

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX  
NOVEMBER 4, 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, 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 the Minutes (9:01 AM)**

**Motion by Massey, seconded by Lockley to approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2014 Regular Meeting and the October 7, 2014 Public Hearing; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Payment of County Bills (9:02 AM)**

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

**Department Supervisor Report**

**Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Public Works (9:02 AM)**

Mr. Nabors updated the Board on grass cutting and ditch cleaning projects he is working on throughout the County.

Chairman Sanders thanked Mr. Nabors for the work the Road Department has done on the eastern end of the County and they discussed some of these projects in detail.

**Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director (9:04 AM)**

Mr. Davis had no action items.

**Nikki Millender- Parks & Recreation (9:04 AM)**

Mrs. Millender had no action items.

**Pam Brownell- Emergency Management Director (9:05 AM)**

Mrs. Brownell had no action items.

Information Items:

1. 10/23/14 the Franklin County CERT Team completed their class with their Exercise. The EOC Staff assisted with this exercise and in welcoming 8 new CERT Members.
2. 10/27/14 Pamela Brownell met with Phil Worley regarding the possibilities of a Residential Wind Retrofit Grant.
3. 10/29/14 EOC Staff met with Denise Imbler regarding New Storm Surge Maps.
4. 10/30/14 Jennifer Daniels will be attending the Big Bend Healthcare Coalition Meeting in Tallahassee.

**Erik Lovstrand – Extension Agent (9:05 AM)**

Mr. Lovstrand did not attend the Meeting.

**Mike Cooper- Hospital CEO (9:05 AM)**

Mr. Cooper was not in attendance, but Mr. Pierce discussed the Hospital's financial information.

**Marcia Johnson- Clerk of Courts (9:05 AM)**

Mrs. Johnson presented her report to the Board.

*1-) I have 5 resolutions for adoption on unanticipated revenue as part of the end-of-the-year bookkeeping that involve funds that weren't included in your initial budget last year because we didn't know at the time they would be received. Approval is needed to comply with Florida Statutes 129. **The 1<sup>st</sup> resolution** deals with \$20,321 received from the State of Florida Dept of*

*Environmental Protection for payment of expenses incurred in operating the solid waste recycling program. The money was put in account 001.59.534.5200, Consolidated Solid Waste Grant –operating supplies. **The 2<sup>nd</sup> resolution** deals with \$740,980 received from the State of Florida Dept. of Transportation for payment of expenses in the resurfacing of Bayshore Drive to US 98. We put \$139,500 into account 141.41.541.3105, Professional Services – Engineering and we put \$601,480 into account 141.41.541.4605, Repair and Maintenance-Resurfacing. **The 3<sup>rd</sup> resolution** deals with \$754,160 received from the State of Florida Dept. of Transportation for payment of expenses in the resurfacing of Oak Street from Arizona to Doe Lane. We put \$127,350 into account 141.41.541.3106, Professional Services-Engineering and we put \$626,810 into account 141.41.541.4606, Repair and Maintenance-Resurfacing. **The 4<sup>th</sup> resolution** deals with \$134,894 received from BancorpSouth Equipment Finance used to finance the acquisition of the John Deere 544K Loader for the Solid Waste Department. We put the money into account 001.40.534.6401, Solid Waste-Machinery & Equipment. **The 5<sup>th</sup> resolution** deals with \$96,161 received from the State of Florida for the payment of law enforcement expenses incurred in the Sheriff's Department. We put the money into the Sheriff's Department Budgeted Grant.*

RESOLUTION  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*WHEREAS, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and*

*WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and*

*WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated state grant revenues in the amount of \$20,321.00 from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the payment of expenses incurred in operations of the solid waste recycling program.*

*WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and*

*WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and*

*WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of: 001.59.534.5200 Consolidated Solid Waste Grant – Operating Supplies \$20,321.00*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$20,321.00 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).*

*THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 4th day of NOVEMBER 2014.*

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*WHEREAS, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and*

*WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and*

*WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated state grant revenues in the amount of \$740,980.00 from the Florida Department of Transportation for the payment of expenses incurred in the resurfacing of Bayshore Drive to US98.*

*WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and*

*WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and*

*WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:*

*141.41.541.3105 Professional Services – Engineering \$139,500.00*

*41.41.541.4605 Repair and Maintenance – Resurfacing \$601,480.00*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$740,980.00 in the LOGT ROAD PAVING FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).*

*THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 4th day of NOVEMBER 2014.*

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WHEREAS, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated state grant revenues in the amount of \$754,160.00 from the Florida Department of Transportation for the payment of expenses incurred in the resurfacing of Oak Street from Arizona to Doe Lane.

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

141.41.541.3106 Professional Services – Engineering \$127,350.00

141.41.541.4606 Repair and Maintenance – Resurfacing \$626,810.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$754,160.00 in the LOGT ROAD PAVING FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 4th day of NOVEMBER 2014.

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WHEREAS, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated installment loan proceeds in the amount of \$134,894.00 from BancorpSouth Equipment Finance to finance the acquisition of the John Deere 544K Loader for the Solid Waste Department, and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

001.40.534.6401 Solid Waste – Machinery & Equipment \$ 134,894.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$134,894.00 in the GENERAL FUND in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

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WHEREAS, Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has received unanticipated grant revenues in the amount of \$96,161.00 from the State of Florida for the payment of law enforcement expenses incurred in operations of the Sheriff's Department.

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and

WHEREAS, FS 129.06(2)(d) provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS, this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

Sheriff's Department Budgeted Grant Expenditures \$96,161.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$96,161.00 in the SHERIFF'S BUDGET in order to comply with FS129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 4th day of NOVEMBER 2014.

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to approve the 5 Resolutions, as presented by Mrs. Johnson; Motion carried 5-0.**

2-) I have a several budget item amendments for approval: (a) On June 3, 2014, the Board approved the purchase of a new loader for the Solid Waste Department. A line item budget amendment is needed to move funds from operating supplies into the line items below to make a down payment on the equipment:

Increase account 001.40.534.7100 Principal - \$25,000  
Increase account 001.40.434.6401 Large Machinery & Equipment - \$9,950  
Decrease 001.40.534.5200 Operating Supplies - \$34,950

(b) In 2013/2014, the Road Department was approved to purchase an inmate truck from the state bid list. A line item budget amendment is needed to move the funds from the different line items to the capital outlay line item:

Increase 140.41.541.6401 Large Machinery & Equipment - \$95,512  
Decrease 140.41.541.6400 Machinery & Equipment - \$10,300  
Decrease 140.41.541.7100 Principal-\$46,743  
Decrease 140.41.541.7200 Interest - \$2,972  
Decrease 140.41.541.4500 Insurance-\$12,990  
Decrease 140.41.541.5200 Operating Supplies- \$7,945  
Decrease 140.41.541.2400 Workers Compensation-\$8,155  
Decrease 140.41.541.5300 Materials & Supplies-\$6,407

(c) On 11/05/13, the Board approved spending up to \$100,000 of TDC funds for the renovation of the Eastpoint Visitor Center. A line item budget amendment is needed to move the funds:

Increase 130.33.552.6200 Buildings-\$92,969.36  
Increase 130.33.552.4600 Maintenance & Repairs-\$2,385  
Decrease 130.99.584.9600 Reserve for Contingencies - \$95,354.36

(d) On 9/3/2014, the TDC Council approved allocating \$10,000 of the Eastpoint Visitor Center's \$35,000 operational funding for bid specifications for the Carrabelle Park Pavilion and Restrooms and the St. George Island Restrooms. A line item budget amended is needed to move the funds:

Increase 130.33.552.3100 Professional Services - \$9,970  
Decrease 130.33.552.4800 Promotional Aid to Private Organizations - \$9,970

**Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to approve budget amendments a through d, as presented by Mrs. Johnson; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Alan Pierce- Director of Administrative Service (9:11 AM)**

Mr. Pierce presented his report to the Board.

1- At the last meeting the Board asked me to contact the state regarding the necessity of shelling the west end of the Bay. I did speak to Mr. Jim Estes, FWC, shortly after the meeting. He said the state is developing plans to put shell in the west end. The \$6.3M of federal fishery disaster funds will be used to shell Cat Point, East Hole, and some of the summer areas north of the bridge. The state is receiving another \$1.9M of NRDA money and that money will be used to shell in the Miles and the western part of the Bay. At this time they plan to shell 3 sites on Dry Bay. Mr. Estes agrees that Dry Bar used to be one of the most productive bars but starting some

*time in 2007/8 oyster productivity declined dramatically. They are not sure what happened so they are going to plant shells in 3 different places on Dry Bar in hopes that at least one area takes hold. With the \$1.9M they expect to shell about 135 acres.*

Commissioner Lockley asked Mr. Pierce to contact the agency about shelling in other areas of the Bay.

*2- Board action to sign JPA with DOT for the design phase of a bike path on South and North Bayshore Drive. The design will occur this year with construction to follow sometime after July 1, 2015.*

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Pierce discussed the possibilities of extending this path and using District 1 paving funds to pay for the extension.

**Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to sign the JPA with DOT for design phase of bike path on South and North Bayshore Drive, with the possibility of extending the path to the end of North Bayshore Drive, which will be funded by District 1 paving money if needed; Motion carried 5-0.**

*3- Inform the Board that Ms. Debbie Belcher has been asked by DEO to be available for a site visit related to the housing rehab grant that she has discussed with the Board. As the Board may recall, Ms. Belcher had told the Board in an earlier meeting that our chances for funding did not look good, but the request for a site visit is an indication that DEO is reviewing the project.*

*4- Inform the Board that DEP is still taking public comment on behalf of the state for opinions on the process that is being used to develop the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration projects. The state of Florida, through the Governor's Office, will be submitting 5 projects for consideration by the full Gulf Council. Previously I had told the Board that there were 1200 projects that DEP is reviewing. The recent news release said there are now over 2000 projects DEP is reviewing. The deadline for submitting comments on the process the state is using is tomorrow, Nov. 5. Franklin County has joined the 7 other impacted counties and are supporting a Panhandle wide watershed restoration project that, if funded, would dedicate \$14M to the seven watersheds in the Panhandle, with \$2M for projects in the Apalachicola Bay.*

*5- Inform the Board that I have received a complaint about high gas prices in the county as compared to surrounding areas.*

Board discussed possible causes of high gas prices in the County and the lower prices in neighboring counties.

*6- Inform the Board that the US Treasury has announced RESTORE training on Nov. 14 for Franklin, Gulf, Wakulla and other surrounding counties. County staff will be attending the*

*training. The training is intended to provide guidance on creating the multi-year plan as approval of the county's multi-year plan by the US Treasury is the first step in getting access to funds for specific projects.*

*The US Treasury is allowing counties to get planning money to hire a consultant to write a multi-year plan. I have spoken to staff in Gulf and Wakulla counties and they are waiting for the training to see exactly how complicated the Treasury process is going to be before deciding on whether to recommend their counties seek out consultants. I am taking the same approach. According to what I understand of actions by the Consortium, if Franklin County wants to use a consultant it will be possible to use one of several that will be approved by the Consortium without having to do an independent search. Consultants selected by the Consortium will have been screened for qualifications and competency. The county is not required to use a Consortium vetted consultant but that process will be available.*

*7- Inform the Board that the county RESTORE Council will be meeting on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 4 PM at the Carrabelle City Hall.*

*8- Board action to keep Franklin County designated as a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO). The previous name for such designation was RACEC- Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern, but in 2012 DEO renamed the program. The designation of Franklin County and 8 surrounding counties was initially made in 1999, and then re-designated in 2009 for five more years. The designation expires at the end of 2014, so Opportunity Florida, on behalf of the 9 counties, is getting each county to adopt a Resolution requesting the Governor continue the designation for an additional five years, which is the standard length of time for designations. Opportunity Florida will then present all 9 resolutions at one time to the Governor for action. Board action.*

**Motion by Parrish, seconded by Jackel, to keep Franklin County designated as a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO); Motion carried 5-0.**

*9- Update Board on status of federal fishery disaster funds that have been set aside for seafood dealers. As the Board is aware, approximately \$700,000 will be available for seafood dealers to make repairs to their seafood houses. I spoke to Mr. Cal Knickerbocker on Friday and he said they, the Dept. of Ag, hopes to receive the funds by Dec. 1. Two critical facts about the money- this is a reimbursement effort so seafood dealers will not get reimbursed for any repairs that are done before the dealer and DACS has an agreement; and the money is for repairs only, not expansion.*

Commissioner Jackel stated the importance of notifying the seafood dealers of this project. Mr. Pierce explained that agency hasn't received any funding for the project as yet so they haven't advertised.

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, directing staff to send a letter to Department of Agriculture requesting that they notify the seafood dealers of the program funds and restrictions; Motion carried 5-0.**

**T. Michael Shuler- County Attorney Report (9:25 AM)**

Attorney Shuler had no items.

**Commissioners' & Public Comments (9:25 AM)**

Commissioner Parrish stated that the culvert installation will be starting on the Bluff Road project.

Commissioner Sanders encouraged the public to attend the Veteran's Day celebration at Franklin County School and stated her support for that event.

Allen Feifer, of Alligator Point, asked about the Supreme Court ruling on the Water Wars. Attorney Shuler stated the he is aware of the ruling and had already informed the Board.

**Adjourn (9:27 AM)**

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

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Chairman Sanders, Chairman – FCBOCC

Attest:

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Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts