

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
SEPTEMBER 3, 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 (9:01 AM)

Chairman Sanders called the Meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge (9:02 AM)

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes (9:04 AM)

There were no Minutes presented for approval.

Payment of County Bills (9:04 AM)

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

Department Supervisor Report

Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Public Works (9:04 AM)

Mr. Nabors had no action items for Board approval but updated the Board on ongoing projects.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Nabors discussed areas in her District that need maintenance.

Commissioner Massey and Mr. Nabors discussed an area on Wilderness Road that needs work.

Chairman Sanders and Mr. Nabors discussed Kentucky and Delaware Streets that need maintenance. They discussed problems with private roads. Chairman Sanders asked that the Road Dept. address the problem roads when weather conditions are better.

The Board and Mr. Nabors discussed the option of transferring an employee from one County Department to another.

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Nabors discussed an area in his District that needs maintenance.

The Board and Commissioner Massey discussed other areas in the County that need maintenance due to the rain.

Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director (9:12 AM)

Mr. Davis had no action items for the Board.

Chairman Sanders and Mr. Davis discussed problems with garbage pick-up in certain areas of the County with Waste Pro.

Chairman Sanders asked Attorney Shuler to review that contract.

Nikki Millender – Parks & Recreation

Mrs. Millender was not in attendance.

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management Director (9:14 AM)

Mrs. Brownell had no action items for the Board.

Mrs. Brownell stated that County resources cannot be used on private property. She discussed a homeowner who has a problem with a ditch on his property. She also discussed issues with pumping water out into the Bay.

Attorney Shuler and Commissioner Massey discussed the option of an easement to help the property owner.

Commissioner Jackel asked about the option of providing material to assist the homeowner, as during storms the County provides sandbags.

The Board and Mrs. Brownell discussed advertising for the vacant position in her Department.

Information Items:

1. *Received a call from Mr. Joe Kight with the Division of Animal Industry to inform me that after meeting with Mr. Dale Dubberly from the Department of Agriculture on August 19,*

2013 and discussing our appeal for FEMA reimbursement that the county was denied. The State is going to appeal our Vector Control Project Worksheet for Tropical Storm Debby to FEMA for reimbursement.

- 2. Proud to report that our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training was a great success and we are now in the process of requesting the State training for some of the members to become instructors. My goal is to have in house instructor so when volunteers want to get involved in CERT we will be able to accommodate their time schedule.*
- 3. We sent our request for additional information to the Debris Monitoring firms for*
 - Hourly rate schedule;*
 - Proof of insurance;*
 - Hold harmless Release and Indemnity Agreement;*
 - Disbarment Statement/Law Suits*

Bill Mahan – County Extension Director

Mr. Mahan was not in attendance.

Ray Brownsworth – Weem’s CEO – Open IT Bids & Hospital Update (9:20 AM)

Mr. Pierce opened the response for the IT service contract for Weems Hospital.

Eagle Tree Technology – \$5,416.00 per month.

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

Mr. Brownsworth discussed information regarding the proposed purchase of the CSS Electronic Medical Record Package.

Dr. Patrick Conrad, the Weems Hospital ER Director, discussed the CSS EMR project.

Chairman Sanders stated that her local physician told her that this purchase is needed but she has concerns about the financing for this project. She discussed Capital Outlay funding and building a new Hospital.

Dr. Conrad discussed the advantages of having a good flowing system in place as opposed to purchasing a slower system.

Commissioner Jackel asked about the Hospital’s request for a loan in the amount of \$209,000 and Mr. Brownsworth stated that it is the decision of the Board if they are going to get a loan or get this funding from Capital Outlay. Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Brownsworth discussed this project in more detail, including CSS controlling the Accounts Receivable.

Commissioner Jackel asked that the Board is notified before any payments are made to CSS, so that benchmarks are considered.

Commissioner Jackel stated that the funding needed for this project concerns her but the constant losses have to be stopped. She discussed concerns with the obligation and amount of money being used from the Capital Outlay fund.

Commissioner Parrish expressed his concerns with this contract with CSS but realizes some of the benefits to moving forward while there is some type of reimbursement available.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to authorize contract with CSS but have Attorney Shuler review both this contract and the current contract with Healthland and look for termination provisions with Healthland; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Massey and Mr. Brownsworth discussed some of the employees working at the County clinics and are not covered with health insurance.

Chairman Sanders and Mr. Brownsworth discussed legislation about critical access designation and any actions that might need to be taken by the Board.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to send letter to Governor Scott and Legislative Delegation about the importance of critical care designation at Weem's Memorial Hospital; Motion carried 5-0.

Open Bids – Airport Hanger (Randall Terry/AVCON) (9:46 AM)

Mr. Pierce stated that no bids were received for this item.

Commissioner Jackel stated that Mr. Tom Slocom has relocated and she would like Staff to send him a letter to see if he is still serving on the Airport Advisory Council.

Marcia Johnson- Clerk of Courts (9:47 AM)

Mrs. Johnson presented her report to the Board.

1. For Board action, Ms. Lucy Turner, Carson & Adkins, has presented the final version of the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual which appears on your IPads. Any changes from the workshop have been incorporated. I would ask for board approval of the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual today with a specified effective date of October 1, 2013.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual today with a specified effective date of October 1, 2013; Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Johnson reminded everyone of the 1st Budget Public Hearing on Thursday at 5:15 PM.

Alan Pierce- Director of Administrative Service (9:49 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented his report to the Board.

1- Inform Board that I did contact the US Coast Guard Aid to Navigation office in Panama City regarding the channel marker lights that were out. The officer I spoke to said they were responsible for the lights and that the Coast Guard was sending a crew out to fix the lights. This should have happened on Aug. 29 and 30.

2- Inform the Board that I have spoken to Warden Atkins, FCI, about Bay City Work Camp. The Warden and his office have provided me with a basic description of the work camp. I have contacted the DMS, Dept. of Management Services, Bureau of Private Prison Monitoring, who handles the contracts for incarceration facilities in Florida operated by third parties. My office has contacted the only 3 private firms operating in Florida regarding Bay City Work Camp- The GEO Group, Inc; CCA; and MTC. They are still moving stuff out Bay City so I have not yet set up a tour.

3- Inform the Board that DACS has removed the issue of oyster aquaculture leases in the Apalachicola Bay from the agenda for the Governor and Cabinet, but DACS is proposing to modify 22 existing leases in Alligator Harbor to allow for full use of the water column.

4- Board action to award the low bid to C.W. Roberts for the construction of the Bluff Road widening and re-surfacing. DOT has sent a letter concurring with the selection of C.W. Roberts.

Chairman Sanders expressed some concerns about this project.

Commissioner Parrish stated that he wanted to move forward with this project as it was important to the residents of that area.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to award the bid for widening and re-surfacing to C. W. Roberts; Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Sanders suggested that the Board consider creating a list of roads that need to be paved and can be addressed with whatever funds are available in the paving account, since C.W. Roberts will be in the County.

5- Inform the Board that the US Fish and Wildlife Service have sent a letter with comments on the Board's proposed Clean Beach Ordinance. I have sent the comments to Mr. Shuler for review.

Commissioner Jackel asked that Attorney Shuler forward his comments on this item to the Board.

6- Board action to sign Task Order for Preble-Rish to provide the engineering for the relocation of Alligator Drive across the 4 Seacon Village lots recently acquired by the Board. Board direction on taking down the fence that was put up by Capital City Bank that now surrounds the property.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve Task Order for Preble-Rish to provide the engineering for the relocation of Alligator Drive across the 4 Seacon Village lots; Motion carried 5-0.

The Board asked that the fence is removed.

7- Provide Board with information requested at the last meeting on the "Race for the Bay" Marathon.

Commissioner Jackel verified, with Mr. Pierce, that the County will have a deposit until the clean-up from the race is completed.

8- Board action to approve SHIP Annual Reports for 3 fiscal years, as required by the state. Ms. Lori Switzer has prepared the reports and they are recommended for approval by the county SHIP Committee. The reports reflect work done in fiscal years 2010/2011, 2011/2012, and 2012/2013.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve SHIP Annual Reports for 2010/2011, 2011/2012 & 2012/2013; Motion carried 5-0.

9- Board direction on the recreational improvements to be applied for the 3 FRDAP grants. Ms. Nikki Millender, Parks and Rec, should have contacted you to finalize the items to be submitted.

The Board discussed, and will consider at the next Meeting, after each of them has conferred with Mrs. Millender.

10- Inform the Board that the TNC is holding another planning meeting for Gulf, Franklin, and Wakulla counties to discuss potential projects for BP funding. The TNC is attempting to develop projects based upon boundaries of watersheds as a way of creating regional projects. They are doing this in all of the 8 impacted counties. The meeting will be Sept. 26, from 1-4 PM, at the Gulf County EOC.

11- Board action to accept recommendation of committee ranking CEI firms for the Carrabelle Multi-Use Path. Three firms applied- Southeastern Engineering, URS, and Hydra Engineering.

Mr. Pierce stated that the Committee recommended Southeastern Engineering.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to accept recommendation of Southeastern Engineering as the CEI consultant for the Carrabelle Multi-Use Path; Motion carried 5-0.

12- Inform Board that the county has received a DEP permit to rebuild a section of the Alligator Point Revetment between Tom Roberts Road and Mr. Sumner's house. FEMA has authorized up to \$142,000 to repair the revetment. Board direction on whether to move forward with making repairs. The repairs would consist of adding more rock to the existing revetment.

The Board discussed the constant changes with this project.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to move forward with making repairs to the Alligator Point Revetment Project; Motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the fact that local contractors are not bidding on these contracts. Commissioner Jackel and Attorney Shuler discussed the option of Staff contacting local contractors because they may not be seeing the advertisements in the paper.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to direct Staff to contact local contractors and providers and make them aware of projects that are being bid out in the County and also direct Staff to update their list of local contractors; Motion carried 5-0.

Recess (10:11 AM)

Chairman Sanders called for a recess.

Reconvene (10:25 AM)

Chairman Sanders reconvened the Meeting.

Mr. Cal Knickerbocker – DACS Update (10:25 AM)

Cal Knickerbocker, Division Director of the Division of Aquaculture, distributed and discussed a map that displayed the many uses of Apalachicola Bay. He stated that the oyster aquaculture lease issue has been temporarily removed from the Governor's agenda for discussion. He stated that DACS wants to move forward with the County on these issues and keep the line of communication open.

Commissioner Lockley and Chairman Sanders stated that most of the seafood workers do not want oyster aquaculture leases but would like for the status of the Bay to remain the same. Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Knickerbocker to speak about the areas of the Bay that are closed and to also discuss FWC's new role with the decisions of closing the Bay.

Mr. Knickerbocker stated that there are a lot of projects in the works to help with rehabilitating the Bay and discussed how both agencies play a role on which areas are closed or opened. He stated that, from a health management standpoint, he cannot keep the summer bars opened

during the winter season. He discussed how testing might affect the current product as well as future product.

Commissioner Jackel asked if a temporary plan can be implemented to keep the summer bars opened.

Chairman Sanders stated that the opening and closing of the Bay can be amended and asked what oyster beds are opened today.

Mr. Knickerbocker stated that all of the oyster beds are closed due to an Executive Order issued by FWC.

Commissioner Lockley asked why the Board wasn't notified of the Executive Order. Mr. Knickerbocker explained that FWC and the Dept. of Agriculture acted from written recommendations that were submitted by local community groups. Commissioner Lockley explained that the Board should have been notified because the Commissioners are the ones who receive the phone calls.

Chairman Sanders discussed an email from FWC she received yesterday that didn't mention the Executive Order or the closure of the Bay.

Chairman Sanders also explained how this action affects the oystermen in the County.

Chairman Sanders and Commissioner Jackel stated that better communication is needed within the departments. Commissioner Jackel stated the need to open the Bay as soon as possible as the closure has created an economic disaster for the community.

Mr. Knickerbocker stated that he is attending a meeting with FWC this afternoon to discuss this matter further. He said the meeting will be open to the public.

Shannon Hartsfield, President of Franklin County Seafood Workers Association, explained why the letter was sent to FWC. He stated what areas were proposed to be opening, which the oystermen didn't agree with as there were no oysters for harvesting in those areas, so they protested. Mr. Hartsfield stated that the oystermen will have to be more proactive with what areas to harvest as the State is not doing a good job to protect the Bay for future harvesting.

Chairman Sanders commented further on the problems with the State regarding the Bay.

The Board and Mr. Hartsfield discussed the folks who made the recommendation on closing the Bay.

Chairman Sanders stated that if the Bay isn't opened for the oystermen to work then the State should send financial help for the working oystermen. She talked of the resiliency of the local oystermen and other workers in this County.

Commissioner Massey and Joe Taylor discussed financial help for the seafood workers.

Commissioner Parrish asked about the fisheries disaster declaration that was issued recently by the Dept. of Commerce. He asked Mr. Knickerbocker about DACS backing away from the re-shelling program, and stated that until there is a massive re-shelling program, the Bay will never recover.

Mr. Knickerbocker explained that the Legislature created a funding problem with the re-shelling program and they are waiting for funding that is needed to hire contractors to provide the shells.

Commissioner Parrish and Mr. Knickerbocker discussed when and what it would take for the winter bars to be opened for harvesting.

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Knickerbocker discussed the Executive Order and how it affects the seafood workers.

Mr. Knickerbocker pledged the support of his department to help with the Bay.

Mr. Hartsfield stated what will be discussed at the 1:00 PM meeting this afternoon with FWC.

He also discussed the re-shelling program. Commissioner Jackel also commented on the program and asked that more people are involved with the next project.

The Board and Mr. Hartsfield discussed items to include in the letter to the Governor.

Commissioner Jackel stated the importance of informing FWC that the local workers can do the re-shelling program, so no additional contractor is needed.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to send request to the State for financial help for the seafood workers and include specifics as to let the local seafood workers do the re-shelling and not outside local contractors; Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Kim Bodine – Workforce Update (11:13 AM)

Kim Bodine, of Gulf Coast Workforce, gave an end of project update on the Shelling Program. She stated that the Workforce wasn't able to secure additional funding for this program. She provided an informational handout for the Commissioners. She stated that a budget has been submitted for an additional Shelling Program and other financial assistance, such as the Shell Oil Grant.

Commissioner Jackel asked that all seafood workers are included with planning for projects and financial assistance. Ms. Bodine suggested that a County representative should be included in the conference calls where funding is being discussed.

Chairman Sanders asked if the County can do anything else to get other funds to assist the seafood workers. Ms. Bodine offered some suggestions but stated that money is needed to provide additional help.

Mr. Curt Blair – TDC Presentation on proposed Bed Tax Increase (11:25 AM)

Curt Blair, of Franklin County Tourist Development Council, reviewed the handouts he provided to the Commissioners. He asked the Board to consider raising the tourist tax by another \$0.02. He gave some statistics on previous years and reasons why there was an increase following the BP oil spill. Mr. Blair explained that the spike in tourism during the years of 2011 and 2012 was due to advertising paid for by BP money. He explained that the decrease in collections for the 2013 summer was due to the excessive amount of rain and made some additional comments on where tourist tax revenue is used within the County. Mr. Blair stated that Franklin County has the lowest tourist tax of any other county in the Northwest area and explained why he supports this increase.

Mr. Blair shared a blog article he received over the weekend expressing the author's disappointment in the decrease in Apalachicola oysters.

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Blair discussed why the Department of Revenue collects our sales tax instead of it being collected locally.

Cal Allen, City of Carrabelle Commissioner and member of the TDC Board, spoke in favor of the \$.02 increase to the Bed Tax and why it was important to the economy of the County.

Frank Cook, City of Apalachicola Commissioner and member of the TDC Board, spoke in favor of this increase and stated how the tax can help the City and County.

Rex Pennycuff, Eastpoint Business owner and member of the TDC Board, spoke in favor of the increase and discussed how it has the potential to help his business.

Jim Bachrach, of Mainstreet Apalachicola, was in favor of the increase but hoped that it would help the seafood workers in some way.

Van Johnson, of H'Cola, which is a recipient of TDC funding, spoke in favor of this tax increase.

Diana Prickett, a St. George Island business owner and member of the TDC board, spoke in favor of this tax increase.

Chester Reece, of Carrabelle and a member of the TDC board, spoke in favor of the tax increase and stated the importance of promoting the County's natural resources. He also thought it would be instrumental in creating a 12 month economy.

Susan Zimmerman, of the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of the increase.

Paul Parker, of Alligator Point and a member of the TDC Board, spoke in favor of the tax increase, as it would help the County's economy in the "off" season. He stated that the Alligator Point Taxpayers Association didn't take a position on this tax increase.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Parker to explain how the lodging revenue multiplies in the community and he gave statistics on how this works.

Ken Schrader, owner of Bryant House Bed & Breakfast in Apalachicola, was not in favor of the tax increase and offered some other options for increasing revenue. He also stated that he was not in favor of how the current funding is being spent.

Ms. Bruce Hall, owner of a Vacation Rental on St. George Island, thinks that the funding that has been received thus far has not been spent and managed correctly. She stated that the increase will have a negative effect on the local residents.

Lynn Wilson, owner of Coombs Inn, spoke against the proposed tax increase. She stated that many of the local hotels, motels and Bed & Breakfast businesses in Apalachicola do not have a voice on the TDC board.

Shannon Hartsfield, of Franklin County Seafood Workers Association, spoke in favor of the tax increase.

Commissioner Parrish read a statement from the Apalachicola lodging providers. He stated that until there is fair representation of the Apalachicola lodging providers on the TDC board, he cannot support the proposed tax increase.

Ketan Vora, Water Street Hotel co-owner, shared his experience with the hospitality business and stated why it wasn't a good idea to increase the tax.

Tom Morgan, owner of Apalach Outfitters, stated his experience with the hospitality industry and other TDCs throughout the State. He spoke in favor of this tax and believed it would impact every business in the County in a positive way.

Mary Lynn Rogers, owner of Rancho Inn, stated that the current tax funding has to be spent better before increasing the tax.

Commissioner Jackel stated that the purpose of the tax increase is to promote off-season tourism in the County. She explained that this is a user type tax not a local tax. She explained

how the TDC tax helps the community. She stated that the TDC will learn from any spending mistakes that have been made in the past and stated some of what the TDC will do to help the small inn owners throughout the County. She said the seafood promotion will be part of the future plans. She stated that the motion she makes today will require a super majority vote for the super majority.

Motion by Jackel, to start the process for a 2% increase by super majority; Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Jackel, to start the process for a 1% increase by simple majority; Motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Lockley asked what type of majority is needed to send this issue to a referendum and Attorney Shuler stated it would need to be a simple majority.

Commissioner Lockley stated that there has to be better representation of Apalachicola on the TDC Board.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to start the process for a 2% increase by referendum, based on Attorney Shuler conferring with the Supervisor of Elections' Office; Motion carried 4-1, Lockley opposed.

Chairman Sanders asked when the TDC contracts will be submitted for approval. Mr. Blair stated that these contracts would be submitted at the next Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Parrish asked if the vendor contracts are ever put out for public bid. Mr. Blair stated that some of the contracts have been bid out.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to place the administration of the TDC program under the County Commission or the Clerk's office; Motion failed 2-3, Jackel, Massey, Sanders opposed.

Alan Pierce- Director of Administrative Service – continued (12:49 PM)

Mr. Pierce stated that the FWC Executive Order closing the Bay was rescinded and the Chairman read it into the record.

Chairman Sanders stated that at the FWC meeting regarding the military using Tate's Hell for military operations training, she was representing herself, not the Board. She stated concerns she had with this item and how it was handled at the meeting. She stated that she is opposed to the military using Tate's Hell for training because it was purchased by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of public use. She asked the Board to authorize her to speak against this matter.

Commissioner Jackel is opposed to this due to the negative environmental and economical impact this action would cause to the County.

Chairman Sanders stated that she would like to request public records concerning the proposal of using Tate's Hell for military operations.

Anita Grove, of the Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce, provided additional information on this matter.

Chairman Sanders also provided information on this matter and stated how important it is to stop it.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Parrish, to authorize Chairman Sanders as spokesperson concerning military training operations in Tate's Hell and send a letter opposing the proposed action; Motion carried 5-0.

13- Board action to sign Task Order #8 with AVCON to provide engineering services for repairs to the Drainage system and the airport and to provide security upgrades. There are grant funds to pay for these and the scope has been reviewed and approved by FDOT.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve the Chairman's signature on Task Order #8 with AVCON to provide engineering services for repairs to the drainage system at the Airport and to provide security upgrades; Motion carried 5-0.

14- Board action to request FDOT to allow AVCON to have a one year extension as the county's airport engineers. I have spoken to Mr. Ted Mosteller, Airport Advisory Chairman, and he has no objection to the extension. I recommend the extension as we have several partially finished projects, such as the drainage project above, and construction on the hanger leased to Randall Terry that need to be completed. Normally every 5 years the FDOT requires the county to solicit proposals from engineers wanting to provide services at the airport, but considering all the unfinished projects FDOT is willing to allow an extension.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Massey, to approve request for FDOT to allow AVCON to have a one year extension as the County's Airport engineers; Motion carried 5-0.

15- Inform Board that Eastpoint Sewer and Water has sent another letter asking the Board to take over the responsibility of the lift station servicing the jail and landfill. I have spoken repeatedly to Mr. George Allen on this issue.

Commissioner Parrish stated that this is EPWS's responsibility and they should fix the problems.

Mr. Pierce stated that on September 5th the Small Business Administration will be in the County to assist residents who might be interested in applying for a small business loan.

Mr. Pierce requested permission to sign a hold harmless agreement to use the Airport as a staging area in the event of a storm.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve signing a hold harmless agreement with Duke Energy in order for them to use the Airport as a staging area in the event of a storm; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Massey stated that Ben Withers has a barge blocking a boat ramp on Timber Island Road, which has to be moved and he wants Staff to take action on this matter.

Clay Kennedy, of Preble-Rish, gave an update on the St. George Island fishing pier and stated that it should be completed within two weeks.

Chairman Sanders gave Mr. Pierce information on a traffic study at St James Bay and would like him to address this matter.
She asked Mr. Pierce to attend a meeting for the Nature Conservancy.

Chairman Sanders provided some information for the upcoming Consortium meeting.

Chairman Sanders stated that there will be Florida Association of Counties ethics training at the Conference, so attendance to the training in Orlando is not necessary.

Chairman Sanders stated that Tate's Hell has surplus property for sale and would like for Mr. Pierce to look into it.

T. Michael Shuler- County Attorney Report (1:14 PM)

Attorney Shuler would like Board approval of the draft language for the County's indigent care ½ cent sales surtax to include ambulance language.

The Board and Attorney Shuler discussed that the proposed tax cannot directly fund the ambulance service, only the indigent and medically poor residents of the County.
The Board would like additional information before moving forward with this matter.

Commissioners' & Public Comments (1:24 PM)

Bill West, of Carrabelle, asked for the oystermen to be mindful of what size oysters they are harvesting. He also stated that he wasn't in favor of increasing the amount of tourists coming into the County.

Chester Reece, Council Member of the TDC Board, spoke to the concerns, which were voiced earlier in the Meeting, of the TDC board acting in an 'open' manner.

Adjourn (1:29 PM)

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

Cheryl Sanders, Chairman – FCBOCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts