

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
AUGUST 20, 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 (9:00 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 Minutes (9:02 AM)

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve the Minutes of the August 6, 2013 Meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Payment of County Bills (9:03 AM)

Commissioner Lockley asked about the payment to the Friends of the Library and the Library. Mr. Pierce provided some information on this matter.

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

Department Supervisors Report

Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Public Works (9:05 AM)

Mr. Nabors had no action items.

Mr. Nabors asked if an employee can transfer from one County department to another with their same salary.

The Board, Mrs. Johnson, and Mr. Pierce discussed the pros and cons of this matter.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to allow employees to transfer from one County Department to another with their salary; Board didn't vote and deferred this discussion to the afternoon workshop and Special Meeting.

Chairman Sanders asked that all Department Heads attend the afternoon workshop.

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

Mr. Davis had no action items.

Nikki Millender – Parks & Recreation (9:13 AM)

Mrs. Millender had no action items but did provide sign-up information for Little League football, cheerleading, and soccer.

Commissioner Massey and Mrs. Millender discussed a proposal to change the location where the County vehicles are parked to pick up inmates, which would save on gas. The Board discussed where the vehicles would be parked in Carrabelle and also the work schedule of the Park and Recreation employees.

The Board will discuss the inmate schedule at the afternoon Meeting.

Commissioner Parrish asked if a FRDAP Grant can be submitted to repair the soccer fields and build basketball courts in the County.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed the FRDAP grant process further.

The Board agreed that repairing the soccer fields and building basketball courts would be the first of three FRDAP Grants that the County would apply for, which would consist of adding lights to the walking path at Kendrick Park and the soccer field at D.W. Wilson Park and also the Vrooman Park project.

The Board discussed other parks throughout the County that need attention.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to direct Staff to create three FRDAP grants for soccer field repair, basketball court, playground equipment and lighting at D.W. Wilson Park, lighting the walking path at Kendrick Park, and the Vrooman Park project; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Massey, Commissioner Jackel, and Mrs. Millender discussed creating a Christmas scene in Eastpoint.

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management (9:29 AM)

Mrs. Brownell presented her report to the Board.

Action Items:

Brownell asked for Board action to advertise for the vacant position based on Mr. Rundel decision to resign from his decision.

The Board and Mrs. Brownell discussed this matter.

Commissioner Parrish suggested that the Board defer this decision to the afternoon workshop.

Information Items:

- 1. Met with the Joe Kight with the State Division of Animal Industry on August 7 to discuss animal issues during and after disasters. Mr. Albert Floyd, with Franklin County Animal Control, also attended. We discussed updating the county's animal plan and Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with Leon County's Animal Control and Humane Society.*
- 2. August 09, 2013 the Emergency Management staff participated in a Region 2 Evacuation Exercise to test regional coordination and communications with our surrounding counties.*
- 3. Pamela Brownell attended the web based training for Florida PA reporting process on August 14.*
- 4. Emergency Management along with Bill Mahan and Dewitt Polous met with Mr. Dale Dubberly from the Department of Agriculture to discuss the vector control documentation process needed for reimbursement after a disaster.*

Bill Mahan – County Extension Director (9:33 AM)

Mr. Mahan had no action items discussed the following items from his report.

Franklin - UF IFAS Updates

- 1) Seafood HACCP Training Course – Tomorrow August 21st, I will be in Tallahassee to assist Steve Otwell with teaching a Seafood HACCP Course.*
- 2) UF's Natural Resource Leadership Institute – UF's NRLI Program visit to Franklin County from August 8 – 10 was a big success. The 14 Fellows in the program learned a lot about the County's seafood and natural resource industries from the tours, field trips and panel discussions they attended. One of the highlights was the trip to the Buddy Ward & Sons shrimp processing plant where they learned about IQF shrimp. None of the Fellows know what IQF was!*

- 3) *Sea Turtle Disorientation Work – I continue my work with FWC, St. George Island Volunteer Turtlers and rental property managers on lighting and sea turtle hatchling disorientation issues.*

FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

- 4) *Bow hunting Field Day for Internet Course in Bay County – The FWC is sponsoring a bow hunting field day in Bay County on Aug. 24 for serious archers who have taken the online portion of the course. Instruction is from 8 a.m. to noon at the FWC’s Northwest Regional Office, 3911 Highway 2321 in Panama City. The purpose of this class is to provide advanced instruction to bow hunters on such topics as the fundamentals of bow hunting, safety, hunting techniques, stalking, trailing and sportsmanship. Even though it is not required in Florida, completion of a bow hunting class is required in at least 14 other states before a person can purchase a bow hunting license.*

Participants must have completed the online National Bow hunter Education Foundation course and bring the official NBEF Field Day Qualifying Certificate with them. In addition, participants should dress for hunting and bring their own archery equipment, including bows and arrows (field points or target points), pen or pencil and a packed lunch. People interested in attending this course can register online and obtain information about future bow hunting classes at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety or by calling Hunter Safety Coordinator George Warthen at the FWC’s regional office in Panama City at 850-265-3676.

Open RFQ’s for the Carrabelle Multi-Use Path (9:34 AM)

Mr. Pierce opened and stated the name of the Companies that submitted qualifications.

Hydra Engineering, Crawfordville, Florida
Southeastern Consulting Engineers, Wewahitchka, Florida
URS, Tampa, Florida

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to forward the responses to the committee for recommendation; Motion carried 5-0.

Advisory Board of Adjustment – Report (9:36 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented the items for Board consideration.

1. *Approved by ABOA - Consideration of a request for a variance to locate a house five feet into the east side lot line and 10 feet into the front setback line off of California Street, on property described as Lot 20, Block H, Unit 1, Lanark Beach, 2187 US Highway 98, Lanark Village, Florida 32323. The request was submitted by Forgotten Coast Properties, LLC, agent for Joe Adams, owner.*

Mr. Pierce stated that there was one objection and explained that a neighbor up the street complained that there is currently a mobile home on the property and the home being built will block the view.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve a request for a variance to locate a house five feet into the east side lot line and 10 feet into the front setback line off of California Street, on property described as Lot 20, Block H, Unit 1, Lanark Beach; Motion carried 5-0.

2. Approved by ABOA - Consideration of a request for a variance to construct a swimming pool five feet from west side property line on property described as Lot 8, Schooner Landing, 2356 Schooner Land, St. George Island, Florida. Request submitted by William Schultz, owner.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to approve a request for a variance to construct a swimming pool five feet from west side property line on property described as Lot 8, Schooner Landing; Motion carried 5-0.

3. Approved by ABOA - Consideration of a request for a variance to build a house 15 feet into the front setback line off of 3rd Street East, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida, on property described as Lot 1, Block 9, Unit 1 East, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The request was submitted by Galloway Construction, agent for GLHJ, LLC, Owner.

Mr. Pierce provided the Board with a site plan for this request. Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Pierce discussed this request further.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to approve of a request for a variance to build a house 15 feet into the front setback line off of 3rd Street East, St. George Island; Motion carried 5-0.

4. Approved by ABOA - Consideration of a variance to construct a house five feet into both side lot lines on property described as Lot 5, Block 9, Unit 1 East, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The request was submitted by Galloway Construction, agent for GLHU, LLC, Owner.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to approve a variance to construct a house five feet into both side lot lines on property described as Lot 5, Block 9, Unit 1 East, St. George Island; Motion carried 5-0.

5. Approved by ABOA— Contingent upon resolving the issues of Parking on the north side of Hwy 98 (across a busy highway) and documentation from Eastpoint Water & Sewer that they will issue a Sewer tap for pump out station on the south side of Hwy. 98: Consideration of a request for a Special Exception to construct a 10 slip marina in the C-1 District in Eastpoint on property described as a parcel lying on the south side of US highway 98 in Section 29, Township 8 South,

Range 6 West. The Request was submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for Magnolia Ridge, LLC, owner.

Mr. Pierce stated that this item has to be approved by Planning & Zoning so the Board did not discuss or take action on this item.

Keith McCarron – ARPC/FDOT Update (9:42 AM)

Mr. McCarron distributed copies of the plan and discussed his report with the Board.

Background

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) works annually with agencies, local governments and the public to update the Five-Year Transportation Work Program, which is the Department's ongoing planning process for allocating state and federal transportation funds. The Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) assists FDOT-District 3 in gathering local government input on annual Work Program updates. In this role the ARPC assists local governments in understanding FDOT's Work Program process, identifying projects and priorities for FDOT consideration and promoting consistency between the Work Program and local government's Capital Improvement Schedules.

Attachments

*Florida Department of Transportation 5-Year Work Program FY 2014 – 2018
2012 Franklin County Work Program Comments
US 98 Surface Condition Survey Results
2012 / 2013 Candidate Projects Franklin County Submitted to District 3*

2012 FRANKLIN COUNTY WORK PROGRAM COMMENTS

1. US 98 from Carrabelle to Eastpoint

Franklin County is concerned about the pavement condition of US 98 between Carrabelle and Eastpoint because this is the primary travel corridor in the County. Asphalt in the westbound lane is deteriorating in patches along the centerline causing shallow ruts. The Franklin County Commission requests District 3 conduct a field inspection and rut/ride survey for this section of US 98. The County believes this section is in worse condition than the section west of Apalachicola which is scheduled for resurfacing in 2015. They would like to see a comparison of rut/ride survey results for these two segments of US 98.

Commissioner Jackel commented on the cause to the condition of the road. She believes it has a lot to do with the sea wall that was built along the highway.

Mr. McCarron discussed her comments.

2. US 98 Downtown Apalachicola

The City of Apalachicola requests FDOT assistance evaluating the concerns of business owners in the downtown commercial area of US 98 (Market Street) and the concrete stairs near the intersection of Market Street and Avenue E where US 98 takes a 90 degree turn. Improvements should be coordinated with the resurfacing project scheduled for 2014 [Work Program #42874510 - SR 30 (US 98) from W of CR 384 12TH St to Apalachicola River Bridge]. FDOT Project Manager Alaina Webb has contacted the City and discussions are ongoing. The consulting engineer for the project is currently evaluating design alternatives for making the intersection ADA accessible. The design engineer will be holding a public hearing when the plans for the resurfacing project are 60% complete. You will be notified about this meeting so you can encourage the business owners to attend.

3. Capital City to the Sea Multiuse Trail

The Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) will be conducting a feasibility study for a regional trail project known as the Capital City to the Sea Multiuse Trail (CCSMT) in the near future. CRTPA is currently developing a scope-of-services (SOS) for the feasibility study that only includes Leon and Wakulla County. The original concept for the trail network included eastern Franklin County and Carrabelle, but CRTPA cannot include areas outside their boundary. Franklin County and Carrabelle request FDOT funding for an identical feasibility study following the same scope and timing as the CRTPA project to ensure a complete project.

U.S. 98 From Carrabelle to Eastpoint

The Franklin Commission has been concerned about the pavement condition of US 98 between Carrabelle and Eastpoint since the damage from Hurricane Dennis in 2005. In 2012 the Franklin Commission question the priority of resurfacing the section of US 98 between the Gulf County line and CR 385 (Tilton Road), which is scheduled for resurfacing in 2016, before the Carrabelle to Eastpoint segment because the Commission believed it was in worse condition. The FDOT surveys state roads annually and in 2012 the section between Carrabelle and Eastpoint was surveyed a second time in October. The results of the road condition survey are provided in the following table. The District 3 Materials Engineer has reviewed these results and concluded that the crack, ride, and rut measurements did not meet the criteria for resurfacing in 2012, but surface conditions will continue to be surveyed annually and this section will be scheduled for resurfacing when warranted.

Commissioners Lockley and Parrish commented on the condition of US 98 in Apalachicola. Commissioner Massey suggested doing the road paving at night time and hiring local police officers to keep the roads safe as they work.

Commissioner Parrish and Mr. McCarron discussed the timeline to get these projects started and finished.

Chairman Sanders stated that US 98 has been a concern of the Board for years and the Board has continued to inform the State of this condition. She reminded Mr. McCarron that these problems were due to the damage from the storm but also because of the States 'quick fix' solution.

Commissioner Jackel expressed her concerns when looking at the plans for beyond 2015 for Franklin County and asked where those funds are being spent.

Mr. McCarron explained about future funding but stated that the County isn't available for SCRAP funding. He also stated that there are not enough State roads in the County which would bring more funding.

Mr. Pierce stated that there will be some local projects in next year's report.

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. McCarron discussed building additional State roads in the County.

Commissioner Parrish thanked Mr. McCarron and told him that he appreciated his hard work for the County.

Recess (10:09 AM)

Chairman Sanders called for a recess.

Reconvene (10:19 AM)

Chairman Sanders reconvened the Meeting.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report (10:19 AM)

Mrs. Johnson had no report for the Board.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report (10:19 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented his report to the Board.

1- Provide Board with copies of testimony given to Senators Nelson and Rubio during the Senate Committee hearing held in Apalachicola on August 13. As the Board is aware, the Annex was packed for this historic hearing. Board action to write a thank you letter to the Senators for making the hearing possible, and the same for the panelist who provided testimony in defense of the Apalachicola Bay- Shannon Hartsfield, Ricky Banks, and Dan Tonsmeire. Board action to send the Governor a letter thanking him for allowing Mr. Steverson to testify as well.

The Senate staff has provided me an email if additional comments want to be submitted for the record.

Chairman Sanders suggested submitting the Board's comments and concerns for the record.

Commissioner Parrish stated some specific language that should be included in the submission. He stated that he will get with Mr. Pierce on his comments.

Commissioner Jackel suggested including the Resolution.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Massey, to send thank you letters to the Senators for making the hearing possible, for the panelist, Shannon Hartsfield, Ricky Banks, and Dan Tonsmeire,

who provided testimony in defense of the Apalachicola Bay, and for allowing Mr. Steverson to testify, and include the Board's comments and the Resolution approved by the Board with the letter; Motion carried 5-0.

2- As the Board is aware, the Department of Corrections has announced its intention of closing Bay City Work Camp. Since the county provided the land for the work camp, I was contacted by Mr. Darrell Branning, DC staff, and asked whether the Board would want the land back as the deed has a reverter clause. If the Board did not want the land then the state Division of State Lands would consider the land "surplus" and would dispose of the property. I have spoken to the Chairman and to the County Attorney and I have written a letter stating the Board would like the property back. Mr. Branning was unsure when the transfer would happen but it should be within the next 60 days. Board discussion about future uses of property.

The Board discussed possible uses and projects of the facility.

Commissioner Parrish stated that the Board needs to move hastily with a use, so the facility isn't vandalized or left to deteriorate.

Commissioner Lockley suggested advertising on the Florida Association of Counties website.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to proceed with the County reacquiring the land at the Bay City Work Camp; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to advertise for RFP's for the Bay City Work Camp facility; Motion carried 5-0.

3- Inform the Board that the Governor's Office is still working on whether to grant any county a waiver for damages associated with Hurricane Debbie. As requested by the Governor's Office, I have provided an updated application form.

4- Inform the Board that the County has been officially notified by FEMA that the County flood maps will be effective Feb. 5, 2014.

5- Board action to accept an additional \$529,689 of construction funds from DOT for the widening and resurfacing of Bluff Road. The Board had originally received a JPA from DOT for \$1,822,301 for this project. When the Board opened the bids at the last meeting the lowest bid was for \$2,226,001.82, so the low bid was more than the funds available. DOT is awarding the Board additional funds so that the project can be developed as designed. The total amount available for construction is now \$2,351,990.82.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to accept an additional \$529,689 of construction funds from DOT for the widening and resurfacing of Bluff Road; 5-0.

6- Board action to award the CEI (Construction, Engineering, and Inspection) Services to Preble-Rish for the Bluff Road Project.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to award the CEI (Construction, Engineering, and Inspection) Services bid to Preble-Rish for the Bluff Road Project; Motion carried 5-0.

7- Board action to sign Joint Participation Agreement with DOT for the widening and resurfacing of Oak Street in Lanark Village, and another JPA for widening and resurfacing of the Bayshore Drive/Twin Lakes loop in Eastpoint.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed these projects.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Parrish, to approve Chairman's signature on Joint Participation Agreement with DOT for the widening and resurfacing of Oak Street in Lanark Village and another JPA for widening and resurfacing of Bayshore Drive/Twin Lakes Loop in Eastpoint; Motion carried 5-0.

8- Inform the Board that both Commissioner Jackel and Commissioner Massey have advised me that lights on the Eastpoint channel marker are out. We have called the USACOE in Panama City as we believe aids to navigation are maintained by the Corps.

Commissioner Massey and Mr. Pierce discussed additional lights that are out throughout the County.

9- The NWFMD has called asking for a list of stormwater problems in the county. As the commissioners think of areas in their districts that need work please contact me. As I understand it, this will be list a used to get future funding; they do not have any construction money at this time.

Chairman Sanders stated that this would be a good time to list the areas due to recent flooding in the County.

10- Inform the Board that the 3rd Annual "Race for the Bay" Marathon will be held Sunday, Oct. 20. The race organizer, Mr. Mark Henderson, has called to say he is making the same arrangements with everyone as he had last year, including coordinating the race with the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Jackel asked that the Board defer this item until the next Meeting so that details of this project can be submitted in writing.

11- Provide Board with biennial Resort Village Status Report. There has been no activity in Resort Village in the last year.

12- Board direction regarding Opportunity Florida. Opportunity Florida has sent the Board an invoice for membership \$1,154.90. The Board has not been a member since 2009.

There was no action taken on this item as the Chairman and Commissioner Jackel are against paying for membership.

13- Board action to award the low bid on the repairs to the St. George Island Revetment and Road to Gulf Coast Utility Contractors (GUIC) for \$434,511. This is a FEMA reimbursed project. I was incorrect at the last meeting when I said the deadline for this work is Nov. 30. It is Jan. 2, 2014.

Commissioner Jackel stated that she would like to be sure the deadline of November 30th is met and asked that Mr. Pierce and Preble-Rish to stays on top of this project.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to approve awarding low bid on repairs to the SGI Revetment and Road to Gulf Coast Utility Contractors (GUIC) for \$434,511; Motion carried 5-0.

14- Library Update. At the last budget workshop, the Board had a discussion regarding the potential ownership of the new Eastpoint library.

Ms. Joyce Estes has provided me with packets for the Board regarding the history of the project. She has advised me that the USDA grant/loan agreement the Friends received was one specifically designed for non-profits. If the county ever wanted to take over the loan directly the USDA would have to agree. Further, Ms. Estes wants the Board to know that there are restrictions placed on the property so that the wetlands must be protected. (Pass out information prepared by Friends.)

15- Inform the Board that I have received an email from the Chairman where a resident of the county is asking the county adopt an ordinance to protect and preserve 2nd Amendment rights. I am going to turn this email over to the county attorney for review, as I am not sure a county ordinance will have any effect in protecting rights if the 2nd Amendment is every changed.

16- Inform the Board that the Circuit Judge has signed the condemnation valuation order for the 4 SECON lots on Alligator Point. I have submitted it to FEMA for reimbursement. As soon as the reimbursement comes in, we can then begin construction of the 370 feet of road that will connect Harbor Circle to road in front of the Alligator Point Fire Station.

17- Inform Board the Dept. of the Air Force has contacted the county and advised that the Air Force is considering establishing helicopter landing and drop zones, airstrips, and a number of different landing and air training activities in Blackwater River State Forest and Tate's Hell State Forest. The proposed action is needed because restricted areas over Eglin AFB create scheduling conflicts with nonhazardous training. There is a public meeting on August 29 at the Apalachicola Community Center, starting at 6 PM, for anyone seeking more information.

Commissioner Lockley mentioned that the military might be interested in the Bay City Work Camp property.

18- Inform the Board that Ms. Debbie Belcher has informed me that Eastpoint Sewer and Water has closed out its CDBG grant and so the county is eligible for another CDBG. The limitation on CDBG is that the program has to serve low and moderate income households. The county has previously heard requests from All Pt. for fire hydrants, from the City of Apalachicola for an expansion of sewer or water into the county, and from residents in Lanark Village seeking neighborhood improvements, like fixing sidewalks. Ms. Belcher has not provided me with a timeline for when the CDBG application is due. Would the Board like a presentation from Ms. Belcher?

Commissioner Parrish discussed a fire hydrant expansion project he has been talking about with the City of Apalachicola, insurance costs for areas that don't have fire hydrants.

The Board members asked that Ms. Belcher attends the next Meeting with possible projects and ideas for CDBG funding in the County.

Chairman Sanders and Commissioner Massey discussed issues with the sidewalk in Lanark Village.

Mr. Pierce discussed a call he received from Mr. Knickerbocker, DACS Representative, who would like to attend the next Meeting in order to discuss the lease project with the Board, as they have decided not to move forward.

Mr. Pierce discussed the possibility of funding for re-shelling projects. He stated that there is a match and he recommends contacting Gulf Coast Workforce for the match.

Commissioner Lockley stated that the last re-shelling program was too restrictive and would like more participants in the program. Mr. Pierce commented on this issue.

Chairman Sanders agreed that there should be a more broad spectrum of participation in the projects and commented on the DACS project and the re-shelling project.

Commissioner Massey commented on this matter.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to accept funding for re-shelling program with Mr. Pierce's recommendation; Motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the acceptance of Paradise Road as a County road and the possibility of accepting other roads in the County once they are brought up to the County's standard.

Commissioner Jackel asked for an update on the SGI Pier Project.

Mr. Pierce stated that a sub-contractor on the project served notice that they haven't been paid and would leave the project. He stated that invoices were submitted and paid so the sub-contractor was back on the job.

Clay Smallwood, of Preble-Rish, provided additional information on this issue.

Commissioner Jackel expressed her disappointment with the way Preble-Rish has handled this project and would like more aggressive action by them on future projects. She stated that if there isn't substantial progress this week she would like the contractor removed from the job and local contractors considered for the completion of it.

Commissioner Parrish stated that in the future a higher penalty should be included in the contracts for deadlines not being met.

Attorney Shuler stated that there is a higher deadline penalty of \$750 per day penalty in the upcoming project.

Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report (11:04 AM)

Attorney Shuler explained the time deadline for a proposed half cent sales tax that would allow Weem's Hospital funding for the ambulance service.

Commissioner Jackel and Attorney Shuler discussed the guidelines for use of the current surtax and why it couldn't be used for ambulance service.

Attorney Shuler continued his explanation of the process for a ballot on this matter. He stated that today was the deadline to allow the Supervisor of Elections Office to move forward with this election in order to allow this surtax to be collected.

Commissioner Jackel stated that she would be in favor of this action for next year since property taxes are going up this year and she isn't in favor of mail out ballots.

Allen Fifer, of the Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, asked if it is the intention of the Board to use the funding of this tax to reduce the ad valorem taxes and would like to have the Inter-local agreements reviewed for some flexibility for the County Commission.

Chairman Sanders asked the Board to consider a poll ballot process versus the mail out ballot process.

Joyce Estes spoke in favor of the poll ballot process versus a mail out ballot process.

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to move forward with the referendum process;
Motion carried 4-1, Jackel opposed.**

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to require the poll ballot process versus a mail out ballot;
Motion carried 3-2, Parrish and Lockley opposed.**

Attorney Shuler stated that the Leave No Trace Behind Ordinance is ready for a public hearing. Commissioner Jackel asked Attorney Shuler to move forward with scheduling a public hearing on this matter.

Commissioner Lockley asked about the enforcement of this Ordinance.

The Board and Attorney Shuler discussed enforcement and who could collect any items left on the beach. Commissioner Lockley stated that he is against having anyone from turtle enforcement dealing with the enforcement of this Ordinance.

Attorney Shuler and Mr. Pierce explained the enforcement procedures further.

Commissioner Parrish explained that this is a mandate from the Federal Government.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve travel for Attorney Shuler to attend the Ethics Conference with the Commissioners; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners and Public Comments (11:28 AM)

Commissioner Jackel commented on the passing of Mr. Ben Watkins. Commissioner Massey asked that the family be sent a sympathy card on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Parrish apologized for his absence at the last Meeting due to illness.

Commissioner Lockley commented on the re-shelling program and the need for rules which would allow everyone to be involved.

Mr. Pierce stated that the funding for this program isn't as much as the previous project.

Chairman Sanders also commented on the passing of Mr. Ben Watkins.

Allan Fifer, of Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, asked if the Board would look for additional savings on the upcoming budget.

Chairman Sanders reminded the Board of the afternoon Workshop.

Joyce Estes, of the Friends of the Library, discussed the information regarding the Library, which was distributed earlier during the Meeting. She elaborated on the history of the Library and the new building.

Commissioner Jackel and Ms. Estes discussed the operations of the new Library in more detail and discussed scheduling a dedication event.

Susan Carney spoke in support of the Library.

Adjourn (11:44 AM)

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

Cheryl Sanders, Chairman – FCBOCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts