastpoint, Franklin County Florida. Request submitted by Michael L. Anderson, agent for Emerson C. Johns, Jr., owner.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve request for construction of vertical seawall at Lot 5, Block B, Magnolia Bluffs, Eastpoint; Motion carried 5-0.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report (10:50 AM)

Mrs. Johnson presented her report.

1. Board action is needed to set the dates for the 2 public hearings on the budget. Working around the Court's schedules, other governmental budget hearings, and advertising requirements, the finance office requests the Board set the first public hearing on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 5:15 P.M. and the final public hearing on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 5:15 P.M.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Massey, to approve public hearings for the budget to be set for Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 5:15 P.M. and the final public hearing on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 5:15 P.M; Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Sanders stated that it might be possible to finish everything in one day, when the Board was reminded of the budget workshop set for July 18th and 19th.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report (10:53 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented his report to the Board.

Mr. Pierce discussed a letter from DEO that was received yesterday.

1- Inform the Board a pilot landed a plane at the airport Saturday night without putting the landing gear down. There were no injuries and no damage to the airport. The plane received significant damage but was able to be moved off the runway.

Airport projects have been slow to get off the ground for a variety of reasons. I will be reporting in more detail at a later meeting.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed Crystal Air's late payments on the Airport lease.

2- Board action to accept a settlement with Capital City Bank on the acquisition of the 4 Secon Village lots. Mr. Shuler may be reporting on this, but on Friday Mr. Shuler and I met in court ordered mediation with Capital City Bank over the value of the land to be acquired in order to complete the relocation of Alligator Drive. The county had initially condemned just enough land for the road but in the settlement process we agreed to acquire all of the land included in the 4 lots. By agreeing to a settlement, the county can move forward with getting reimbursed from FEMA and we can begin road construction. Had we not agreed to a settlement the issue would have gone to court in late September. I have asked for an 8th time extension on this project, which has not yet been granted, and the current timeline on the FEMA funds expires on Nov. 30. The project was initially funded in 2005. Board action to accept settlement offer and to submit reimbursement request to FEMA once the judge signs the order.

Attorney Shuler explained why he was in favor of accepting this settlement offer.

Chairman Sanders explained why she was in favor of this settlement.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Massey, to accept settlement offer and to submit reimbursement request to FEMA once the judge signs the order; Motion carried 5-0.

3- Inform the Board that I am still working on the information requested from the last Board meeting regarding pay for interim directors. The Finance Office has been busy putting the budget together so I do not have numbers but at this time the 4 Board employees who have taken "director" positions without additional compensation are: Mark Curenton, June- Dec. 2004, as County Planner; Fonda Davis, April –June, 2012 as Solid Waste Director; Dewitt Polous, Jan. - June, 2013 as Public Works Director; and Alan Pierce, Jan, 2013 to current as Airport Manager.

4- Board action to sign easement with Div. of State Lands for the easement to relocate Gulf Shore Blvd. I am still waiting for FEMA to authorize the changing of \$450K of funds to rebuild Gulf Shore Blvd into a relocation project.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve Chairman's signature on easement with Div. of State Lands for easement to relocate Gulf Shore Blvd.; 5-0.

5- Inform the Board that bids will be opened for the repairs to the St. George Island Revetment at the Aug. 6 Board meeting.

6- Inform the Board that I have hired Angie Dean as the new courthouse janitor. She has been employed by the school system as a janitor for the last 15 years. There were many qualified applicants but Ms. Dean had the most experience directly related to working and cleaning public buildings. She will start Aug. 1.

7- The Gulf Coast Workforce Board has submitted two items for the Board's approval:

A) The Workforce Board requests that Mr. Ted Mosteller be re-appointed to a 3 year term effective July 1, 2013. Mr. Mosteller has expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the Workforce.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Parrish, to approve re-appointing Ted Mosteller to a 3 year term on the Gulf Coast Workforce Board, effective July 1, 2013; Motion carried 5-0.

B) The Workforce Board requests approval for the renewal of the Inter-local Agreement between Franklin County and the Gulf Coast Workforce Board. The Inter-local Agreement does not authorize any particular funding but it is the umbrella agreement that says the Franklin County agrees to let the Gulf Coast Work Force Board provide services in Franklin County. This is a renewal and without an agreement Franklin County would not be serviced by Gulf Coast Workforce.

This item was discussed earlier in the Meeting.

8- Board will be opening sealed quotes for lights at Vrooman Park. Before a quote is awarded Mark Curenton will verify and consult with baseball officials that the new lights will provide the required illumination. We have received a call from one vendor that says LED lights have not been developed that are bright enough for lighting sports fields.

This item was discussed earlier in the Meeting.

9- Inform the Board that the letter to FWC regarding Sunday oyster harvesting has been sent. The FWC has replied to the Board's previous letter about apparent commercial harvester's working on weekends.

10- At the beginning of July I received notice from DOT the county is eligible to submit one project for consideration of funding through the CIGP program. Currently in the CIGP pipeline are Oak St in Lanark Village and a large loop in Eastpoint containing North and South Bayshore and Otter Slide to 6th St. The eligibility criterion is that a CIGP project must relieve congestion on

the state highway system. The deadline for submitting is August 6. I recommend the submission of a project in Apalachicola which is essentially the repaving of a street known as Ellis Van Vleet, which runs from 17th St to 24 St and represents a by-pass for approximately 0.6 miles of US 98. Board action.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Pierce discussed the other project that has already been approved.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve submitting repaving project on Ellis Van Vleet Street in Apalachicola; Motion carried 5-0.

11- Inform Board that I attended a meeting in Panama City on Thursday, June 11, with representatives from the 8 impacted counties. Bay County Commissioner Mike Thomas chaired the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to see if the 8 counties wanted to work together, with or without BP funding, to develop a plan for economic diversification of the region. Essentially this group would try to accomplish what Florida's Great Northwest was unable to accomplish, which was to promote and create jobs in NW Florida. I told the group that there was at least one thing we all had in common and that was aviation. There will be second meeting of the group sometime in August.

Mr. Pierce discussed a request from Senator Rubio's Office for a U. S. Senate Commission Meeting on Commerce, Science and Transportation to be held in Apalachicola.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Jackel, to send Letter of Support for this meeting to the U. S. Senate Commission and to send a Letter of Thanks to the Senator Rubio for his support; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Pierce discussed possible locations to hold the meeting.
Commissioner Parrish suggested offering the 3rd floor courtroom for this meeting.

Mr. Pierce stated that the Library, not the Friends of the Library, requested a \$15,000 increase to their current budget to cover expenses as they move into the new library building in Eastpoint.

Commissioner Parrish stated that his understanding is that the Friends of the Library proposed to the County to build this new Library facility and turn it over to the County debt free. Commissioner Jackel stated that the original intent of the Friends of the Library was to do just that but there were problems with their fund raising efforts during the economic downfall which resulted in the Friends seeking loan funding from USDA. She stated that the \$15,000 will be used for moving and construction expenses, internet connections, and electrical expenses. She stated that since the County hasn't been paying rent for the library for a couple of months, that amount could defer the cost of this \$15,000, but would like some of the \$15,000 to be used for a couple of months worth of rental payment for the new location. Commissioner

Jackel thought that if the County moves toward owning the new Library and the surrounding property that it would be an asset for the County.

Commissioner Massey stated that the road to the new Library will need to be paved.

Chairman Sanders asked for an explanation of the current situation with the County and the Library. Mr. Pierce explained that the previous lease had expired and the County didn't want to renew it. He then directed the Library staff to move into the new building even though there isn't a lease in place because there was an expectation the lease amount would be the same as the previous location. He said the Board would need to discuss this matter during the budget process.

The Board discussed the increased rent amount for the new library location and it was suggested that the County might consider purchasing the new library building and adjoining property rather than paying that increased rent amount.

Commissioner Parrish was in favor of the Library but expressed concerns with the budget and this type of unexpected cost. He stated that he has concerns about this year's budget and continuing to increase the millage rate year after year.

Commissioner Lockley expressed concerns with any liability the County may have with the new building.

Chairman Sanders expressed her concerns with the cost of paving the roads and the exposed ponds on the property.

Mr. Pierce stated that the ponds were already fenced.

Board members stated that they were in favor of the Library but had concerns of the financial situation regarding the building.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to approve budget increase of \$15,000 for the Library's budget; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jackel asked staff to look at the possibility of assuming the Library's USDA loan and possibly negotiating a lower payment.

Attorney Shuler discussed some of the specifics regarding the lease for the Library.

The Board discussed options for paving the road and the parking lot at the Library.

Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report (11:26 AM)

Attorney Shuler had no report for the Board but discussed the County's settlement with BP and CGA.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve settlement with BP and CGA; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Shuler stated that the School Board agreed to terminate the lease at the old Highway Patrol building in Eastpoint.

Attorney Shuler discussed a reverter clause for the Bay City Work Camp property. He stated that there was a reverter clause in the deed and once the closure is finalized the County will have to make a request to the State to acquire the land.

Commissioners and Public Comments (11:30 AM)

Commissioner Jackel asked for Board action to request a TDC allocation of up to \$90,000 for repairs to the Old Highway Patrol station so it can be used as an Eastpoint Visitor's Center. Commissioners Lockley and Jackel discussed whether this allocation will affect the allocations to make repairs to the Armory.

Commissioner Parrish would like for the Board to consider asking the TDC to pay rent, provide insurance and have this Visitor Center treated like the other County Visitor Centers.

Attorney Shuler asked for an opportunity to look at the allowed uses for TDC funds and also speak with Commissioner Jackel about the proper manner to move forward with this project. Commissioner Parrish stated that he wasn't against the idea of making the property a Visitor's Center but wanted to have a lease in place before making repairs.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to request TDC funding in the amount of \$90,000 for repairs of the Old Highway Patrol building in Eastpoint in order to use as a Visitor Center; Motion carried 3-2. Lockley, Parrish opposed.

Mr. Pierce gave an update on repairs and discussed a termite issue at the Armory. Lois Swoboda, Entomologist, provided additional information on the termite problems in the Armory. The Board and Ms. Swoboda discussed the termite issue and what damages are being done by their infestation.

Commissioner Lockley restated that he didn't want the Armory project to be delayed.

Commissioner Lockley asked for a workshop to discuss Board procedures and hiring practices. Attorney Shuler suggested including Attorney Lucy Turner in these discussions.

The Board discussed the agenda for the workshop and whether or not to include Attorney Turner in the discussion.

Chairman Sanders suggested contacting Attorney Turner to inquire when she would be ready to discuss job classifications with the Board.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to schedule a workshop to discuss Board procedures and hiring practices, including information provided by Attorney Lucy Turner, on Aug 6th at 1:30 PM; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Parrish asked for Board action to send a letter to the Governor and Legislative Delegation opposing the closure of Bay City Work Camp, including the financial burden it is causing the City of Apalachicola.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve letter to the Governor and Legislative Delegation opposing the closure of Bay City Work Camp and include information concerning the financial burden to the City of Apalachicola; Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn (11:57 AM)

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

Cheryl Sanders, Chairman – FCBC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts