

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
JANUARY 7, 2014
9:00 AM**

Commissioners Present: Cheryl Sanders – Chairman, Noah Lockley, and Joseph Parrish

Commissioners Absent: William Massey – Vice Chairman (Death in Family), Pinki Jackel

Others Present: Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts, Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Michael Morón – Deputy Clerk to the Board

Call to Order (9:00 AM)

Chairman Sanders called the Meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge (9:00 AM)

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes (9:01 AM)

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to approve the Minutes of the December 17, 2013 Regular Meeting; Motion carried 3-0.

Payment of County Bills (9:01 AM)

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve the payment of the County's Bills as presented; Motion carried 3-0.

Department Supervisor Report

Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Public Works (9:01 AM)

Mr. Nabors had no action item but gave an update on the conditions of the roads due to the rainy weather.

Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director (9:02 AM)

Mr. Davis had no action items for the Board.

Nikki Millender – Parks & Recreation (9:02 AM)

Mrs. Millender was in the field due to the weather.

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management Director (9:02 AM)

Mrs. Brownell was also in the field due to the weather.

Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts (9:02 AM)

Mrs. Johnson had no action items for the Board.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Service (9:02 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented his report to the Board.

1- Board action to sign JPA for \$1.2M taxiway for the N/S runway at the airport. This taxiway will provide runway access to the county industrial park.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, authorizing the Chairman's signature on the JPA for \$1.2 M taxiway for the N/S runway at the Airport; Motion carried 3-0.

2-Board action to authorize Preble-Rish to design and permit the relocation of Gulf Shore Blvd. now that FEMA has approved the change in funding to allow repair money to be used for a permanent relocation of a section of the road. FEMA has authorized some \$420,000 to move the road to land being leased from Bald Point State Park.

Chairman Sanders and Mr. Pierce discussed the terms of the lease.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, authorizing Preble-Rish to design and permit the relocation of Gulf Shore Blvd; Motion carried 3-0.

3- At the Dec. 17th Board meeting I was directed to contact the owners of the mine to see if local truckers could be used to haul fossilized oyster shells from the pit on CR 67 to the railroad in Telogia. I have spoken to the contractor and they are looking for some more truckers. They are specifically looking for tractor trailers, but it is possible other types of trucks might be considered.

Chairman Sanders and Mr. Pierce discussed encouraging the use of local truckers for this project.

4- Inform the Board that the Ms. Debbie Belcher is advertising the public meeting to obtain public input on proposed CDBG projects. The meeting will be Jan. 13, 2014, at 6 PM, at the Community Center, on 4th St, in Apalachicola.

5- Inform the Board that since Weems Hospital is working with USDA on funding, the USDA is requiring Franklin County have a current registration on the USDA System for Award Management (SAM) site. Since Ms. Erin Griffith, county Finance, is already listed as a contact on the SAM site, she will continue to be the point of contact on the site.

6- Board direction on submitting 2014 Budget Request forms. In December the Florida legislative leadership decided to produce a budget request form for use by all local governments desiring to seek state legislative appropriations for projects. The Board has until Jan. 31 to submit any projects it would like to see funded by the Legislature. The forms are to be turned into Senator Montford's office. There is no guarantee if any projects will be funded by the Legislature but it is a positive sign that they are at least accepting applications.

Mr. Pierce suggested that the Board finalize a list of projects for submission at the January 21st meeting.

7- Board action to sign Change Order for Gulf Coast Utilities to install bumpers on the newly repaired St. George Island revetment project. After the project was completed we realized there is the potential for a boat to hit some protruding bolts on the vertical seawall so we need to install bumpers to keep the boats off the wall as they are waiting to unload. FEMA funds will be used.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed the location and design of this project.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, authorizing the Chairman's signature on Change Order for Gulf Coast Utilities to install bumpers on the newly repaired revetment project on St. George Island; Motion carried 3-0.

8- Inform Board that Governor Scott did allow a partial reduction in the local match for damages associated with Tropical Storm Debbie.

Mr. Pierce discussed further.

Mr. Pierce, on another matter, stated that he received an email from the Gulf Coast Consortium requesting a priority order for projects, and that he would discuss this with each Commissioner individually.

Warren Yeager, a Gulf County Commissioner and a member of the Consortium, explained this request from the Consortium further.

T. Michael Shuler – County Attorney Report (9:12 AM)

Attorney Shuler suggested that the Board allow him to present his report at the next meeting in front of the full Board. The Board agreed.

Commissioner Lockley asked that Attorney Shuler present the action item relating to travel and expenses for the Canvassing Board Seminar.

Canvassing Board Seminar

I represent the canvassing board. The Florida Association of Supervisors of Elections is conducting a Canvassing Board Seminar in Orlando on January 31, 2014.

Action: Motion to approve travel to the seminar.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve travel and expenses for Commissioner Lockley and Attorney Shuler to attend Canvassing Board Seminar in Orlando; Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners' & Public Comments (9:13 AM)

Commissioner Lockley stated that he received an invitation for the Board to attend the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration at the National Guard Armory on January 20 at 11:00 AM.

Chairman Sanders extended condolences to Commissioner Massey and his family for the loss of his mother-in-law.

Allan Feifer, of Alligator Point Taxpayers Association, asked for Board action to approve a sign being erected in Alligator Point that addresses garbage and trash dumping.

Attorney Shuler asked Mr. Feifer to get with him and Mr. Pierce to discuss this matter further. Chairman Sanders stated that dumping of trash is a problem in Alligator Point and throughout the County.

Commissioner Parrish stated that he wanted to make sure vision will not be restricted by the sign.

Mr. Feifer thanked the Solid Waste Department for their response to a situation in Alligator Point.

Warden Atkins, of Franklin Correctional Institution, wished the Board well and stated that, due to the weather, the inmate crews were not available to the County for the next two days.

Commissioner Lockley asked if there was any word on the possible re-opening of the Bay City Work Camp. Warden Atkins stated that he has not received any word of the Work Camp re-opening.

Adjourn (9:21 AM)

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

Cheryl Sanders, Chairman – FCBOCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts