

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX  
FEBRUARY 3, 2015  
9:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

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

**Others Present:** Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Michael Morón – Deputy Clerk to the Board

**Call to Order 9:01**

Chairman Massey called the meeting to order.

**Prayer and Pledge**

There was a Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to approve the Minutes of the January 6, 2015, and January 20, 2015, regular minutes; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Payment of County Bills**

**Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve payment of the bill list as presented; Motion carried 5-0**

**Larry Hale – Request for Veteran’s Nursing Home in County**

Mr. Hale suggested that the County pursue using the vacant Bay City Work Camp site as a Veteran’s Nursing Home. He explained that the State has approved building some Veteran’s Nursing Home throughout the State and this would provide jobs in the County.

Mr. Pierce stated that thus far the County hasn't been able to lease the site to anyone that is interested in using it for incarceration type service so maybe pursuing some other type of use would be a good idea, especially since the facility already has water and sewer and would create jobs in the County. He stated that the Airport committee supported this action and provided an alternate site if needed.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, directing staff to send a letter requesting the State to consider Bay City Work-camp as a possible future site for a State approved Veteran's Nursing Home; Motion carried 5-0.**

### **S.W.A.T. Presentation**

Ms. Eleanor Mount Simmons introduced herself as the Chairperson of the Franklin County Tobacco Free Coalition and the accompanying SWAT staff.

SWAT students thanked the Board for their past support by waiving the fee at the Armory for the Martin Luther King Jr. event and supporting the Resolution regarding the sales of e-cigarette in the County. They asked the Board to waive the fee for the 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to waive the fee at the Armory for the 2016 Martin Luther King celebration; Motion carried 5-0.**

Ms. Mount Simmons stated some of the problems with e-cigarettes in the County, especially with the youth.

Ms Moore, of the SWAT staff, provided statistical information regarding tobacco and e-cigarettes among the youth of the County. She asked the Board to support the Resolution regarding the sale of e-cigarettes in the County.

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Sanders, to support the Resolution regarding the e-cigarette sales in the County pursuant to the County Attorney's review; Motion carried 5-0.**

### **Department Supervisor Report**

#### **Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Public Works**

Mr. Nabors stated that he is having a problem with people putting trash and other items in ditches, which blocks culverts and causes flooding issues. He stated that he can clean a ditch one day and by the next day there is trash and other items in it.

Commissioner Sanders suggested that Mr. Nabors confer with Mr. Davis, of the Solid Waste Department, to come up with some options for the Board to consider.

Commissioner Jackel stated that during the North Bayshore paving project a culvert was damaged which caused driveway access problems for a resident.

Mr. Nabors verified that culvert is damaged.

Mr. Clay Smallwood, of Preble-Rish, stated the culvert probably needs to be replaced but he couldn't tell if the damage was due to the paving project or something prior to that.

Mr. Nabors commented on this matter.

Attorney Shuler recommended that the Board authorized him to confer with Mr. Nabors and Mr. Smallwood then discuss with that Board at the next meeting.

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, directing Attorney Shuler to confer with Mr. Nabors and Mr. Smallwood on the damaged culvert issue and discuss with the Board at the next meeting; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Nabors to look at Pine Street as some maintenance is needed regarding growth blocking views, especially at the corners.

Mr. Nabors stated that the bike path needs trimming and maintenance but homeowners complain whenever this is done.

Commissioner Jackel told Mr. Nabors to proceed with trimming but be as sensitive as possible to the concerns of the homeowners.

Mr. Pierce stated that plants that create hedge in front of the new Carrabelle Annex location is a problem to maintain so he will remove those plants and replace them with another type that will be easier to maintain.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Pierce to contact Transfield and request that something is done to improve visibility, perhaps moving the stop bar, at the corner of School Road and Highway 98.

#### **Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director**

Mr. Davis presented his report.

*CENTRAL LANDFILL PAVING: I have previously mentioned to the Board about paving needed in the Central Landfill, it has been discussed but no action has been taken.*

*REQUESTED ACTION: For the board to move forward on approving to have the Landfill Paved.*

Mr. Pierce stated that there is an area at Sheriff's office that also needs paving so he suggested that both projects are bid together and funded from the paving fund before that fund is divided for the County's main paving project.

Mr. Smallwood stated that the list of roads for paving will be complete as soon as he adds Commissioner Sander's district list.

*2015 FRANKLIN COUNTY DIXIE BASEBALL AAA & OZONE STATE TOURNAMENT: On January 24<sup>th</sup> Dixie Youth League President Gary Martina & his Board went to the State Meeting in Lake City Florida to present the Bid to Host the 2015 Dixie State Tournament for AAA & Ozone Baseball*

*Divisions. Franklin County won the bid to host both Divisions. The State Tournament will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup> — 22<sup>nd</sup>. In the past the Dixie Youth State Tournaments was a huge success. The success would not have been possible without the support of the Franklin County Commission, TDC, Volunteers, local businesses, and our Parks & Recreations Staff. The Tournament brought a large amount of revenue into Franklin County and had a positive impact on our youth. Our Department prides itself on making positive impact on the children of Franklin County. Because of this, the opportunity has presented itself once again.*  
*REQUESTED ACTION: Board Approval for Parks & Recreation Department along with the Dixie Youth League to host the 2015 State Tournament at Will S. Kendrick Sports Complex with monetary support from Parks & Recreation Youth Program Line Item Budget and the Board to instruct the TDC to help with monetary support.*

Commissioner Jackel stated that she is in favor of this event but would like a total budget presented to the Board for review at the next meeting.

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Parrish, to approve Mr. Davis's request to host the 2015 State Tournament providing that a budget is submitted for Board review at the next meeting; Motion carried 5-0.**

Mr. Davis stated that there is a potential flooding problem if the County moves forward with adding a T-Ball field at Vrooman Park. He distributed a site plan for the proposed T-Ball field. He also stated that some of the space for the proposed T-Ball field might cause a conflict with the annual rib cook-off.

Mr. Pierce suggested installing extra entrance gates within the fenced area.

Commissioner Jackel expressed her concerns regarding the lack of available parking and damage to vehicles.

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, directing Mr. Pierce, Mr. Davis, and a representative from Preble-Rish, and invite a representative from the Eastpoint Fire Department, to meet and review this plan and return to the Board with some options; Motion carried 5-0.**

Mr. Davis informed the Board that there was a container fire at the Landfill.

**Pam Brownell-Emergency Management Director**

Mrs. Brownell presented her report.

*Action Items:*

1. *Opening & Approval of RFQ for Emergency Management Contractual Services.*

Mr. Pierce opened and stated the name of the companies that submitted RFQs.

CDR Maguire

Emergency Disaster Strategies  
The Management Experts

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Parrish, to forward the RFQs to the review committee for a recommendation; Motion carried 5-0.**

*Information Items:*

- 1. Pamela Brownell attended the Directors Conference Call on January 21st.*
- 2. CERT Class was held from January 23rd-25th. Pam Brownell & Tress Dameron assisted as instructors.*
- 3. Jennifer Daniels attended the Road Management Agreement Meeting with US Forestry, County Attorney, Road Department and Alan Pierce on January 28th.*
- 4. Pamela Brownell attended the Conservation Corps of the Forgotten Coast Meeting on January 29th.*
- 5. Pamela Brownell, Tress Dameron, and Jennifer Daniels will be attending the FEPA Conference from February 9th-13th for training.*

Mrs. Brownell provided an updates on grants for Wind Mitigation project and the roof project.

#### **Erik Lovestrand – Extension Agent**

Mr. Lovestrand stated that he has a new family nutrition staff member, Heather Henderson, whose position is grant funded. He distributed a letter that thanked the Board for supporting the Extension Office's proposed move/renovation project.

Mr. Lovestrand distributed copies of the information cards and pamphlets regarding turtle lighting.

#### **Mike Cooper- Weem's CEO**

Mr. Graham, Weem's CFO, reviewed the hospital's financial report that was distributed to the Board earlier.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Graham to summarize the financial trend of the Hospital, which he did.

Commissioner Jackel expressed concerns of the negative financial report, especially during this bad flu season.

Mr. Graham explained some of the reasons for the financial report, responded to some of Commissioner Jackel's concerns and discussed a couple new policies, one being a new cash policy that will be put in place in the near future.

Mr. Cooper, Weem's CEO, discussed the cash policy further. He then discussed the changes in accounts receivables that Weems experienced in November and his plan to change the vendor that is responsible for billing.

Commissioner Jackel expressed concerns of the continuous changes of billing vendors over the past years and asked how this issue would be resolved.

Mr. Cooper explained that he has contracted with another company, Accordias, that will be providing this service on a temporary basis, and helping with a review of the process to make it more efficient, but the long term goal is to bring these services in house.

Mr. Copper discussed the required changes to EMR software that has to be implemented by October 1, 2015. He explained that CSS was hired by the Board a few years ago to bring the Hospital into compliance but couldn't get their software to work, so he has been forced to look into alternative plans to get in Hospital in compliance or the October 2015 billing will be negatively affected. He discussed in detail some of these alternative plans. Commissioner Sanders thanked Mr. Cooper for conveying this information to the Board, even though it is bad news.

Mr. Cooper discussed a new geriatric outpatient service that Weems will be providing.

Mr. Cooper asked for Board action on a proposed pension plan. He explained some of the hurdles that had to be overcome to be able to create this plan and that he needed assistance from a benefit attorney to finalize the plan. Mr. Cooper stated that the plan will be funded strictly from employee contributions. Commissioner Jackel mentioned offering a better plan when the County is in a better financial position.

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to approve the benefit pension plan for the Hospital employees as presented by Mr. Cooper; Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Cooper to explain the changes in the project from architectural to design driven.

Mr. Cooper explained the process, including the role of the Construction Manager at Risk during the project and how they will be paid.

Commissioner Jackel was in favor of this process and stated what she thought was the benefit to this procedure.

Mr. Cooper continued the explanation of this process further.

Commissioner Jackel stated she no longer was in favor of Mr. Cooper's proposal based on his additional explanation of this process.

Mr. Pierce stated that he thought that Weems would use the same Construction Manager at Risk process that was used when Weems East was constructed.

Board agreed with Mr. Pierce and discussed this matter further.

Mr. Cooper stated that he would research this matter further and discuss it with the Board at a later date.

**Motion by Jackel to approve the Construction Manager at Risk process as stated by Mr. Cooper; Jackel rescinded her Motion.**

Mr. Cooper stated that he needs Board approval on the architectural agreement.

Attorney Shuler reviewed some of the language in the agreement and recommended approval of the agreement.

Commissioner Jackel stated due to the open ended language that didn't include any limits she wasn't in favor of this contract and disagreed with the Attorney's recommendation, but was in favor of a new hospital.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve the architectural agreement as presented and recommended by Attorney Shuler; Motion carried 4-1, Jackel opposed.**

Donna Butterfield, a St. George Island resident, reminded the Board that during the process when CSS was being considered in 2012, she spoke against hiring this company. She stated that the contract with CSS should be terminated immediately and reported to the State Attorney if they did anything that was unethical.

Mr. Cooper responded to Ms. Butterfield's comments, stated what action he has taken thus far and why it is the most economical sense to allow CSS to remedy this situation.

The Board and Mr. Cooper discussed this matter further, and Mr. Cooper explained the problems with the software.

Attorney Shuler stated that Board authority is needed so he can discuss CSS's contract with Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH) and the attorney that drafted the agreement.

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, directing Mr. Cooper to meet with Attorney Shuler regarding CSS software contract and authorizing Attorney Shuler to confer with TMH and the healthcare attorney that drafted the agreement; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Recess10:40**

Chairman called for a recess.

**Reconvene10:48**

Chairman reconvened the meeting.

**Cal Knickerbocker-DACS Update on the Oyster Industry**

Mr. Knickerbocker provided an update on the oyster fishery disaster declaration project stating that DACS is working with the processing plants to improve their facilities. He explained that since December there is a contract with Department Economic Opportunity for reimbursement of the cost for this project, stated what has been done thus far regarding the processing plants, and gave deadline and other information regarding the project.

Commissioner Parrish and Mr. Knickerbocker discussed the specifics of the program further. Board discussed further with Mr. Knickerbocker

Mr. Knickerbocker then discussed a handout that stated new Vibrio Control Times for cooling oysters that might be in effect as of June 1, 2015. He explained that FDA wanted stricter rules

regarding control times for the cooling process of oysters in place as the current guidelines were not acceptable. He reviewed the different options on the handout.

Chairman Massey stated that the Rapid Cool option would not allow the oystermen to make any money.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Knickerbocker discussed the other cooling option, how these new rules will be enforced, and what will be required of the seafood workers.

Commissioner Parrish and Mr. Knickerbocker discussed if any research that has been done to prove that this cooling process will help with the Vibrio problem.

Commissioner Lockley verified from Mr. Knickerbocker that the study wasn't done locally.

Commissioner Parrish and Mr. Knickerbocker discussed options for rejected or green tagged oysters.

Board discussed problems that the oystermen will face with this new process.

Mr. Knickerbocker stated that a workshop is needed to inform the oystermen of this new rules and how states are dealing with this new rule.

Board discussed this matter further.

Tommy Ward, a local seafood dealer, asked who would be responsible for enforcing these new rules and verifying the cooling systems on the boats. He didn't think that the dealers should be responsible, discussed some possible contamination issues, and the need to review this policy further as it will be hard to validate the smaller boats in Franklin County.

Chairman Massey and Mr. Ward discussed the problems with having a refrigerated barge close to where the oysterman are harvesting.

Mr. Ward discussed some of the other problems with trying to implement this rule by June 1.

Mr. Knickerbocker commented further on this issue stating that a cooperative effort will be needed for this to be successful.

Commissioner Lockley stated that bigger oyster boats will be needed to accommodate on board cooling.

Board discussed some of the other problems and issues with these new rules.

### **Open Qualifications for Design of the Bayshore Drive Sidewalk**

Mr. Pierce opened the packages and stated the names of the companies.

Grimail Crawford

Preble-Rish

Genesis Group

DRMP

Mr. Pierce stated that there is a new requirement for a public hearing during the evaluation process and that public hearing will be held on Feb 10, 2015 at 9am. The Board is not required to attend.

Commissioner Jackel asked that the project is consistent and extends the current bike path especially if the 5year plan is considered.



**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to forward the qualifications to a committee for a recommendation; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Open Qualification for Emergency Management Contractual Service Consultant**

This item was addressed earlier during the meeting

**Deborah Belcher-Public Hearing for CDBG Project and Report on Citizen Advisory Task Force Recommendation**

Deborah Belcher, the County's grant consultant, reported that the County's CDBG grant Citizen Advisory Task Force met this morning at 8:45 a.m. and that all of the members were present. These members are Lori Switzer, Reverend John Sink, Jeanette Spann, Hali Thompson, Dot Bless. They considered the possible options for a Community Development Block Grant, and recommend that the County apply for a Housing CDBG grant which would maximize the application score.

Ms. Belcher announced that the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners is eligible to apply for a federal fiscal year 2014 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant of up to \$700,000, for projects in the unincorporated area of the County. She stated that The odds of receiving the grant are not very good this year, due to the Community Wide Needs Score of only 108.6. However, the County should try because some applications could be rejected or there could be additional rollback money available.

Ms. Belcher explained the 4 grant categories, and that the County would not be competitive in the Commercial Revitalization category, but the Economic Development category can be applied for if an eligible job-producing or job-saving project arises.

Commissioner Jackel was in favor of the County applying for an Economic Development grant, to provide local jobs. Ms. Belcher clarified that there must be a specific business participating in the ED grant application, but the County may apply for an ED grant in addition to one in the other grant categories.

Commissioner Jackel asked if the County could apply for an ED grant for the Veterans Home that was requested earlier during the Board meeting by Mr. Larry Hale. Ms. Belcher stated that she was attending the Citizen Advisory Task Force meeting during that presentation, and would have to get more information about the project.

Ms. Belcher explained that the Housing category grant is for rehabilitating or replacing homes occupied by income eligible residents and it can also fund voluntary relocation from flood plain locations. She stated that Neighborhood Revitalization grants mainly fund water, sewer, drainage and new paving in neighborhoods where a majority of the residents have incomes are less than 80% of the area median income and that these projects are very competitive with goal scoring, cost effectiveness, beneficiary income, leverage and pre-design parts of the score.

Ms. Belcher reported that last year the County determined that there was no feasible infrastructure project that would be competitive, so the County applied for a Housing CDBG grant. SHIP funds can be used for leverage on rehabilitation projects, and there is no up-front expense like there is in the Neighborhood category.

Chairman Massey opened the floor for Public Comments.

Dan Parrish asked if any of the grants discussed could be used to retrofit the oysterman boats for the new cooling requirements.

Ms. Belcher said the County would have to issue loans to the individual boat owners, and would be responsible for collecting the loans and returning the money to the State.

#### **Deborah Belcher – Vote on CDBG Application**

Commissioner Jackel asked Ms. Belcher for her opinion as to which grant to apply for. Ms. Belcher's response was that, unless there is a very competitive infrastructure project for the Neighborhood Revitalization category, of which she is unaware, she recommends that the Board accept the Citizen Advisory Task Force recommendation to apply for a Housing CDBG grant.

**Motion by Jackel, seconded by Sanders, to proceed with applying for an ED grant for the Bay City Veterans' Home and accept the Citizen Advisory Task Force recommendation to apply for a Housing CDBG grant; Motion carried 5-0.**

#### **Deborah Belcher – Fair Housing Information**

Ms. Belcher presented a fair housing information session that consisted of the following items.

1. Introduction to fair housing laws
2. Federal fair housing laws and enforcement
3. Florida fair housing laws and enforcement
4. Local fair housing ordinance
5. Questions and answers

She provided the Commissioners and the audience a page on the Florida Commission on Human Relations fair housing services, and a 2-page "Basic Facts About the Federal Fair Housing Act". She said the most common discrimination complaints now are related to households with children, which the familial status issue, and disability, such as refusing to allow reasonable accommodations to be made.

Ms. Belcher asked if there were any questions or comments on this matter; there were none.

#### **Marcia Johnson-Clerk of Courts**

Mrs. Johnson was at a Clerk's conference and was not able to attend the meeting.

#### **Alan Pierce-Director of Administrative Service**

1-*Inform the Board that the Governor's Office has released its proposed budget, and while it has not even been discussed by the Legislature, if the budget is approved as proposed these are the significant issues for the county:*

- A) Slight reductions in most of the DOT Road paving grant programs*
- B) No proposed funding for FRDAP-which is the parks and recreation grant*
- C) Land Acquisition increased from \$40M to \$130M*
- D) \$560K in DACS budget for oyster shell planting*

2-*Board action to move forward on the Board of Adjustment item tabled from last meeting regarding the division of property in St. Teresa. All four members of the family have signed a notarized statement agreeing to the request, which is what the Board had asked for. Board action to approve the variance.*

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Lockley, to approve the Board of Adjustment item as requested; Motion carried 5-0.**

3-*Inform the Board that DOT has revised the striping and marking for Island Drive to include signage for right lane as Commissioner Jackel had requested.*

4-*Board action to write letter of support for a legislative request submitted by Camp Gordon Johnston Museum. The Museum has made a request directly to Senator Montford for \$650K.*

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Jackel, to authorize the letter of support; Motion carried 5-0.**

5-*Inform the Board of the concerns Mr. Gary Carroll, Eastpoint, raised last week regarding bears. Mr. Carroll had contacted the Sheriff's Office to find out when the training would begin for the deputies and other personnel as the FWC had said would occur. After some phone calls with Mr. Steve Shea, FWC, they have now confirmed that they have made contact with Capt. Segree, FCSO, to schedule the training. The purpose of the training is teaching law enforcement in non-lethal methods of scaring bears.*

*The other issue Mr. Carroll raised was the continuing gap/confusion in letting FWC know when bears are causing a nuisance. If there is a life threatening situation call 911 and law enforcement will respond. If a bear is in a populated area the public should call the FWC 24 hour hotline, at 1-888-404-3922. Even though this number is also for life threatening situations, Mr. Shea and a Major Cooper, FWC, told me that they have ramped up their bear response so that if the public calls the 888 number dispatch will tell officers of a potential bear problem and the officer will "BOLO-Be On the Look-Out" for bears and will be prepared to take the appropriate action.*

Commissioner Jackel asked if FWC is fulfilling the commitments made at a previous meeting. Mr. Pierce stated that he has seen some media reports in the media but hasn't heard anything else either way.

*6- Inform the Board that the TDC has appointed Mr. Rex Pennycuff to be the TDC appointment to the county RESTORE Council. Mr. Pennycuff replaces Mr. Paul Parker.*

*7- Inform the Board that Mr. Frankie Crosby, Courthouse Maintenance, has given me his notice of retirement, effective Feb. 13, 2015. In the past the Board has allowed an in-house transfer for qualified applicants. Does the Board want me to post the position in house or advertise? If the Board wants me to post in-house the direction in the past has been that a current employee cannot transfer their salary if they are making more than the starting salary of the position they are moving to. In this case, the starting salary for Courthouse Maintenance is \$26,500.*

Board preferred in house advertisement first.

*8- Inform the Board that I would like to begin advertising for an entry level position in the Planning and Building office. Ms. Rachel Ward, Zoning Administrator and Floodplain Manager, will be completing her DROP in August and she must retire. Ms Amy Kelly has received her Floodplain Manager certification from FEMA and would be qualified to be promoted into Ms. Ward's position in August, and I would like to begin the process of hiring someone in an entry level position to take Ms. Kelly's position. There is currently enough money in my budget to allow me to hire an entry level position starting in April so that when Ms. Ward retires I would already have a trained person to take Amy's position. Board action to allow me to advertise.*

Commissioner Jackel asked where will be the funding come from for the County Coordinator position during the training process. Mr. Pierce stated that he didn't have that money in his budget so it would have to come from Reserves for Contingency.

Commissioner Jackel suggested and discussed with Mr. Pierce a later starting date to save money in his budget.

**Motion by Jackel to advertise for this position with a starting date of June 1; Motion failed do to a lack of a second.**

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Pierce discussed the requirements for the new position. Mr. Pierce said he will discuss this item at the next meeting.

Chairman Massey asked Mr. Pierce to check on certain lights that are out in Eastpoint.

Mr. Pierce stated that Mr. George Floyd was inviting the Board to a meeting with a Corp of Engineer Brigadier General that will be here in March to discuss navigation in the River. Mr. Pierce stated that when he is informed of a date he will forward it to the Board.

Commissioner Jackel stated that the interior trusses at the Pavillon in Eastpoint are rusted, but the manufacture has been contacted and came down to do an inspection.

Mr. Pierce discussed this item further and stated some of the comments made by the manufacture regarding this problem. He stated that hopefully the manufacturer will assist the Board with this problem.

**T. Michael Shuler- County Attorney Report**

Mr. Shuler stated the changes he made based on Commissioner's comments to the Resolution regarding the City of Apalachicola's litigation with Restore Act funds. He asked for Board approval of this Resolution.

**Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to approve the Resolution as presented by Attorney Shuler; Motion carried 5-0.**

**Commissioners' & Public Comments**

Alan Feifer, an Alligator Point resident, asked about the audit that the Clerk is having done regarding the theft of probation funds. He stated using the County's auditor might not be truly independent and would like an outside auditor.

Paul Rieglmayer and Francis Giknis, both residents of St. George Island, supported Mr. Feifer's concerns.

Commissioner Jackel expressed her dissatisfaction as to when and how she was informed of the audit and thought it was improper since the Board didn't approve the audit. She thinks that there is an appearance of the County being run by the County attorney or County Clerk, not the County Commission. Commissioner Jackel stated that the auditor should appear before the Board to discuss the process of the audit.

Chairman Massey stated that he had a conversation with the County auditor on Monday and he has no problem in attending the next Board meeting to discuss the audit.

Chairman Massey directed Mr. Pierce have the County Auditor appear at the next regular meeting.

There were no further comments from the Board or the public.

**Adjourn12:07**

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

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William Massey, Chairman – FCBOCC

Attest:

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Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts