

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

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

Others Present: Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts, Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Connie McKinley – Deputy Clerk

Call to Order (9:00 AM)

Chairman Sanders called the Meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Massey, seconded by Lockley, to approve the Minutes of the August 18, 2014 Regular Meeting; Motion carried 5-0.

Payment of County Bills

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

Department Supervisors Report

Howard Nabors –Superintendent of Public Works

Mr. Nabors stated that several pieces of his equipment are being repaired at this time so ditch digging projects are backing up.

Commissioner Massey discussed a tree that needs to be cut back or removed in his district. Mr. Nabors also mentioned a tree needing to be removed in the Lanark Village area.

Chairman Sanders discussed complaints she has received concerning the number of employees riding in County vehicles. She stated that only authorized County personnel should be in the vehicles.

Commissioner Lockley also received complaints concerning the same issue and asked Mr. Pierce to address the supervisors concerning this matter.

Commissioner Jackel stated that there are times it is necessary to have more than one employee doing certain jobs.

Commissioner Massey stated that there is someone who seems to be keeping up with specifics such as keeping track of time and taking photos of County employees.

Fonda Davis– Solid Waste Director

Mr. Davis informed the Board that Ronnie Joseph, Jr. has been hired at the Solid Waste Dept. and will begin working September 8th.

Mr. Davis stated that his employees had approached him concerning receiving a raise. He stated there are 7 employees who have not received any type of raise in the past several years and asked the Board to adjust their salaries, if possible.

Commissioner Lockley discussed employees who have been with the County for 20 years, or more, and only make a little more than newly hired employees, specifically Wilbur Bellew and Henry Rochelle. He stated that this issue is due to the rise in starting salaries.

Commissioner Massey suggested using the surplus returned to the County by the Sheriff's Department to fund additional salary increases.

Mr. Davis stated that he appreciates the consideration to give the two employees a raise but he believes all of the employees deserve a raise.

Motion by Lockley, to approve \$1,000 raise to Willard Bellew and Henry Rochelle; Motion failed for lack of a second.

Chairman Sanders suggested that the job classification is done before this type of action is taken.

Jackel agreed that the Labor Attorney needs to complete the job classification.

Commissioner Lockley commented on this matter.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to have Lucy Turner complete the job classification and accompanying salaries before 2015-2016 budget cycle, once 2014-2015 budget is finalized; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Davis asked if the \$500 bonuses given to employees could be changed to a raise instead of a bonus.

Chairman Sanders stated that there would be an increase from 90,000 to 120,000 if the one time allocation was changed to a salary increase.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Davis to attend the budget public hearing, scheduled for the next day, to discuss this matter further.

Commissioner Lockley stated that there will be problems for the Board if they keep picking and choosing who receives raises.

Commissioner Parrish stated that he knew issues would arise when the Board gave raises to a few individuals at the last Meeting. He said this will have to be dealt with in some manner but bringing Lucy Turner won't help if the funding isn't available in the budget.

Nikki Millender – Parks & Recreation

Mrs. Millender discussed complaints received from parents concerning little league football games being played at George Sands Field in Carrabelle. She stated that after speaking with Ottice Amison a decision was made to continue playing the little league football games at the high school field in Eastpoint.

Mrs. Millender stated that there is a little league football field at Kendrick Park in Carrabelle, which has lights and a concession stand.

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management

Mrs. Brownell informed the Board that Tropical Storm Dolly was headed to Mexico.

Mrs. Brownell stated that Management Experts, LLC were the only ones that responded to the RFQ for the Homeland Security training exercises grant. She opened and read the information from Management Experts, LLC.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to approve Management Experts LLC for Homeland Security training exercises grant as recommended by Mrs. Brownell; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Pierce discussed the annual Forestry report and distributed copies to the Board.

Erik Lovestrand- Extension Agent

Mr. Lovestrand stated that he will be attending the Gulf and Atlantic states shellfish meeting in North Carolina next week.

Commissioner Massey and Mr. Lovestrand discussed the Sea Turtle Coordinator job. Mr. Lovestrand said he and Nikki Millender had conducted interviews for the position and he would meet with Mrs. Millender to discuss this further.

Chairman Sanders asked Mr. Lovstrand to keep on top of the oyster harvesting issue and do whatever he can to help in this situation.

Steven Southerland – United States Congressman

Congressman Steve Southerland appeared before the Board. He spoke on the WRDA Bill, which is a Corps of Engineers bill that covers massive areas on waterways throughout the United States. He said in this area, the Corps of Engineers has its hands in the ACF System (Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint River System). He discussed the water wars between Florida, Georgia, and Alabama and stated that up to this point the Corps of Engineers hasn't taken in downstream considerations as much. He said the states couldn't agree on water flow so the WRDA Bill re-authorization says it's the desire that the governors and states come to agreement, but if they cannot reach an agreement, Congress should get involved. Congressman Southerland said a final version of the bill passed the house and senate and was signed into law by the President. He said it claims if states don't come together, Congress should be involved in the process and, for him, downstream flows should be considered by the Corps of Engineers. He stated that this is a step which has not been taken in 4 decades. He said Congress should be able to step in with their authority over agencies like the Corps of Engineers. He said he is here today to make sure the Board of County Commissioners understands the significance of Congress's authority signed into law to get involved, where in the past, Congress didn't have the authority. He believes this is a move in the right direction and Florida Delegation in Congress understands this issue. He said other points in the bill will further economic opportunities. Congressman Southerland stated that Florida will receive over 25% of projects regarding dredging under the bill. He said part of the reforms mandate that a percentage of monies be used for ports and Port St. Joe's port will benefit, which will help Franklin County as well.

Commissioner Jackel asked about the funding that was once appropriated by Congress for dredging of the Eastpoint Channel that was no longer available for this project. She stated that the County has had a permit for this project for almost two years now.

Chairman Sanders confirmed that there was funding for the dredging project but when Hurricane Katrina hit all of the funds were redirected to relief projects.

Commissioner Jackel said a promise was made to re-allocate those funds and asked that Congress keep the promise of re-paying the \$2 million. She stated that the impact of this project would be incredible to Franklin County and asked Congressman Southerland to do what he can to secure this funding.

Congressman Southerland discussed the sequence of issues regarding the funding that were earmarked earlier for dredging the Eastpoint Channel. He said these concerns have been shared with the Corps of Engineers and he feels that they want to make this right and they understand the economic impact of this dredging. He said this situation has been noted and the WRDA Bill sets up a two year cycle and he said the Board has his commitment to continue to push this issue.

Chairman Sanders thanked the Congressman for attending the meeting.

Mike Cooper – Weems Hospital CEO

Mr. Cooper (CEO) appeared before the Board with John Graham (CFO), who gave the financial report.

Mr. Cooper spoke about architectural plans for the proposed Hospital building project, which will be 19,000 sq ft of new construction that will include 10 new patient rooms, a new Emergency Room, radiology, and entrance and registration. He'd like to see more outpatient services and to renovate the existing rooms and would like to move towards more of an outpatient type clinic. He said Mr. Pierce has presented the Commissioners with documents to be signed for the USDA application, but if the Board decides not to proceed with the project, the signing of these documents does not encumber the County in any way.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Cooper to clarify his idea for the construction of new space and the renovations of existing space.

Mr. Cooper explained that about 90% of business is outpatient, so he'd like to spend the majority of the money on that since the daily inpatient average is 3. He said he would like to look into renovating the existing rooms and use the extra money towards more outpatient needs.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Graham discussed the financial aspects of borrowing \$10 million.

Mr. Graham stated that there is a lot of potential and believes the obligation can be met.

Chairman Sanders discussed whether or not this would be bonded out and stated that, as far as she knows, the County has never bonded anything.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Cooper if it was a bond and he explained that it starts out as a loan but once the USDA steps in it would be treated as a bond.

Attorney Shuler stated that in the early 80s, there was an industrial bond but nothing since then.

Chairman Sanders wanted to be sure that if the County is going into this debt, she wants the resident to understand what they will be getting.

Mr. Cooper said a next step would be to hold a public meeting.

Commissioner Jackel wanted to be sure that by signing this document that the County isn't obligated and Mr. Cooper said that was correct.

Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion but said there was some confusion about doing a bonding issue. Mr. Cooper said he would get some clarification because Commissioner Parrish said if we were doing bonding, we wouldn't need USDA.

Commissioner Parrish said moving the application forward is fulfilling what the citizens voted for when they put in the sales tax.

Commissioner Jackel asked that the motion be amended to require the attorney to look over the documents first.

Attorney Shuler stated that USDA requires a letter from him explaining that he will be acting as local counsel and if a bond is required he will act as bond counsel.

Mr. Cooper stated that he wasn't sure what the Board expected on his report each month but, if the Board had anything specific, to let him know.

Motion by Lockley, second by Parrish, to approve signing the USDA application documents, contingent on Attorney Shuler's review; Motion carried 5-0.

Recess

Chairman Sanders called for a recess.

Reconvene

Chairman Sanders reconvened the Meeting.

Nita Molsbee & Fred Jetton – Pinecoast Plantation

Fred Jetton, President of Pinecoast Plantation Association, addressed the Board and requested that the County take over the maintenance of the roads at Hickory Hammock.

Commissioner Lockley asked where this area is located and Chairman Sanders stated that it is located around Jeff Sanders Road and Hickory Hammock Road area, north of Carrabelle.

Mr. Jetton stated that this includes about 6 miles of lime rock roads and 4 or 5 miles of dirt roads off of Crooked River.

Commissioner Lockley asked if the County has worked on the roads and Mrs. Molsbee said, to their knowledge, the County has not.

Mr. Jetton stated that the association would be responsible for any culverts that need to be replaced.

Chairman Sanders stated that, in the past, the association had sent letters but it has been for the maintenance of private roads. She asked if they were changing them to public roads.

Mrs. Molsbee stated that if the County agrees to take them over they will be public roads.

Chairman Sanders said she believes that if the public pays taxes, they should be able to get the services. But, with the County Attorney having an emergency and having to leave the Meeting, she didn't know for sure.

Commissioner Parrish stated that it is County policy that the roads have to be brought up to standards before the County will take them over. He said this will be 10 miles of road for the County to maintain.

Commissioner Jackel said she agrees with Chairman Sanders' comments concerning this issue as she and Commissioner Massey get calls for assistance on a handful of roads in Eastpoint. She said it puts her in a bad situation when she gets the calls and can't do anything to help the residents especially since it isn't their fault. She stated she would like to look at the current policy and create a tougher policy for developers.

Commissioner Parrish stated that a policy has been in place for a long time.

Mr. Pierce said these roads are not subdivision roads.

Chairman Sanders discussed another situation where people have spent \$4,000 to upgrade their roads. She stated that the County had a law but deviated from that with the roads at Lighthouse Estates and stated that many roads have been paved since the county did that, but we need attorney guidance present before taking further action.

Chairman Sanders expressed her concerns with emergency situations on these roads.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to table request until Attorney Shuler is present and has time to look at the issue; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jackel said there may be some type of case by case basis where owners have to show surveys or provide funding for a portion of the maintenance, such as culverts.

Commissioner Lockley stated that if these are public roads the County needs to take action since they are used by school buses and emergency vehicles.

Fred Jetton said Shannon Hartsfield wanted him to represent him with what the oystermen are facing. Mr. Jetton stated that Cat Point has very small oysters and very few oysters. He stated that the Miles is open, and other winter bars are open now but it won't last once everyone starts harvesting.

Commissioner Massey said the issue with planting is that it's a 3 year process. He said there are also ongoing issues with out-of-state companies doing the re-shelling barges. He said they planted limestone, which has created problem.

Mr. Jetton stated that the Bay is in bad shape and his opinion is that it should be shut down for 18 months. He said he's never seen the Bay like it is now in his 40 years of oyster harvesting.

Commissioner Massey said something is killing the oysters but DACS won't say what it is.

Commissioner Jackel asked if the seafood workers had met recently and Mr. Jetton said no, except for when the bag limits were cut.

Commissioner Jackel asked if the seafood workers would take up a vote on closing the Bay and Mr. Jetton said he didn't know, but if workers had another way to pay their bills, they would probably agree.

Chairman Sanders said if you close the Bay, you must have something else to employ the people.

Commissioner Massey said the State gave unemployment back in the past.

Commissioner Jackel said she has spoken with people who don't want the Bay to be closed, Chairman Sanders said back in 2010, when the Department of Agriculture came down and said there was a possibility of oil reaching the Bay, they made a decision to have the Bay wide-open and now it will take longer than 3 or 4 years for the Bay to rebound from that. She said that was a bad decision and now it's close to an emergency situation in this County. She said people are working numerous hours to only get a few pounds.

Commissioner Parrish reminded the Board that when the Department of Agriculture did that, he made a statement it would harm the Bay. He said if you continue to send people out when there are no oysters, you are causing more harm and damage to the Bay, and you'll be getting rid of the seed in the Bay. He stated that we are facing a disaster in the Bay. He said he

understands people are trying to make their living but, if something isn't done, it'll be closed for a number of years and it's up to the State agencies what happens from here.

Commissioner Massey said the State knew when the summer bars opened, they needed to do something and they haven't.

Commissioner Parrish stated if we continue to harvest the small oysters, we are setting back the timeline for the future growth of oysters.

Commissioner Lockley said the most being caught now are 2 to 2 1/2 bags and next week it could be less than that. He said we must get to the people in Tallahassee and tell them, and the workers need to appoint a new president of the Seafood Workers Association since Shannon Hartsfield is now working for the state.

Chairman Sanders suggested contacting our Legislative Delegation, by phone, to let them know the state of the Bay and request that they open up some monies for these seafood working families. She said that they need to provide options for the Bay and the County needs to be proactive now.

Commissioner Jackel said the major problem is the County doesn't have a plan for the management of the Bay. She said the Board runs communication up the line to Tallahassee but don't receive any communication back.

Commissioner Lockley asked if there were any changes at the State level; Mr. Pierce said personnel have changed in Tallahassee.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to direct Staff to contact the appropriate State agencies concerning the condition of the Bay; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Jetton stated that he will talk to Mr. Hartsfield about a Bay management plan.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts

Mrs. Johnson requested the appointment of 2 County Commissioners and a citizen, Mr. Walter Armistead has agreed to serve again, to the Value Adjustment Board.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Parrish, to appoint Commissioners Jackel and Massey and Walter Armistead to the Value Adjustment Board; Motion carried 5-0.

Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services – Report

1- Board action to approve the annual recertification of the county's participation in the federal community rating system. Because of the county's efforts, residents get a 15% reduction in their flood insurance premiums.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to approve the annual recertification; Motion carried 5-0.

2- At the August 5 meeting, the Board adopted an Equal Employment policy required by the US Dept. of Justice, and now the Florida Dept. of Transportation has asked the Board to adopt an updated Non-Discrimination Policy and Plan. The Board needs to adopt the policy and plan in order to continue to be eligible for LAP projects. The policy and plan are probably going to be necessary components when the county begins to apply for RESTORE Funds. Board action to adopt Non-Discrimination Policy and Plan.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to adopt the Non-Discrimination Policy and Plan; Motion carried 5-0.

3- While I was on vacation the Board discussed an allocation of TDC funds for renovations at the Carrabelle bathroom and the St. George Island bathroom. The Carrabelle project will include renovating the 50 year old bathrooms, and replacing the picnic roof-overs. The concrete picnic tables will remain. The St. George Island project will include renovating the bathrooms. The estimated total budget is \$150,000.

Board action to request the TDC find the funds for this project and to direct me to move forward with implementation once funds are identified.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to approve; Motion carried 5-0.

4- In the summer of 2013, the Board replaced the lights at Vrooman Park with new energy efficient lights. The old lights were removed and have been stored at the airport. I have discussed the future of the lights with Nikki Millender and she has no future plans to use them. While the fixtures are working, they are old style lights that are not the kind she would expect to use on any new recreation field. We have inquired with an electrician familiar with outdoor lighting what he would recommend be done with the lights and he could think of no current use. The fixtures are similar to what the City of Apalachicola has at their tennis courts and the City has expressed an interest in some of the lights in the event they need to replace some at the city courts. The fixtures have a junk value of \$6 per fixture so they are not even worth hauling to a junk center. Does the Board want to see if the City of Apalachicola or Carrabelle want these lights? There are approximately 50 fixtures. We only have the fixtures, and in order to be installed the cross arms, poles, and wiring would have to be obtained.

Commissioner Parrish said he thought the Board told the youth soccer league they could use these lights.

Commissioner Massey said the Board should hold off on this matter and see if the soccer league can use them.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey (withdrawn).

5- I recently met with representatives from the Dept. of Economic Opportunity in response to the Board's request for additional state assistance in expanding the county's economic base. While

the state of Florida will not promote one county over another county, it does provide tools to help an interested county compete in the marketplace. One of the tools that is available to Franklin County is a grant to hire an economic development specialist who would target and promote those industries the county believes has the best potential. The grant is called a Regional Rural Development Grant, and funds are available now. There are two conditions the grant application has to meet: the proposed project must have a regional component- meaning it must cover at least 2 counties, and there is a local match requirement. The DEO representatives recommended that Franklin and Gulf Counties make a joint application. The two counties could apply for \$50K from the state, and then each county would have to put up \$25K, for a total funding amount of \$100K. Gulf County has their port and Franklin County has the airport, both of which are in need of professional marketing. Board direction.

Commissioner Parrish asked who would oversee the marketing person who is hired. Mr. Pierce said the Board could create an Economic Development Board to provide guidance or get it directly from the Board of County Commissioners. He said it is a one year contract.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Parrish, to approve the concept of this proposal; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Parrish said that since the Airport is in his district so he wants to be very involved in this project. He said everyone needs to understand that the County will have to work together with Gulf County if this application is approved.

Commissioner Jackel said she is for having a person reporting to both this entire board and the Gulf County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Lockley said other counties have EDCs.

Commissioner Jackel said the County could have had an EDC but it was voted down.

Commissioner Parrish said, in his opinion, the EDC was voted down because it didn't represent the entire County, just one Commissioner's district.

Commissioner Jackel disagreed.

6- The Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman John Murphy has requested the Board consider changing the structure of the Commission since it has been a while since all the Commission seats have been filled. Chairman Murphy would like the Board to reduce the number of P and Z seats to 5, and have one filled by each county commission district. In order to do this the Board would have to amend the Ordinance which created the Planning and Zoning Commission. This would make the Planning and Zoning have the same structure as the Board of Adjustment. Board discussion.

Commissioner Jackel asked that a letter be sent to the family of Steve Davis for his service on the Planning & Zoning Board.

7- At a previous Board meeting, the Board directed that a design be completed for a lighted soccer field and a basketball court at DW Wilson Park. While the Board has discussed the scope

and cost of the project, when the lights were brought in Preble-Rish estimated the cost of construction as between \$200,000 and \$250,000. The Board has never allocated that range of local dollars to build a facility. Facilities on this scale have always been created by applying for state FRDAP grants. I have directed Preble-Rish to stop the design on this project until the Board votes that it will spend that amount of local dollars, as there is no point in spending \$10-15,000 in design and permitting for a facility the Board is not going to fund.

If FRDAP is applied for, then all those costs can be paid for with state funds. Last year the Legislature did fund FRDAP, but only at the small scale level, which was \$50,000 or less projects. Board direction.

Commissioner Lockley said the park brings in tourists so he didn't see why it can't be funded by the TDC.

Chairman Sanders stated that the excess monies have been dedicated from the TDC to the Armory project and she doesn't want to take monies from the Armory for soccer fields.

Commissioner Parrish suggested getting bids for the soccer field without lighting and then apply for a FRDAP grant for lights at a later date in order to keep the project moving forward. He said we don't have the money to do the entire project at this time.

Commissioner Lockley stated that the County would be able to afford this project if money hadn't been spent on the Eastpoint Highway Patrol Station.

Chairman Sanders stated that Kendrick Park was born out of an idea of the Board and the State of Florida paid for it.

Commissioner Lockley asked if this amount covered the cost of a basketball court. He was told that it didn't.

Commissioner Jackel said Carrabelle has a soccer field that wasn't being used.

Commissioner Lockley said the County owns land in his District that could be used.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Massey, to go out for bids for the construction of the soccer field without lighting; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to go out for bids on the costs for the construction of a basketball court in District 3; Motion carried 4-1, Jackel opposed.

8- At a previous meeting the Board had approved the submission of a TRIP (Transportation Regional Incentive Program) grant application for improvements at the airport to solve the lighting problems and to make runway improvements. Several years ago the county had created a regional partnership with Liberty County for the purposes of qualifying for TRIP funds for the airport since Liberty County does not have an airport. In this current application I failed to have the Board appoint Chairman Sanders as the TRIP Committee Chairman so I need Board action authorizing the Chairman to be the TRIP Committee Chairman and to re-sign the TRIP applications. Board action.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to appoint Chairman Sanders as the TRIP Committee Chairman; Motion carried 5-0.

9- Board consideration of Crystal Air email request to re-consider reducing Crystal Air lease. The email is part of the Board packet.

Jason Puckett, for Crystal Air, appeared to say they need a reduction in their lease amount and said he realizes the lease rate needs to be equitable and fair based on fuel sales.

Commissioner Parrish said, which he stated at the last meeting, he doesn't see how Crystal Air can honor the contract if they make \$60,000 on fuel and have to turn around and pay the county \$60,000 per year. He said it's a major issue.

Mr. Puckett said he deals with other airports and there's an economic problem nationwide and the geographic location of this Airport causes many pilots not to stop here for fuel, even though they have tried to market themselves with the tourism for Apalachicola.

Mr. Puckett stated that there's a corporate hangar not rented because there is no industry for it here. He said the issue regarding the lack of fuel was because of a couple of projects that required too much fuel over a holiday weekend. He said it was a perfect storm that was handled professionally.

Commissioner Lockley said there were concerns about the rent being late. Mr. Puckett stated that they are operating at a loss now.

Commissioner Jackel asked if fuel was competitively priced here. Mr. Puckett said gas prices are competitive and Crystal Air provides comparable service that includes a mechanic on staff at all times. Mr. Puckett said public perception is slowly changing.

Alan Feifer, of Alligator Point, said he was a pilot and expressed concerns that this action is only moving the problem out 6 months. He said he goes to Quincy because the price is lower there but believed that marketing is lacking here in Apalachicola and there is no tie-in to the TDC.

Commissioner Jackel said they may look at AVCON, the airport's engineers, at another meeting and told Mr. Puckett that in 6 months she will be asking if they did anything to lower the fuel prices.

Mr. Puckett, responding to Mr. Feifer's comments, said that comparing the Apalachicola Airport to the Quincy airport it is like comparing apples to oranges, and that the airport in Quincy doesn't offer the services that this Airport does.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Parrish, to reduce amount of Crystal Air's lease to \$2500 per month for 6 months which will be revisited in 6 months and agree that Crystal Air will give the County 3 cents a gallon on all gas pumped; Motion carried 4-0, Lockley opposed.

10- Inform the Board that several departments have some unusable pieces of old equipment that need to be removed from inventory. The current list of items that could be sent to auction include: 2000 Kamatsu Loader from Solid Waster; 2001 Chevy Silverado from Animal Control; 1995 International truck from Road Dept.; Black Dodge from Road Dept.; and a roller packer

and a Box drag from the Road Dept. Parks and Rec. might have an old John Deere tractor. A representative with Midway Machinery has visited the county departments and offers the following auction service: Midway regularly holds advertised auctions in Midway, Florida that are well attended. The next auction is Oct. 3. If the Board is interested Midway will come and pick up the equipment to be bid and sell the equipment at the Oct. 3 auction. Midway charges a fee of 5% of the sales price of the item. In order to participate Midway has a one year contract that we sign which has no great meaning to the county as we would most likely not be participating in another auction within 12 months. Wakulla and Leon counties use Midway and sent in letters of recommendation. Board direction.

Chairman Sanders said the County has always done the auction themselves and should continue that practice. She said if the County had more items to get auction, she could see using Midway Machinery, but local people look forward to seeing what the County is getting rid of. She suggested maybe speaking with two of the County's department heads, Fonda Davis and Howard Nabors.

Commissioner Parrish suggested touching base with the Sheriff's Department to see if they have surplus vehicles to auction off.

Chairman Sanders said if we go with Midway to check with all departments first to see what needs to be auctioned.

Mr. Pierce gave the Board, in writing, his letter of resignation and asked that the Board seek a replacement by Dec 1st, 2014. He informed the Board that he has drafted a County Coordinator job description for the Board's consideration, which was updated since the last time it was submitted. He discussed how the job coordinated with the Clerk's Office, so that the mail, as well as the agenda, does not come to him - it goes to Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Jackel asked about the timing. Mr. Pierce said he'd like to have someone hired by Dec. 1st so he could train them for some time. He said he has 3 months of leave and will be available during the winter months.

Commissioner Jackel stated that this position needs to be advertised locally and through the Florida Association of Counties.

Mr. Pierce said this position does not address the County Planner position and he recommends Mark Curenton become the County Planner.

Chairman Sanders asked Mr. Pierce, by the next Meeting, to come up with some format on what is needed. Mr. Pierce said he had a lot of seniority in his office and there will be several transitions.

Chairman Sanders said the Board could start advertising for Mr. Pierce's job now.

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to advertise for position of County Coordinator;
Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Jackel discussed a letter from the Department of Corrections inviting the Board

to an overview of their facility on September 16th. She stated that Mr. Pierce needs to let them know there is a Board Meeting that day.

Mr. Pierce discusses a reduction in the number of inmates being let out for squads, which has caused a problem with completing the work schedule.

Mr. Pierce reported that Mr. Al Shuler, Michael Shuler's Father, passed away. Chairman Sanders expressed sympathy to the Shuler family and asked for a moment of silence.

Chairman Sanders asked Mr. Pierce if he had heard from the Senior Citizen Center audit. He said Sue Reed was to get with the Senior Citizen Center's President about the release of the audit but he hasn't received anything yet.

Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report

Attorney Shuler left earlier in the Meeting, due to a family emergency.

Commissioners and Public Comments

Commissioner Parrish asked Mr. Clay Smallwood, of Preble-Rish, to give an update on the Bluff Road Culvert.

Mr. Smallwood stated all signs are being replaced and also mailboxes. He said the box culvert is to be put in this next week and at least one lane of traffic will remain open, but it will be slow. He said there will be concrete headwalls installed after the culvert is put in to help with drainage issues in the future, then final striping will be done.

Mr. Smallwood also gave an update on the paving project on Oak Street in Lanark Village.

Alan Feifer, of Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, said he'd worked with Alan Pierce and had nothing but good interaction with him and appreciated all of his hard work. He said this presents the County an opportunity to consider changes and think about hiring a County Manager. He suggested that the Board consider having a public workshop to discuss which would be better, a County Manager or a change in the job description.

Adjourned

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

Cheryl Sanders, Chairman – FCBOCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts