

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
JANUARY 6, 2015
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

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

Others: 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 (9:01 AM)

Chairman Massey called the Meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge (9:01 AM)

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes (9:02 AM)

No Minutes were submitted for approval.

Payment of County Bills (9:02 AM)

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

Jimmy Harris – Tax Collector (9:02 AM)

Mr. Harris updated the Board on the move to the new Courthouse Annex location in Carrabelle. He stated that he needs \$2,200 to replace two computers for the County's Tax System.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Parrish, to approve Tax Collector's request for \$2,200 for two computers for tax system for Carrabelle Office; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Harris discussed an open house for the new Carrabelle location and suggested that the Board consider purchasing a plaque for the official Courthouse Annex building in Carrabelle. He stated that the tentative opening date is January 26, 2015.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to approve purchase of plaque for Carrabelle Courthouse Annex; Motion carried 5-0.

John Solomon – Weems Foundation (9:07 AM)

John Solomon, President of Weems Healthcare Foundation, presented an \$18,000 check to the County and Weems Hospital for the purchase of new lab equipment at the Hospital.

Commissioner Lockley thanked the Foundation for their funding.

Jim Bachrach, of the Weems Board, thanked the Foundation for their fundraising efforts to purchase this equipment.

FWC – Discuss Bear Issues (9:10 AM)

Steve Shea, Regional Director, spoke to the Board concerning the bear attack that happened in Eastpoint. While reading from a prepared statement, he explained what FWC is doing to reduce the bear population in the County, including relocation and to be euthanized. He stated that genetic analysis showed that one of the euthanized bears was the one that attacked Miss Reeder. He said that cooperative efforts are needed between FWC, the public, businesses, and government to help with human and bear conflicts. His comments included a statement that the FWC is considering some type of bear hunting season to manage bear populations. He discussed other options, including securing garbage containers, to help manage human and bear conflicts.

Commissioner Jackel stated that, over the years, the County has tried to be very pro-active concerning issues with the bear population in the County. She stated that because of no action on behalf of FWC, there has been an attack on a young lady in Eastpoint. She thanked FWC for attending the meeting but stated that something has to be done to reduce the bear population in Franklin County in order to protect citizens.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Shea discussed FWC's plans to reduce the bear population in the County.

Commissioner Jackel suggested some type of public fair to provide information on bear safety. She stated that a consistent plan is needed to reduce the bear population and to stop bear and human conflicts.

Commissioner Lockley stated that FWC should have taken this type of action and showed this type of force before the recent bear attack. He stated that there is a bear in Apalachicola that is in very populated neighborhoods and needs immediate attention. He believed the endangered species count should be reconsidered.

Mr. Shea stated that FWC is becoming more aggressive in their response to complaints in Apalachicola also. He also stated that the black bear has been removed from the State's threatened species list and will make it easier to deploy more aggressive methods to manage bear populations.

Commissioner Parrish agreed with fellow Commissioners and stated that residents are not feeling safe in their neighborhoods. He believes this will present other problems if something isn't done soon to control the bear population in the County.

Commissioner Sanders stated that the bears have lost fear of humans and believed bear hunting season should be re-opened. She spoke directly to Leah Reeder, the young lady that was recently attacked by a bear in Franklin County, and expressed her gratitude that she is going to be okay.

Chairman Massey asked the Ms. Reeder, the victim of the bear attack, to come forward and be recognized.

Commissioner Sanders spoke to Miss Reeder and discussed the bear attack.

Mr. Shea suggested that the Commissioners reach out to the FWC board members to inform them of the problems with bears in Franklin County. He stated that the upcoming FWC meetings will be held in Jacksonville in February and in Tallahassee in April.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to direct Fonda Davis to confer with FWC to discuss options to help with bear conflicts in the County; Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Massey and Mr. Shea discussed sightings of bears that have been tagged, with at least three tags in their ears.

Paige Richards, of Eastpoint, asked for a number to call when there are bear sightings on personal property. She expressed the frustrations of the public in dealing with FWC when there are bear sightings. She asked if bears are being re-located from South Florida to our location.

Mr. Shea stated that bears are re-located to the same area that they are found.

The Board stated that a hotline is needed for bear sightings in the County.

Mr. Shea stated that residents need to continue to call when they are having problems in order for the new aggressive measures to be implemented. He stated they would provide a number before the Meeting is over.

Dottie Thornberg, of Eastpoint, suggested that a developed re-location area is needed, which would allow the new generation of bear cubs not to look for foods. She discussed other suggestions.

Mike Roehr, of St. George Island, discussed the tension between the public and FWC due to perceived fines and possible imprisonment if citizens have to defend themselves from bears. He stated something needs to be done to soften the relationship between the public and FWC. A FWC Representative responded with a proposal that will be discussed at the February FWC Commission meeting.

Connie Roehr, of St. George Island, discussed a bear confrontation involving her 80 year old father, but because of the FWC rules he was afraid to defend himself from the bear, so was trapped in his house. She asked what options are available for defensive measures.

A FWC Representative clarified that a bear can be shot if it is attacking someone.

Commissioner Sanders discussed a problem she had in the past with a bear destroying her property.

Commissioner Parrish asked what should be done if there are bear sightings in the County. A FWC Representative explained the protocol for bear sightings.

Sgt. Stella Bryant, of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, suggested updated bear response training for local law enforcement.

Gary Carroll, suggested training volunteers, in addition to law enforcement, to assist with bear sightings.

Mike Thornberg asked if FWC dispatch is available 24 hours a day. He was told that it was. Link Carroll, of Eastpoint, discussed some problems with bears on her Father's property in Eastpoint.

Mr. Shea stated that because of the recent attack he has been able to get to know the Reeder family and he has seen the strength of the families and residents of Franklin County.

Linda Carroll, of Eastpoint, was pleased with FWC's statements today but stated that more proactive action is needed from FWC to avoid any more attacks.

Recess (9:56 AM)

Chairman Massey called for a recess.

Reconvene

Chairman Massey reconvened the Meeting.

Department Supervisor Report

Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Public Works

Mr. Nabors updated the Board on road conditions due to the recent rains.

He stated that there is an upcoming auction that needs Board action to approve the equipment on the list, which includes an old school bus, a D5H Dozer, a back hoe, and mowers.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to approve the auction with the equipment stated by Mr. Nabors; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Pierce presented this item from his report.

3- Board discussion of new road washout on Gulf Shore Blvd, Alligator Point. As the Board is aware a major section of Gulf Shore Blvd. washed out during Hurricane Debby in 2012. The road has never been permanently put back because I have been working with FEMA to relocate the road landward. The county has built a temporary road while the permanent relocation project worked its way through FEMA approval. However, over Dec. 23/24 a small storm event washed out some 250 additional feet of asphalt road west of the section washed out by Hurricane Debby. FEMA funds cannot be used to repair this new washout as it did not happen during a declared event. This new washout is compelling evidence that the Gulf Shore Blvd area

is a critically eroding shoreline, and the county should endeavor to seek a permanent solution for providing access to the 7 lots that need Gulf Shore Blvd. The permanent solution I recommend is to seek state and federal support to buy out these 7 property owners as these 7 lots are entirely surrounded by Bald Point State Park. If these lots did not exist the county would have no obligation to provide any form of maintenance at the end of Gulf Shore Blvd. In November, the voters of the state approved funding for a new land acquisition program and I request the Board contact DEP, who will be administering this new program, to see if these 7 lots can be purchased. As Ray Maynard, one of the property owners said when I talked to him, "The state should be interested in buying these 7 one acre lots, as we are 7 acres of land as an outparcel in a 4,000 acre state park."

I met with state DEM representatives at the site on Dec. 30. They are investigating what FEMA funds might be available, including converting the funds dedicated to constructing a new road. Normally construction funds cannot be converted to acquisition funds but the state reps are going to talk to FEMA as they were concerned about how vulnerable the remaining part of Gulf Shore Blvd is. In the meantime, I recommend the Board authorize up to \$10,000 out of the Bald Point Trust fund to build a temporary lime rock road landward of the washout to provide access to the 7 lots. Board direction.

Mr. Pierce stated that right of way access will be needed from the property owners to build this road as there is no longer a County right of way. He discussed this matter further and provided some pictures of the road.

Commissioner Sanders stated that she didn't want the County to violate any of DEP's current orders with this proposal and that most of this type of damage happens during winter storms.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to authorize \$10,000 out of the Bald Point Trust fund to build a temporary lime rock road landward of the washout to provide access to the 7 lots and for Mr. Pierce to start process of building road, including asking the State to purchase property; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Parrish mentioned that there is a fire hydrant that will be washed out with any additional storms.

Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director

Mr. Davis stated that the league is interested in bidding for two Baseball State Tournaments and would need Board action to authorize funding for the deposit amount and TDC funding.

Mr. Pierce presented this item from his report.

4- Board consideration of a change in policy for youth sports teams. In 2003, the Board adopted a policy to provide financial assistance to youth sports teams selected or invited to participate in a State or National Championship tournament. The current policy sets a maximum amount allotted for a state tournament per team at \$2500, and for a national tournament the maximum amount is \$5000. The county has expanded its Parks and Rec facilities since 2003

also, and there is beginning to be a squeeze on the Parks and Rec budget. Before any youth team program starts in the spring, I recommend the Board revise the allotment for teams to a maximum of \$1250 for a state tournament, and \$2500 for a national tournament. The county funds would still be provided in advance, but upon completion of the tournament the team coach must provide receipts that the county funds went only to food and lodging. Any unspent funds would be returned to the county.

Further, a team must have won a district or regional tournament in order to be eligible for county funds. If a team is invited to play in a tournament without having won at a lower level, the team is not eligible for county funds.

Mr. Pierce stated that this action would provide additional funding in the Parks and Recreation Dept.'s budget.

Commissioner Sanders expressed her concerns with the County's teams not receiving funding. Gary Martina, President of the Franklin County Dixie Youth League, stated that this action would hurt the kids playing on these teams.

Link Carroll, Secretary of the Franklin County Dixie Youth League, suggested issuing checks directly to the lodging areas which would result in the Board receiving any refunds directly. The Board, Mr. Martina, and Ms. Carroll discussed this matter further.

Ms. Carroll stated that there are ways to reduce the overall cost of the Tournament.

The Board discussed pros and cons of hosting the Tournament.

Commissioner Jackel explained the many ways that County makes money when hosting a Tournament.

The Board, Mr. Davis, Ms. Carroll, and Mr. Martina discussed this matter further.

Commissioner Jackel asked how much money is made on gate fees and who collects the gate fees. Ms. Carroll explained how the funds received from the gate fees are used.

Commissioner Jackel stated that she doesn't have an issue with employees getting overtime during the Tournament but would like to see other cost saving measures implemented especially where the banquet is concerned.

Commissioner Sanders asked if the League will have time to secure fundraising once the decision is made for Franklin County to host the Tournament. Ms. Carroll stated that it would be enough time to get it organized.

Commissioner Jackel asked for better accountability procedures to be put in place for the League so there is no repeat of the recent issues, as she has been asked by the public about accountability.

Mr. Martina explained what action the League is taking for better accountability.

Chairman Massey suggested Mr. Martina provide financial reports to the Board.

Ms. Carroll liked the Chairman's suggestion and would work to start that process.

Alan Feifer, of the Concerned Citizen of Franklin County, stated that any non-governmental agency seeking funding from the County should provide continuous financial reports to the Board.

Mr. Martina stated that there is no problem with the Dixie Youth League providing financial reports to the County.

Mike Thornberg asked which youth sports the County supports and suggested that more internal control and reporting is needed.

Commissioner Jackel thanked the Thornberg family for supporting the County School teams by providing equipment.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to approve an expenditure of \$2,500 from the Parks and Recreation budget to as a deposit to bid on hosting the two Dixie Youth League Tournaments as requested by the Franklin County Dixie Youth League; Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Carroll stated that if they are successful with their bids to host any of the tournaments they will return to discuss funding the tournaments.

Commissioner Parrish stated that he would like a plan presented that would include financing amounts for these Tournaments.

Mr. Pierce asked the Board to ask the parents to form a league similar to the Dixie Youth League for the football league.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to direct Mr. Pierce and Mr. Davis to contact parents and volunteers of the football league to form a league similar to the soccer and baseball leagues; Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Massey and Mr. Davis discussed using grants to maintain playground equipment and bathrooms at Vrooman Park in Eastpoint. Mr. Davis asked for clarification on what type of field should be designed at the park in Eastpoint, a tournament field versus a regular field.

Ms. Carroll explained that there is a 'sweetie team' league in other counties that requires special types of field.

Chairman Massey stated that the Eastpoint Fire Department was not willing to sell the County some of its land, but would let the County use it indefinitely.

Chairman Massey stated the flag in the Eastpoint Cemetery needs to be replaced.

Commissioner Sanders stated that the flag and flag pole at the Carrabelle Beach Park needs to be repaired.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Davis discussed trash pick-up on St. George Island.

Pam Brownell- Emergency Management Director

Mrs. Brownell presented her report to the Board.

Action Items:

1. *Requesting Board approval and signing of Garrison's Construction Wind Retrofit Contract for the Franklin County Jail.*

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Parrish, to approve signing of Garrison's Construction Wind Retrofit Contract for the Franklin County Jail with Attorney Shuler's review and approval; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders asked Mrs. Brownell about flooding during the Christmas Holidays and about the agreement with the Corn Hydro Dam releasing too much water without warning. Mrs. Brownell stated that you have to be put on their notification list for these warnings. Commissioner Sanders stated that there is an agreement about how much water will be released at a time and asked Mrs. Brownell to send them a letter reminding them of the agreement.

Erik Lovestrand- UF Extension Agent

Mr. Lovestrand had no items for Board approval.

Mr. Pierce asked for approval for an amendment that changes the timeline for the Sea Turtle Grant.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Parrish, to approve amendment on timeline for the Sea Turtle Grant; Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Pierce stated that there is a possibility of additional funding for the Sea Turtle Grant.

Commissioner Jackel asked for the status of the literature for the Sea Turtle season. Mr. Lovestrand provided a timeline for the literature.

Mike Cooper- Weem's CEO

Mr. Cooper was not in attendance, as he was ill.

Marcia Johnson- Clerk of Court

Mrs. Johnson presented her report to the Board.

1-) For action, I have a line item budget amendment of Tourist Development Funds for approval which was tabled at your last meeting. At their December 3, 2014 meeting, the Tourist Development Council approved some additional expenses for the Eastpoint Visitor Center to be paid out of TDC Reserve for Contingencies. The additional expenses consist of \$680 to relocate palm trees, \$300 for moving costs to the new Center, \$300 for masonry repairs to the front of the building, and \$495 for reception room furniture. A line item budget amendment is needed as follows if the Board wishes for these expenditures to be paid out of TDC Contingencies. If not, the Board needs to take action to turn them back over to the TDC Administrator, Curt Blair, for payment to be made from the current TDC Administrative budget or the Eastpoint Visitor Center's operational budget.

Increase 130.33.552.3400 Administration \$300.00

Increase 130.33.552.5200	Operating Supplies	\$495.00
Increase 130.33.552.4600	Maintenance & Repairs	\$980.00
Decrease 130.33.552.8200	Reserve for Contingencies	\$1,775.00

Commissioner Jackel stated that she was not in favor of forwarding this cost to the TDC Administrator. She stated some of the issues she has with the way the Eastpoint Visitor has been treated by the Board.

Chairman Massey commented on this matter.

Commissioner Lockley commented on his issues with what has happened with the Eastpoint Visitor Center.

Mr. Pierce explained the process regarding the cost of moving the trees at the Eastpoint Visitor Center.

Mrs. Johnson explained that the reason she has brought this before the Board is because it is being spent from TDC Reserves, as recommended by the TDC.

Commissioner Sanders asked if the correct process is being used for the TDC authorizing expenditures from the TDC Reserves. Mrs. Johnson responded.

Commissioner Jackel stated that if the Board prefers she would inform the TDC to present all out of the normal expenditures to the Board.

The Board and Mrs. Johnson discussed the distribution of budget monies and how to pay for the expenditures for the Eastpoint Visitor's Center. The listed expense for moving was also discussed.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to forward items for payment from either TDC Administrator or Eastpoint Visitor Center budget instead of from TDC Reserves; Motion carried 3-2, Massey, Jackel opposed.

2-) For action, the Travel and Expense Policy, containing Lucy Turner's suggested deletions and additions is attached and approval requested. It was presented to you for review at your last meeting.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to table this item until the next Meeting to allow opportunity to review and ask Attorney Lucy Turner to attend to answer questions; Motion carried 5-0.

3-) Remove used Minolta copier from inventory list. The copier was purchased in 2002 and is now obsolete.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to approve removing 2002 Minolta copier from inventory list; Motion carried 5-0.

Alan Feifer, of the Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, read from a prepared statement regarding the recent theft in the Probation Office.

Mrs. Johnson responded to this statement.

Alan Pierce- Director of Administrative Service

Mr. Pierce presented his report to the Board.

1- Inform Board that Mr. Kal Knickerbocker responded to the Board's letter concerning the alteration of leases in Alligator Harbor. According to Mr. Knickerbocker, the Dept. did get the US Coast Guard to review and approve the area for a Private Aids to Navigation permit to install signs and markers to inform mariners of the marked area. The Alligator Harbor Aquaculture Use Zone represents approximately 2% of Alligator Harbor. And in the Use Zone, there are 25 foot navigational easements separating each parcel to maintain access for boaters to traverse the lease areas.

2- Inform Board that the paving of US 98 in Apalach is slated for summer 2015, which is why it did not show up on the 5 year DOT work plan.

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5- Board direction on fixing the Chapman Auditorium roof. As the Board is aware the county has received a \$50,000 Historic Preservation Grant to repair the roof over the auditorium. The grant had a matching component so the county budgeted \$46,350. The total amount of funds dedicated to repairing the roof is \$96,350. However, the Planning Dept., upon consultation with the Board, did ask an architect to provide an opinion on the status of the roof as the roof has been leaking in the auditorium since before the county received the building from the school board. It is the architect's opinion that part of the structural integrity of the roof has been compromised, and that it will not be sufficient to put a new exterior roof over a structure that it has rotten wood under the roof. Recently pieces of wood have fallen on to the stage in the auditorium from the ceiling. The architect's estimate is that it will take a total of some \$250,000 to adequately fix the roof. If the county is interested in moving forward with this project it should plan on spending an additional \$154,000 above the original \$96,350 of grant and local match.

To compound the situation, the school board has transferred the parking lot for the building to the City of Apalachicola, and the city is investigating building a building on the corner of Bluff Road and US 98. The City has previously expressed interest in acquiring the Chapman Building. If the county fixes up the auditorium it still does not have a dedicated use for it, so does the Board want to inquire with the City if it would still like the building? Board direction.

Commissioner Lockley was not in favor of giving any buildings to the City but rather doing the needed repairs over a period of time and allow the County to consider a different use for the building.

The Board discussed the cost versus the use and value of the building.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Pierce discussed the City trading property or a building with the County for this building.

Mark Curenton, of Planning and Zoning, provided additional information on the building.

Mr. Curenton informed the Board that the State just notified him that the \$96,000 for the Emo Contract on the Chapman building was approved.
The Board discussed this matter further.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to direct Mr. Pierce to see if there are other options for repairs and use of the Chapman Building; Motion carried 4-1, Jackel opposed.

6- Board direction on waiving the rental fee for Habitat for Humanity's fundraiser in the Armory on Feb. 14, and the Chamber of Commerce's fundraiser on Feb.8. The normal rental fee is \$428. Neither group paid a fee in the last several years.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to approve waiving rental fee for Habitat for Humanity's fundraiser in the Armory on February 14, 2015 and Chamber of Commerce's fundraiser on February 8, 2015; Motion carried 5-0.

7- Board direction on projects to be submitted to the Legislature for funding. In the cover letter, Senator Montford states, "I want to encourage you to narrow down and identify those programs/projects that have strong local community support and have been identified/recognized as a need by a state agency." The Senator also requests that the Board identify the top priority project. The deadline for submitting projects is Jan. 31.

The project list at this time includes:

**250K to assist the UF renovate the Research Reserve Bldg and road in Apalach.*

**500K to purchase a permanent home for Sup. Of Elections Office.*

**2.5M for dredging the Eastpoint Channel*

**300K for drainage improvements in a system known as Smokey Hollow on the east side of Carrabelle.*

**600K for acquisition of Ell's Court and Island View Campground*

**1.5M for dredging Creekmore Channel in Apalachicola*

**500K for drainage improvements in Apalachicola*

Commissioner Parrish asked about the language that stated a need for support from a State agency.

The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed these items further.

The Board will discuss this matter further at the next Meeting.

8- Board action to approve a Resolution of Appreciation for First Responders Week. Governor Scott has requested all local governments participate in recognizing Jan. 5-9, 2015 as Florida First Responder Appreciation Week, in appreciating first responders, fire fighters, EMTs, law enforcement, and all those who bravely and selflessly risk their lives in serving the public.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to approve a Resolution of Appreciation recognizing January 5 - 9, 2015 as First Responders Appreciation Week; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Sanders asked that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Florida Association of Counties.

Commissioner Jackel would like to have originals sent to all of the Fire Districts throughout the County.

Mr. Pierce stated that Bob Allen sent pictures and has issues with a culvert located at North Bayshore Drive.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Lockley, to direct Mr. Pierce and Mr. Smallwood, of Prebble-Rish to investigate this issue and report back to Board; Motion carried 5-0.

T. Michael Shuler- County Attorney Report

Attorney Shuler had no items to report to the Board.

Commissioners' & Public Comments

There were no Commissioner or public comments.

Adjourn (12:16 PM)

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

William Massey, Chairman – FCBOCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts