

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
DECEMBER 6, 2005
9:00 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Cheryl Sanders - Chairman, Bevin Putnal Vice-Chairman, Russell Crofton, Noah Lockley, and Jimmy Mosconis

Staff Present: Rachel Ward – Planning & Zoning, Fonda Davis – Solid Waste, Larry Brown – Road Department, Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts, Michael Moron – Board Secretary

Chairman Sanders called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:00 AM

There was a Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Motion

Commissioner Crofton motioned to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2005 regular meeting. Commissioner Putnal seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Payment of County Bills

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to approve the County bills as presented except for payments to Belinda Lockley and G & N Services. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to approve payments for Ms Belinda Lockley and G & N Services. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Lockley abstained due to a conflict.

Mike Mock – Sheriff

- Discussed his request for a budget transfer for a new Communication System

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to approve the Sheriff's request for a budget transfer of \$200,169.00 from the fine and forfeiture fund to the Sheriff's budget for a new communication system. Commissioner Putnal seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Department Supervisor Report

Hubert Chipman – Superintendent of Roads

- Larry Brown, representing Mr. Chipman, discussed Road Department issue with the Board
- Board inquired into the stolen lime rock issue
 - Sheriff Mock informed the Board that an arrest would be made shortly regarding this incident

Van Johnson – Solid Waste Director

- Mr. Fonda Davis, representing Mr. Johnson, addressed the Board
- Ms. Marcia Johnson, Clerk of Court, reviewed the Solid Waste holiday schedule with the Board
- Board requested an update on Bay Aid

Bill Mahan – County Extension Director

- Mr. Mahan did not attend the meeting

Bruce Drye – Annual Report – SGI Marine Turtles

- Discussed St. George Island report with Board
- Progress Energy's project on lighting regarding turtles was discussed

Bruce Hall – Star Grant Award

- Discussed Star Grant Award with Board
- Discussed Progress Energy lighting regarding turtles with Board

Department Supervisor Report Continued

Marcia Johnson

- Dasee not providing its current Liability insurance certificate discussed

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to direct Attorney Shuler to address this issue with Dasee. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Motion

Commissioner Lockley motioned to direct Attorney Shuler to have legal counsel present at every regular meeting. Commissioner Mosconis seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Motion

Commissioner Lockley motioned to have Mike Lake of Dasee present at the next regular meeting. Commissioner Mosconis seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

- Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair discussed
 - Board decided to discuss at the next regular meeting

Mark Curenton – Assistant County Planner

Ms. Rachel Ward, representing Mark Curenton and Alan Pierce, reviewed the report with the Board

Item 1 - At 9:30, the Board is supposed to open Requests for Proposals for architectural services associated with renovations to the courthouse as funded through the Office of Court Administration and approved by the Chief Judge. The requests are actually submission of qualifications to do the work. The Board should be told which firms have submitted qualifications. Normally, the Board then sets up a committee to review the qualifications rank them, and then the committee reports back to the Board with a recommendation. If there are only a few submissions the Board may want to act as the committee itself and interview everyone or the Board may want to form a committee anyway. The committee should be Mark Curenton; a representative from the Clerk's Office; and a third person, such as a representative from Preble-Rish. Over the next two weeks the committee would meet, and review

and rank the architects and then recommend one for the Board to negotiate with. Board direction.

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to create a committee to review the submissions of qualifications and forward a recommendation to the Board. Commissioner Lockley seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 - At 10:30, the Board is supposed to open bids for the Bluff Road Boat Ramp. If any bids have been received, the Board should open them, read them, and then turn the bids over to Preble-Rish for review and recommendation. If no bids were received, the Board needs to direct Preble-Rish to determine why no bids were received and make changes, either in the way it was advertised or the requirements for the job, so that some company will bid on the job.

- Board decided to address this issue later in the meeting

Item 3 - Inform the Board that DOT has sent the Board a letter and a diagram describing the type of stabilization Dot is going to use along US 98 between Eastpoint and Carrabelle. This is part of the \$50 million repair job from the damage caused by the hurricanes.

Item 4 - Inform Board that Mr. Mosteller has been successful in getting the airport license renewed for two more years. A letter from DOT has been received so informing the Board.

Item 5 - Inform Board that the Alligator Point Water Resources District has made a request to open cut County Road 370 in two locations, and to cut Carousel Terrace at three locations in order to make improvements to the water system. The District will repair the open cuts to appropriate road standards. A diagram of how the cuts will be done and repaired is included with the letter. The cuts are in areas with old asphalt. The District is requesting permission for the open cuts in order to save an estimated \$15,000 in costs. As the Board is aware, the District sustained numerous unanticipated expenses this year because of hurricane damage, and it requests permission to open cut in order to save money. Board action.

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to allow the Alligator Point Water Resources District to make the requested cuts to improve the water system. Commissioner Lockley seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Item 6 - Inform the Board that the county has received a draft agreement between Northwest Florida Water Management District and the county for stormwater improvements. This is another step in a long standing project the District has been working on. Essentially, several years ago the Board supported the District's grant application for \$369,000 worth of federal funds to improve stormwater facilities in Eastpoint. The District will pay for the installation of the improvements, and the county will agree to accept them. The facilities include one wet detention area to be built in the Indian Creek basin, and eight in-ground treatment units along Avenue A. The draft agreement will be turned over to the County Attorney for his review and comment.

- Board discussed hiring of Grant Writer Position; Mr. Pierce will provide an update at next meeting

RFP – Architectural Services (9:30 AM)

- Ms Rachel Ward read the names of Architectural Firms that responded to the request

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to forward all of the submission of qualifications to the committee for their review. Commissioner Crofton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

- Ms Gail Dodds, of the Health Care Committee, discussed a health care issue with the Board

Motion

Commissioner Lockley motioned to hold a special meeting if necessary for any health care issues that might present itself before the next regular meeting. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Motion

Commissioner Lockley motioned to direct health care committee and staff to review possibility of a ½ cent tax for health care and create referendum and report back to Board at January regular meeting. Commissioner Putnal seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

- Anita Grove, of the Chamber of Commerce, commented on the Health Care issue in the County

Curt Blair - TDC – Grant Application

- Discussed “off peak” Grant with the Board
- Board discussed applicants “double dipping”, receiving funds from TDC and Board during budget
 - Mr. Curt Blair responded to Board concerns
- Paul Riegelmayr asked for the applicants and their projects that were funded
 - Mr. Curt Blair responded

Ms Marcia Johnson provided the Board with the Bay Aid fundraiser totals, as requested earlier.

David Heil – Dept of Agriculture

- Updated Board on 'Red Tide' samples
- Stated west side of Bay is open, but east side is still closed
- Discussed Relay Program
- Board discussed the State putting lime rock in the Bay
 - Mr. Heil responded to the Board concerns
- Board discussed aquaculture in other locations with Mr. Heil
- Board discussed a “cure”, being researched by the State, for ‘Red Tide’ with Mr. Heil
- Board discussed different testing methods for ‘Red Tide’ with Mr. Heil

Michael Morón – Franklin County SHIP Program

- Board discussed SHIP Program assistance for seafood workers affected by ‘Red Tide’ with Mr. Morón

Motion

Commissioner Putnal motioned to approve assistance for any non-seafood workers if any funds remain, after all seafood workers have been served. Commissioner Mosconis seconded

and the motion carried 5-0.

Bids – Bluff Road Boat Ramp

- Board was informed that no Bids were received for the Bluff Road Ramp Project.
- Board discussed expanding the advertising area

Motion

Commissioner Mosconis motioned to re-advertise the request and ask Preble-Rish to assist with marketing the request to a broader audience. Commissioner Putnal seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Matt Carpenter, of Preble – Rish

- Discussed the Bluff Road Boat Ramp project with the Board
- Updated the Board on the County 's Road Paving Project

- Ms Toni Toranto commented on the paving project in Apalachicola

There being no further business, Chairman Sanders adjourned the regular meeting at 10:20 AM.

Cheryl Sanders, Chairman FCBCC

Attest:

Marcia M Johnson, Clerk of Court