

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
AUGUST 6, 2013
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

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

Commissioner Absent: Joseph Parrish (Illness)

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

Chairman Sanders called the Meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge (9:01 AM)

There was a prayer by Rev. John Sink followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes (9:03 AM)

Commissioner Jackel asked for a change to a motion in the July 2, 2013 meeting minutes.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve the Minutes of the July 2, 2013 & July 16, 2013 Meetings, with Commissioner Jackel's request for a change to the July 2, 2013 meeting minutes; Motion carried 3-1, Lockley opposed to Jackel's change.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to reschedule the workshop and public hearing regarding job descriptions and supervisor salaries to August 20, 2013 at 1:30 due to Commissioner Parrish's absence (illness); Motion 4-0.

Payment of County Bills (9:06 AM)

Motion by Massey, seconded by Lockley, to approve the payment of the County's Bills as presented; Motion carried 4-0.

Department Supervisor Report

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

Mr. Nabors had no action items for the Board.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Nabors discussed the number of Inmate Supervisor Crews in the Road Department.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to advertise for vacant Inmate Supervisors positions at the Road Dept.; Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Sanders suggested that DOT is contacted about cleaning ditches on the State Right of Ways to stop some of the flooding issues in the County. She named specific areas in her District that need to be cleaned. Mr. Pierce stated that he would contact both DOT and Transfield Services.

Mr. Pierce and Mr. Nabors discussed a possible problem with a road in Lanark Village.

Chairman Sanders and other Board members commented on this issue.

Commissioner Jackel stated that she hasn't seen Transfield in the County as often as we used to and Commissioner Massey agreed.

The Board discussed additional flooding issues in the County.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to send DOT a letter with a copy to Transfield regarding drainage issues on the State's ROWs; Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Nabors discussed advertising for his Assistant Supervisor position.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report

Mr. Pierce presented this item from his report.

7- Inform Board that Eastpoint Sewer and Water District is notifying the Board it will be cutting Begonia St. at the intersection of Begonia and US 98. The cut is legally in the US 98 ROW and has been coordinated with DOT. According to the application, the District also informed Road Superintendent Howard Nabors that the road will be cut. The repairs will be made by C.W. Roberts.

Commissioner Jackel asked if the Board can hold off on approving this request until she has an opportunity to review it.

Mr. Pierce stated that this cut was on the DOT Right of Way so Board approval was not needed. The Board discussed this matter further, especially with allowing the Commissioner of that district to review the plans to cut any road.

Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director (9:24 AM)

Mr. Davis had no action items for Board approval.

The Board, Attorney Shuler, and Mr. Davis discussed the current status of Leonard Brannan's employment.

The Board and Mr. Davis discussed the possibility of the paving company creating an estimate for paving certain roads and sections at Solid Waste.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Lockley, to get estimates on paving roads and sections at the Solid Waste location; Motion carried 4-0.

Nikki Millender – Parks & Recreation (9:27 AM)

Mrs. Millender had no action items but updated the Board on local teams, the boy's basketball and the Dixie Youth Debs softball teams, participating in tournaments. Both teams will appear before the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Mrs. Millender stated sign-up times and places for the little league football teams.

Mrs. Millender asked about the salary amounts for supervisors and wanted to know when this matter would be discussed.

Commissioner Lockley would prefer that a full Board is present for these types of discussions. Commissioner Jackel stated that these discussions should be done at the next Budget meeting. The Board discussed scheduling a time to discuss this matter.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to have this discussion at the Special Meeting that was re-scheduled from today's date; Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Millender read this item from Mr. Pierce's report.

9- Inform the Board that DEP has announced that the window for FRDAP applications will be from Sept. 16-30, 2013. FRDAP stands for Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program and it is a legislatively funded program to assist counties in building recreational facilities. Most of the county baseball fields have been built with FRDAP. The Board does not need to decide today on projects but in order to complete applications county staff needs direction by the Sept. 3 Board meeting on what the Board would like to submit. FRDAP is a state-wide competitive grant programs with points awarded for increasing recreational opportunities. Because the Board has a number of parks already it might consider adding components to some of the existing parks.

The Board, Mr. Pierce, and Mrs. Millender discussed this item further, especially how to get some type of advantage with the State's point system. Several ideas were mentioned for different parks around the County.

Pam Brownell- Emergency Management Director (9:42 AM)

Mrs. Brownell presented her report to the Board.

Action Items:

1. *Requesting the Board's approval and signing of the **Disaster Debris Management Contract** with AshBritt Emergency Services.*

Commissioner Jackel stated that she would like to have the County Attorney review the contract.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve with Attorney's review; Motion carried 4-0.

2. *Opening the **Request for Qualifications (RFQ)** for contractual services for Disaster Debris Monitoring Services. Recommend creating a 3 member committee to review and make a recommendation to the Board. The 3 members chosen to review the data would be Mr. Phil Worley, Michael Rundel, and Pamela Brownell.*

Mr. Pierce opened RFQs for contractual services for Disaster Debris Monitoring Services and stated the names of the companies.

SAIC – Maitland, FL

Thompson Consulting – Lake Mary, FL

Arcadias – Tampa, FL

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to forward the RFQs to the committee for ranking; Motion carried 4-0.

3. *Requesting the Board to draft a **Nuisance Abatement Ordinance** for County to facilitate debris removal from private property. If the county has this ordinance in place before a disaster, then following FEMA guidelines, the county could seek reimbursement for the cleanup.*

The Board discussed the details of how this operation will work.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to start the County's Nuisance Abatement Ordinance process with Attorney Shuler; Motion carried 4-0.

Information Items:

1. Emergency Management hosted the **Franklin County Communications Advisory Group** meeting on July 17, 2013 at the EOC. Florida Department of Transportation was in attendance and informed the group about the process of drafting a Memorandum of Understanding entitled "High Wind Bridge Closure Operations Agreement". (Please refer to the Franklin County Communications Advisory Group Meeting Report, July 2013, for complete details of entire meeting).
2. Franklin County Emergency Management and their consultant, The Management Experts, conducted a **Table Top Exercise at Weems Memorial Hospital** on July 19, 2013. The exercise purpose was to have Weems administration and staff review and enhance numerous emergency procedures.

Bid Opening – Landfill for 1 Closed Door Horizontal Baler (9:52 AM)

Mr. Pierce and Fonda Davis opened and read the only bid.

International Baler - \$70,450.00

Motion by Massey, seconded by Lockley, to accept bid from International Baler to purchase a Closed Door Horizontal Baler in the amount of \$70,450.00; Motion carried 4-0.

Department Supervisor Report – Continued

Bill Mahan – County Extension Director (9:55 AM)

Mr. Mahan reviewed these items from his report.

Franklin - UF IFAS Updates

- 1) *UF's Natural Resource Leadership Institute – UF's NRLI Program will be making another visit to Franklin County on August 8 – 10. This is a new class and the participants will be here to learn about local seafood and natural resource issues. They will be staying at the Buccaneer Inn on St. George Island.*
- 2) *Shellfish Harvester Education Program – I now have the new "FL Shellfish Harvester Education Program" developed by the UF Seafood Safety Team at the office. The program was developed to meet the new mandated federal requirements for shellfish harvester education that go into effect in 2014. The UF Seafood Safety Team demonstrated the self-guided training to DACS on July 17th and received their approval to begin conducting field tests. The next step is to demonstrate the new version of the program to SMARRT to get their comments.*
- 3) *4-H County Camp – Our County 4H Camp the week of July 22nd – 26th was a big success. We had a total of 94 campers (21 from Franklin). We had 16 campers and 5 Counselors/Counselors-in-Training. During the week our Counselors did a great job with their campers as they continued their leadership training. We camped with Okaloosa, Walton and Covington County (AL).*
- 4) *FWC Announces 2013 – 2014 Hunting Season Dates – The following table contains the 2013 – 2014 hunting seasons and dates. Franklin County is in Zone D.*

(Seasons and dates do not apply to wildlife management areas)

Season	Zone A	Zone B	Zone C	Zone D – Franklin Co.
Archery	Aug. 3 – Sept. 1	Oct. 19 – Nov. 17	Sept. 14 – Oct. 13	Oct. 26 – Nov. 27
Deer-dog training	Aug. 17 – Sept. 5	Nov. 2-21	Sept. 28 – Oct. 17	Oct. 26 – Nov. 14
Crossbow	Aug. 3 – Sept. 6	Oct. 19 – Nov. 22	Sept. 14 – Oct. 18	Oct. 26 – Nov. 27 and Dec. 2-6
Muzzleloading gun	Sept. 7-20	Nov. 23 – Dec. 6	Oct. 19 – Nov. 1	Dec. 7-13 and Feb. 24 – March 2
General gun	Sept. 21 – Oct. 20 and Nov. 23 – Jan. 5	Dec. 7 – Feb. 23	Nov. 2 – Jan. 19	Nov. 28 – Dec. 1 and Dec. 14 – Feb. 23
Antlerless deer	Nov. 23-29	Dec. 26 – Jan. 1	Nov. 23-29	Dec. 26 – Jan. 1
Fall turkey	Oct. 7-20 and Nov. 23 – Jan. 5	Dec. 7 – Feb. 2	Nov. 2 – Dec. 29	Nov. 28 – Dec. 1 and Dec. 14 – Jan. 19
Quail	Nov. 9 – March 2	Nov. 9 – March 2	Nov. 9 – March 2	Nov. 9 – March 2
Gray squirrel	Oct. 12 – March 2	Oct. 12 – March 2	Oct. 12 – March 2	Oct. 12 – March 2
Bobcat and otter	Dec. 1 – March 1	Dec. 1 – March 1	Dec. 1 – March 1	Dec. 1 – March 1
Youth turkey hunt	Feb. 22-23	March 8-9	March 8-9	March 8-9
Spring turkey	March 1 – April 6	March 15 – April 20	March 15 – April 20	March 15 – April 20

Wild hogs, rabbits, raccoons, opossums, skunks, nutrias, beavers and coyotes may be taken year-round.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Mahan discussed responses from the rental companies regarding the amended Turtle Ordinance.

Attorney Shuler discussed some of the updated and new language in the proposed Ordinance.

Mr. Pierce updated the Board on a report regarding the oyster industry and when the County will receive a copy from the State. He discussed some of the language in the study.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed this item further.

Ray Brownsworth – Weem’s CEO – Hospital Update (10:02 AM)

Mr. Brownsworth introduced Nicole Sandoval, Clinic Manager of Weems East and West Medical Clinics. Mrs. Sandoval invited the Board to a health fair at Weems Medical Center East. She also gave the schedule for the free sports physicals that will be provided for students.

Mr. Brownsworth presented his report.

1. EMR

a. The Board of Directors has approved the recommendation of the CEO and staff of Weems Memorial Hospital for the selection of CSS as the vendor of choice for the Electronic Medical Record. Please see the attached recommendation.

2. Recognitions – See Below

One of our lab staff members was walking by my office just now with a patient. Although I could not see the gentleman, I could hear him as he announced “This hospital is pretty clean”. This is not the first time that I have heard such comments nor read them on our surveys. I wanted to take the chance to thank our staff, especially Environmental Service, but including everyone for making our hospital a place that people notice and feel comfortable in.

3. School physicals –

WMCE

Monday (8-26-13), Tuesday (8-27-13) and Wednesday (8-28-13) 1600-1800 all days

Franklin County School (Eastpoint)

Thursday (8-29-13) 1400-until

Friday (8-30-13) 1200-until

WMCW

Monday thru Thursday 1600-1800

4. Health Fair – August 9th from 11 am to 2 pm. Will have a number of vendors there and be providing various tests. Ginny Grinner will provide more detailed update.

5. Telemedicine – five tele-psych sessions have been scheduled at the Weems East clinic. This is an example of Weems using technology to expand the services we provide and the benefit to area patients.

6. Financials – See attached report

a. A positive bottom line for the month and year has been achieved.

7. Pre-construction activities – additional activities by our Architectural firm, TRO, related to the USDA Grant and modifications to drawings is being performed on an hourly basis. I am working with the hospital’s board and TRO to determine the scope of services expected and an anticipated budget figure for these costs.

Mr. Brownsworth discussed the Hospital’s selection for the purchase of the electronic Medical Records. He explained that staff had done reference checks on the vendors and explained how they ranked them. Mr. Brownsworth discussed the cost of the program and all associated costs that go along with it.

The Board and Mr. Brownsworth discussed the possibility of this company also doing billing for the Hospital. The advantages and disadvantages were discussed and the Commissioners expressed concerns with the cost of the program.

Chairman Sanders and Commissioner Jackel discussed some concerns with Mr. Brownsworth.

Chairman Jackel stated that she would like to have a workshop to discuss this with CSS and the Hospital Board.

Commissioners Jackel and Lockley asked that all information on this matter is sent to the Board before the proposed workshop.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to schedule a workshop on August 20, 2013 at 3:00 PM that will include CSS and the Hospital Board to discuss this matter further; Motion carried 4-0.

Recess (10:27 AM)

Chairman Sanders called for a recess.

Reconvene (10:38 AM)

Chairman Sanders reconvened the Meeting.

Bid Opening – St. George Island Revetment Repairs (10:38 AM)

Mr. Pierce explained the revetment project and then opened the bids.

HG Harders, Panama City, FL – \$880,910.00 – w/bid bond
Poloronis Construction, Apalachicola, FL – \$582,757.95 – w/bid bond
Marshall Brothers, Lynn Haven, FL – \$671,825.00 – w/bid bond
North Florida Construction, Clarksville, FL – \$599,831.00 – w/bid bond
Scott Bridge Company, Opa-locka, FL – \$680,298.24 – w/bid bond
Gulf Coast Utility Company, Southport, FL – \$434,311.00 – w/bid bond

Mr. Pierce would like permission to award the contract at this time due to the timeline of the project.

Commissioner Jackel stated that she doesn't want to choose the low bid and end up with the same situation as the pier construction project. She stated that she wanted Preble-Rish to incorporate a substantial penalty fee for going over the deadline of this project.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed the possible costs to the County for this project.

Chairman Sanders wanted to be certain the Economic Concern Counties provision is being considered for these types of projects.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to forward to Preble-Rish for a recommendation; Motion carried 4-0.

Bid Opening – Bluff Road Widening Project (10:47 AM)

Mr. Pierce opened and read the bids.

Anderson Columbia – \$2,290,155.12 – w/bid bond
Capital Asphalt – \$2,973,355.00 – w/bid bond
C. W. Roberts – \$2,226,001.82 – w/bid bond
Peavey & Sons – (no bid sent)

Recess (10:54 AM)

Chairman Sanders called for a brief recess in order for Mr. Pierce to gather more information concerning one of the bids.

Reconvene (10:58 AM)

Chairman Sanders reconvened the Meeting.

Mr. Pierce explained that Peavey and Sons had picked up plans but didn't submit a bid.

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to forward the bids to the committee for review;
Motion carried 4-0.**

Open RFQs – Engineering and Environmental Services (10:59 AM)

Mr. Pierce opened the RFQ's and read the names of the companies.

Hernandez and Swift, Gulf Breeze, FL
Preble-Rish, Port St. Joe, FL
Southeastern Construction, Wewahitchka, FL

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to send RFQ's to committee for review; Motion carried 4-0.

Rev. John Sink – State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) – Update (11:01 AM)

Rev. Sink discussed and distributed a handout which contained updated requirements for the SHIP program.

Rev. Sink stated that he had spoken with other counties to find out what strategies they are using to cope with the cuts to the program and explained how their programs are operated. He discussed different options for Franklin County.

The Board, Mr. Pierce, and Rev. Sink discussed the SHIP program further, including what has been done during the last few years when there was no state funding.

Rev. Sink stated that the SHIP office is located in the building with Franklin's Promise and there is no charge for rent.

The Board commended Lori Switzer, Director of the SHIP program, for doing a good job.

The Board discussed possible opportunities for helping Ms. Switzer keep her office running.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to approve for the County to pay for audit, and give SHIP administration the \$10,500 funding allowed; Motion carried 4-0.

Dan Tonsmiere – State Senate Update – Apalachicola River Keepers (11:22 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented an item from his report.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report

10- Provide Board update on scheduled US Senate subcommittee hearing to be held here in the Annex next Tuesday, August 13. After speaking with Dan Tonsmiere and aides to Senator Nelson and Rubio, this is what I understand will be the process. Both Senator Nelson and Rubio will be in attendance, and Congressman Southerland is expected to be here as well. The hearing will officially begin at 11 AM and will conclude no later than 1 PM. The first part of the hearing is already structured with 3 panels of invited guests giving prepared testimony to the subcommittee. After the panels are through there might be an opportunity for very limited public testimony but it will depend on how long the panels take. Senator Rubio's office has asked if the hearing can be streamed to the internet and I have asked Howard Reeder if he has that capability. Mr. Tonsmiere is on the agenda to provide the Board with additional information.

Mr. Tonsmiere stated how important this event is for the County and stressed the importance of being united in the message to Congress. He asked the Board for its endorsement and support for a media event that will be held one hour prior to the event. He also asked for the Board to approve a Resolution declaring August 13, 2013 as 'Stand up for the Apalachicola River and Bay Day'. He stated that he would like to see overwhelming support for this event and named some of the members of the group who are participating with organizing this event. Chairman Sanders commented on the importance of this event and is hopeful that it will turn out good.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed the format for the meeting.

Mr. Tonsmiere stated additional information regarding the format of the meeting.

Chairman Sanders and Commissioner Jackel provided additional information on the meeting and stated that there will be time allotted for public comments.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to approve Resolution declaring August 13, 2013 as 'Stand up for the Apalachicola River and Bay Day'; Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Sanders directed Staff to close the parking lot in front of the Annex and provide water to the participants at the meeting.

Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report (11:35 AM)

Mrs. Johnson commented on the upcoming meeting and then presented her report to the Board.

1. *Board action is requested relative to the Value Adjustment Board (VAB):*
 - a. *Two county commissioners must be appointed;*
 - b. *A citizen member who owns homestead property within the county must be appointed. The citizen member can't be a member or employee of any taxing authority. Mr. Walter Armistead has graciously served in the past and has expressed a willingness to serve again;*
 - c. *Recommend to the VAB the appointment of Mr. Paul Curenton for the position of Special Magistrate to hear the petitions. Mr. Curenton has served the Board well and has received all the statutorily required training; and*
 - d. *Recommend to the VAB the appointment of Ms. Rachel Chesnut as the Attorney for the VAB. She has served in the position for the past three years and has also received the necessary training.*

Board action to appoint two commissioners, to appoint Mr. Walter Armistead as the citizen member, to recommend Mr. Paul Curenton as the Special Magistrate and to recommend Rachel Chesnut as the attorney for the VAB.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to appoint Commissioners Massey and Jackel as Commissioner members and appoint Walter Armistead, Paul Curenton, Rachel Chestnut to the Value Adjustment Board, as recommended by the Clerk; Motion carried 4-0.

2. *Board action is needed to authorize signing the renewal application and agreement for the Capital Health Plan stand-alone health insurance plan option. You discussed at the budget workshop a transition from a Blue Cross/Capital Health Plan blended health plan to the stand alone health plan with Capital Health. This transition will save the county approximately \$324,000 in health insurance premiums.*

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve signing the renewal application and agreement for the Capital Health Plan stand-alone health insurance plan option; Motion carried 4-0.

3. *Board action is requested by Dr. Jay Reeve, President and CEO of Apalachee Mental Health Center. He requests a letter of support from the County on a grant application they are applying for to expand primary care services for at-risk, behavioral health-care clients in Franklin County. I have prepared the letter for the chairman's signature should the Board vote to approve it.*

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve a Letter of Support from the County for a grant to expand primary care services for at-risk and behavioral health-care clients; Motion carried 4-0.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report (11:41 AM)

Mr. Pierce discussed his vacation and then presented his report.

1- Inform the Board that it has received a letter from the state acknowledging that the county's adopted floodplain management ordinance is "deemed to meet the NFIP requirements for continued participation in the NFIP."

2- Inform the Board that FDOT has approved the Airport Security Plan submitted for the airport. Besides passing the airport field inspection which we did in April, the approval of the security plan was also required for the renewal of the airport license.

3- Inform the Board that the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority (NFTCA) has approved the 2013 NFTCA Master Plan and a copy has been sent to the county. The only project in Franklin County is a proposed improvement to the railroad line that runs along SR 65 and then across the river to Port St. Joe. No funds were allocated for the project but it was listed as one that would be considered in the future.

The Board discussed the Master Plan and future projects.

4- Inform the Board that DACS has sent the Board notice that it (DACS) is seeking approval from the Governor and Cabinet permission to re-establish 4 aquaculture lease areas that were surveyed in 1990. The 4 sites are:

- A) Nine Mile Aquaculture Use Zone- approximately 40 acres*
- B) Four Mile Aquaculture Use Zone- approximately 44 acres*
- C) St. George Island Aquaculture Use Zone- approximately 46 acres*
- D) HWY 65 Aquaculture Use Zone- approximately 72 acres.*

The sites will be resurveyed and delineated into 2 acre parcels. Full use of the water column is proposed.

Chairman Sanders expressed some concerns with this proposal and mentioned items discussed at a recent meeting she attended about local ruling being removed. She was in favor of sending a letter of objection to the lack of local rule regarding the leases.

Commissioner Jackel commented on the administrative and communication problems between DACS and Franklin County.

The Board discussed other problems with use of the water in the surrounding areas of these lease areas.

Commissioner Massey spoke of non-local oystermen being interested in these leases and discussed problems this would cause with local oystermen.

Mr. Pierce read a letter from 2011 that the Board sent to DACS concerning oyster aquaculture, which they included as part of the DACS project.

The Board discussed and stated that this was an experiment, not an invitation to open up to the public. They discussed concerns with this cutting out other types of fishing and seafood harvesting.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Lockley, to send a letter to Governor Scott and Cabinet Members objecting to these leases and also the lack of home rule and to request support for a Resolution of the same; Motion carried 4-0.

12- Board action to accept a flag from Ms. Margie Solomon that was on the casket of her brother, Mr. Rocco Donato. Mr. Donato was in the National Guard unit stationed in the Armory and his unit was one of the first called up when the US entered WW II. Ms. Solomon has kept the flag for several years but believes "Rocky" would want it to fly over the Armory.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to accept donation of a flag from Ms. Margie Solomon to fly over the Armory; Motion carried 4-0.

The Board thanked Mrs. Solomon for the donation of the flag.

5- Inform the Board that DEO did approve the county grant application for funding to analyze the economic impact of tourism in the county. I do not have the grant documents yet as DEO is still reviewing the proposed work product.

DEO did not fund another county grant for a GIS system.

Chairman Sanders and Attorney Shuler discussed recent litigation that might have required the County to have the GIS system.

Chairman Sanders expressed concerns of the database for the GIS system always being current. Mr. Pierce explained how the updates are made to the system.

6- Inform the Board that Div. of State Lands has sent the county the easement for the relocation of Gulf Shore Blvd. The easement will be recorded in the public records. I am still waiting for FEMA to allocate the money for the relocation project from a previously funded reconstruction project.

Attorney Shuler provided additional information on this matter.

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This item was addressed earlier in the Meeting.

8- Board action to award bid to King's Plumbing to repair the valves at the jail for \$61,536.38. The alternative was to replace the plumbing fixtures completely for approximately \$92,000. The county does not have enough money in the jail repair fund to replace the toilets and I have checked with the Sheriff's Office and at this time they cannot identify if they will have any

additional funds at the end of the fiscal year. If they do, they would like to have the parking lot at the jail paved as it has not been resurfaced since the jail was built in 1989.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve bid award to King's Plumbing to repair valves at the jail for \$61,536.38; Motion carried 4-0.

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11- Board action to approve a change order to a contract with Anytime Electric for the installation of lights at Vrooman Park. The change is changing the lights from an 82 CREE LED Light (which is not a sports field light) to an 86 ABS Lighting Series 9000 light with 1000 watt pulse start metal halide lights.

Mr. Pierce explained the problem with time restraints on this project.

Commissioner Jackel expressed her concerns with the bid process used for this project and with Staff participation.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of moving forward with the project.

Chairman Sanders asked that Staff take no action on any change orders in the future until the Board approves.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve change order to contract with Anytime Electric for the installation of lights at Vrooman Park; Motion carried 3-1, Jackel opposed.

Mr. Pierce asked for Board action to approve the bid for the Multi-Use Path project in Carrabelle to North Florida, who was the low bidder.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to approve bid for the Multi-Use Path Project in Carrabelle; Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Pierce invited the Board over to see how the Planning and Zoning Office had been re-vamped.

T. Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report (12:12 PM)

Attorney Shuler asked for Board action to attend the Florida Association of County Attorneys Board meeting in Clermont, FL.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve travel for Attorney Shuler to the Florida Association of County Attorneys in Clermont, FL; Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Shuler asked for Board action for the County to endorse a check to Newman Construction for SHIP repairs to a fire damaged house.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve endorsement of a check to Newman Construction for SHIP repairs to a fire damaged house; Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Shuler asked for Board direction on litigation filed by the City of Apalachicola that requested mediation. Attorney Shuler recommended against it, especially since the County has invited the City to attend one of their meetings to discuss this matter.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to choose not to participate in mediation with the City of Apalachicola, based on Shuler's recommendation; Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Shuler asked for Board action to approve an agreement to lend a cannon to the Apalachicola Maritime Museum.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to approve an agreement to lend a cannon to the Apalachicola Maritime Museum; Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Shuler discussed the proposed surtax for the Hospital and asked for permission to talk to the Supervisor of Elections on conducting an election for this surtax starting in January of 2014.

The Board agreed that Attorney Shuler should talk to the Supervisor of Elections regarding this election and asked for more information on this item.

Commissioner Jackel and Attorney Shuler discussed the use and purpose of this surtax.

Mrs. Johnson mentioned an email she received from the Lucy Turner, Labor Attorney, and asked that the Board look it over.

Commissioners' & Public Comments (12:25 PM)

Commissioner Jackel discussed the upcoming Ethics Workshop and the benefits of attending.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Lockley, to approve travel and expenses for Commissioners to attend the Ethics Workshop; Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Lockley stated that he is in favor of keeping all bids local whenever possible.

Kenny Semore, of Alternative Electric, commented on the Vrooman Park lighting project bid process and how the recent changes to the bid should have been handled.

Don Edwards, of Eastpoint, was also in favor of re-bidding the project since the specifications were changed.

Adjourn (12:31 PM)

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

Cheryl Sanders, Chairman – FCBOCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts