

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
JUNE 16, 2014
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

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

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 (9:02 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 Minutes (9:03 AM)

There were no Minutes for Board approval.

Payment of County Bills (9:04 AM)

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 (9:04 AM)

Mr. Nabors had no items for Board action.

Chairman Sanders and Mr. Nabors discussed grass cutting on Highway 67.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Nabors to post 25 MPH speed limit signs in Las Brisas in Eastpoint.

Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director (9:06 AM)

Mr. Nabors had no items for Board action.

Nikki Millender – Parks & Recreation (9:07 AM)

Mrs. Millender wasn't able to attend the Meeting as she is preparing for a baseball tournament at D. W. Wilson Park.

Mr. Pierce provided additional information about the tournament.

Commissioner Jackel stated that there is a matter that needs to be discussed regarding Mr. Ricky Jones, but since Mrs. Millender isn't at the Meeting she will discuss at a later date.

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management (9:09 AM)

Mrs. Brownell had no items for Board action.

Action Items: none

Information Items:

- 1. The Emergency Management office started running its request for documented quote, Professional Contracting Services for the EOC Wind Retrofit in the news a paper on June 5th and June 12th. It can also be found on our web-site www.franklinemergencymanagement.com. The closing of bids will be June 30th and opening of bids packets on July 1st. At that time I will be requesting the board to set up a review committee of Alan Pierce, myself and Mrs. Traci Buzbee our consultant that wrote and is managing the grant.*
- 2. I will be meeting with Mr. Phil Worley and our debris and monitoring contractors on June 25, to inspect our temporary debris sites for the upcoming year.*
- 3. The Emergency Management has reviewed Weems Hospital, Harbor Breeze and St. James Rehab center comprehensive emergency plans for the upcoming year and they are in compliance.*
- 4. We have scheduled a community emergency response team (CERT) train the trainer class to be able to have our own county instructors to teach basic CERT for June 27-29 at the EOC.*
- 5. Jennifer Daniels held a health care providers meeting on June 11th to discuss special needs clients in this county.*

Chairman Sanders and Mrs. Brownell discussed training and workshops being held at the Big Bend Summit in Gadsden County. They also discussed firefighter certification for volunteers at the County's volunteer fire departments.

Anne Birchwell – Franklin County Library (9:09 AM)

Mrs. Birchwell was not in attendance but submitted a report.

I apologize that I am not able to be present at the BOCC meeting today, but I am working with my staff at the Nest Program in Eastpoint. We are committed in outreach to 80 children per week in a partnership with the Nest in Carrabelle and Eastpoint, in an effort to promote literacy and learning with our annual Summer Library Program, starting Monday, June 16th and ending the week of July 20th.

Franklin County Public Library is ready to start our Summer Library Program 2014:

*“Fizz, Boom, READ!” for children
“Spark a Reaction” for the Tweens and Teens
“Literary Elements” for the adults.*

This six-week science based reading program will include weekly fun reading activities, followed by science experiments and crafts. The children will be introduced to the lifecycle of ladybugs, activities of birds, the solar system, space exploration, and much more.

The tweens and teens will be offered a diverse program including learning about the spread of germs and cross contamination using special Glo-germ lotion and black light. Other activities will include kitchen science, forensic science, classroom science and much more.

Adult summer library programs will include a Recycling Workshop led by the Franklin County Solid Waste Department. Les Anderson, Director of the Wakulla County Extension will come in July to advise us on starting our fall gardens, and the Franklin County Sheriff's Department will show us the art and science of Crime Scene Investigation.

The Franklin County community is invited to stop in to participate in our summer Library Bingo game that will involve following the directions of a Bingo card. This game is open to children, teens, tweens, and adults. There will be a drawing at the end of the Summer Library Program and of course is free to participate in!

Advisory Board of Adjustment Consent Agenda (9:11 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented the items for consideration.

1. Approved by ABOA_unanimously - a request a variance to construct a single family dwelling 15 feet into the front setback line off of Fiesta Drive on property described as Lot 57, Holiday Beach, Unit 1, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Daniel L. Scheer, owner.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to approve a request for variance to construct a single family dwelling 15 feet into the front setback line off of Fiesta Drive on property described as Lot 57, Holiday Beach, Unit 1, Alligator Point; Motion carried 5-0.

2. Approved by ABOA unanimously a request a variance to construct a single family dwelling 13 feet into the front setback line off of Alligator Drive on property described as 1237 Alligator Drive, Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 1 West, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Leenette McMillan, owner.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to approve a request for variance to construct a single family dwelling 13 feet into the front setback line off of Alligator Drive on property described as 1237 Alligator Drive, Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 1 West, Alligator Point; Motion carried 5-0.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report (9:13 AM)

The Board congratulated Mrs. Johnson on her recent award of Clerk of the Year for the State of Florida.

Mrs. Johnson presented this item to the Board.

At your last meeting, I mentioned the Florida Legislature had passed an increase in the retirement contribution rates. This change will cost the county an additional, mandatory, \$81,673 in next year's budget and unfortunately, this increase takes effect July 1st. I also wanted to ask the Board to consider rescinding the mandatory 2% cut for the non-governmental entities. In the 12/13 budget cycle, the non-governmental were cut by 10%. The county allocated \$155,246 to nine different entities and a 2% reduction would equate to a cost savings of just \$3,101 for the county. These entities provide services to some of the most vulnerable citizens within our community, and any further reduction for entities like the food pantries, the meals on wheels, the senior citizen centers, the humane society, and the literacy program is painful. Please consider funding the non-governmental entities at the same level as the current year. If their funding is left at the current level, would the Board like to omit those entities from required attendance at the budget workshop and instead hold a separate meeting to discuss services at a later date as was done last year? This would allow more time with your departments and the constitutional officers during the workshop.

Commissioner Jackel and Mrs. Johnson discussed funding the retirement contribution increase from July to September.

Commissioner Parrish was in favor of not reducing the non-governmental budgets by the 2%. Commissioner Jackel expressed her concerns of not reducing the non-governmental agencies but asking other County departments to cut that 2%. She wanted to be consistent during the budget process.

Chairman Sanders and Commissioners Massey and Parrish expressed concerns with reducing the food bank and literacy programs.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Massey, to remove the 2% required budget reduction for the non-governmental agencies and not schedule them at the budget workshops; The Motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Parrish, to table this item until the budget workshop; Motion carried 5-0.

The Board, Mrs. Johnson, and Mr. Pierce discussed the budget further. The discussion included the Sheriff's decision to shift inmate medical costs to the County. Commissioner Jackel asked for a list of all budget items that are cost shifts instead of budget cuts.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report (9:31 AM)

Mr. Pierce presented his report to the Board.

1- Update the Board on the Bluff Road paving project. Paving on the final layer of asphalt should start this week. It appears that the recommended replacement for the large culvert will be a box culvert. Preble-Rish is sending the cost estimate to DOT for approval.

2- Board action to approve CEI contract for Preble-Rish to be the inspector for the Lake Morality Signage and Pavement Marking project. This is fully funded by DOT.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve CEI contract for Preble-Rish to be the inspector for the Lake Morality Signage and Pavement Marking project; Motion carried 5-0.

3- Board action to submit a \$1.4M Transportation Alternative Program grant application for the construction phase of the Alligator Point Multi-Use Path. The design phase is in the works.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to approve to submit a \$1.4M Transportation Alternative Program grant application for the construction phase of the Alligator Point Multi-Use Path; Motion carried 5-0.

4-Board action to sign the Eastpoint Working Waterfront Project Plan. The Board has already approved a Management Plan. The Project Plan is slightly different but still required. The Project plan is essentially 3 letters- one that says the county will comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws; another says that we are complying with the appropriate state guidelines in acquiring the land, and the third we are assuming liability for future clean-up associated with the land. We have already had an environmental assessment done which reports there is no future clean-up needed. If the Board wants to get reimbursed from the state for the land acquisition it needs to sign the letters.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to approve Chairman's signature on the Eastpoint Working Waterfront Project Plan; Motion carried 5-0.

5- Inform the Board that I asked Mr. Shuler to hold off on sending his letter to Crystal Air regarding the lack of fuel at the airport as the Airport Advisory Committee is holding a meeting with Crystal Air on June 23 where we are going to go over several on-going issues.

6- Inform the Board that Mr. Homer McMillan has resigned from the Hosp. Board. Mr. McMillan was appointed out of Commissioner Massey's district.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to send Letter of Appreciation to Homer McMillan for his service to the Weems Hospital Board; Motion carried 5-0.

7- Inform the Board that the Planning Office has received emails from the Division of Historical Resources regarding the \$350K for the Armory. The emails say that by the middle of July the county should be receiving draft agreements from the Division regarding the funds. There does not appear to be any problem with utilizing the funds in on-going Armory renovations.

Mr. Pierce and the Board discussed funding and the selection of materials for the completion of this project.

Commissioner Jackel asked for a cost for the replacement of all windows that are not opening.

8- Inform the Board that it appears the other legislative appropriations will also follow established funding paths so that the money for Vrooman Park will come through as a FRDAP grant. We will not be able to start on any of these projects until the grant documents are signed as the state does not allow reimbursement for expenses prior to the grants being fully executed.

9- Inform the Board that I will be absent from both the July 1 and the July 16th Board meeting. I will prepare the July 1st report before I leave. I will have my iPad with me and I will coordinate with my office on the July 16th Board report but I expect it to be a short report.

10- Board action to send a letter to Capital Health Plan asking that Tom Brocato, Apalachicola Physical Therapy, be admitted as an in-network provider.

Commissioner Lockley asked that Capital Health add more of the local doctors and medical providers to their network.

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Pierce discussed items that are not covered by Capital Health at Weems.

Erin Griffith, Finance Office, provided additional information concerning Capital Health Plan. The Board, Mrs. Griffith, and Mr. Pierce discussed coverage for certain medical needs.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to send a letter to Capital Health Plan asking to admit Tom Brocato as an in-network provider; Motion carried 5-0.

11- Inform the Board that the Trust for Public Land (TPL) is submitting the application to the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Program (NCWCP) for the purchase of El's Court. The

deadline is June 23, and the TPL as well as DEP staff is working on the application. It helps a great deal to have state agency support as this is a federal program with potentially applications from many other states. It will be at least November before we know whether we are awarded any money.

12- Board action to ask for time extension on the \$10K landscaping grant for Commissioner Jackel. As the Board may recall, the other landscaping grants were transferred to respective cities. This current grant would expire on June 30, and I have asked for a time extension until Sept. 30.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to approve to ask for time extension on the \$10,000 landscaping grant for Commissioner Jackel; Motion carried 5-0.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed issues with the Hospital Board. The Board requested a joint meeting with the Hospital Board at 1:30 PM on the first Meeting in July.

Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report (9:50 AM)

Attorney Shuler presented the following items for Board approval.

Attorney Shuler asked for Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the closing statement and purchase contract for the purchase of the property from David Dell. He provided additional details regarding the size and location of the property.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to approve Chairman's signature on closing statement and purchase contract for the purchase of property from David Dell; Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Shuler asked for Board action to schedule a Public Hearing for the proposed Leave No Trace Ordinance.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to schedule a Public Hearing on the Leave No Trace Ordinance; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jackel thanked Attorney Shuler for his efforts with the Eastpoint clean-up project.

Commissioners and Public Comments (9:53 AM)

There were no Commissioner's or public comments.

Adjourn (9:55 AM)

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

Cheryl Sanders, Chairman – FCBOCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts