

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: William Massey – Chairman, Joseph Parrish – Vice Chairman, Noah Lockley, Cheryl Sanders, District 1 Commission Seat- Vacant pending appointment.

Others Present: Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Morón – County Coordinator, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Marcia M. Johnson-Clerk of Court, Lori Hines-Deputy Clerk to the Board.

Call to Order

Chairman Massey called the meeting to Order.

Prayer and Pledge

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Payment of County Bills

Commissioner Lockley made a motion to approve payment of the County's bills.

Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. Chairman Massey asked about expenditure for The Gibson Inn in the amount of \$210.00. He asked Mr. Moron to find out about this expenditure. Mrs. Johnson said it may be expenditure for the Tourist Development Council (TDC) but she will find out. **Motion carried; 4-0.**

Approval of the Minutes

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the minutes of the meetings held on September 1, 2015 and September 3, 2015.

Department Directors Report

Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Public Works

Mr. Howard Nabors appeared before the Board and said the M313 equipment (bush cutter) will be here this week or next week.

Mr. Moron presented item #4 from his report:

4. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the contract with Ring Power to purchase the new loader for the Road Department. Attorney Shuler has reviewed the contract.

Mr. Moron said the minutes reflect the Board authorized negotiations for the purchase but did not authorize the Chairman's signature on this contract. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Ring Power for the purchase of a new loader for the Road Department. Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.**

Commissioner Sanders thanked Mr. Nabors for all his work. Mr. Nabors said they are doing the best they can. Chairman Massey agreed they are doing a good job.

Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director

Mr. Fonda Davis appeared before the board. He said they have spent \$10,000 on repairs on the 963 and \$20,000 on the compactor. Mr. Lockley asked the age of the compactor. Mr. Davis estimated it is 10 years old. Chairman Massey asked if these expenses are being paid from the current budget. Mr. Davis answered yes but said some of the funds in the new budget may be needed for the compactor repairs. Mr. Davis estimated the repair to be \$20,000 if they come here to repair it and an additional \$10,000 if they have to haul it to their shop. Commissioner Lockley asked how much a new one will cost. Mr. Davis said a compactor will cost \$600,000-\$700,000.

Mr. Davis reported the radios needed for a storm and inside the landfill are obsolete and he needs to purchase new ones. He said the price from Williams Communications for the two radios for the back and front of the landfill is \$5,000. He stated these radios are needed for storms also. Mrs. Brownell agreed these radios are needed for storms. Commissioner Lockley asked if this money is in the budget. Mr. Davis stated the current budget is tight and he may need to use some funds in the new budget. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion to purchase two radios for the landfill. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion.** Commissioner Parrish asked if there is supposed to be two methods of communication at all times in the trucks hauling inmates. Mr. Davis agreed that was correct. Commissioner Parrish questioned if the County is complying with this requirement. Mr. Davis said they have cell phones but not radios. He explained there are radios but they do not last long when the batteries are replaced. He explained six trucks need radios and animal control will need two so a total of eight are needed. Commissioner Parrish asked how many trucks are hauling inmates. Mr. Davis answered one. Chairman Massey questioned the number needed for Parks & Recreation as they also haul inmates. Mr. Davis answered two. Commissioner Parrish said there are actually

five radios needed. Mr. Davis agreed five radios are needed. Commissioner Parrish stated he does not want to be out of compliance in the vehicles and have an issue with hauling inmates. He suggested Mr. Davis go back and put together a package with Williams Communications and see if the cost can be reduced to get the equipment needed for the trucks carrying the inmates. Chairman Massey asked if the Road Department is okay with their radios. Commissioner Parrish said the Road Department must be okay if Mr. Nabors has not brought up the issue. Mr. Pierce agreed to contact Mr. Nabors. Commissioner Parrish said he does not want to have a problem with hauling the inmates. **Commissioner Lockley amended his motion to direct Mr. Davis to check prices and come back at the next meeting with a price from two to five radios. Commissioner Sanders amended the second. Motion carried 4-0.**

Mr. Davis reported they are moving forward with getting the soccer goals completed. He said the President of the Soccer Association emailed last night and was concerned about the goals but the goals are cut out and ready to be glued together. Mr. Davis reported the goals are constructed out of pvc and the nets are on order. Mr. Davis informed the Board the nets may be in today and then the goals will be placed on location. Chairman Massey suggested Mr. Davis contact Mr. Bert Worthy at the prison to help with building the large goals. He questioned the cost of the large goals. Mr. Davis said the cost was almost \$1,800. Chairman Massey stated the prison can build the goals cheaper and then the nets can be ordered. Chairman Massey questioned the number of large goals needed. Mr. Davis said the quote was \$10,000 just for goals. He went on to say about 5 goals have been constructed with pvc and the cost is about \$600 between the net and materials. Chairman Massey suggested Mr. Davis get a price for the pipe and contact the prison. Commissioner Lockley asked when the soccer season starts. Mr. Davis said the first game is on October 3, 2015. Chairman Massey reported it will not take Mr. Worthy long to construct the goals. The Board agreed Mr. Davis should contact the prison.

Commissioner Sanders asked about the status of the soccer field at Kendrick Park and if the sandspurs have been removed. Mr. Davis reported the sandspurs were taken up, the sprinkler system is going and the grass is coming back up. Chairman Massey said he was out there and the field looks good.

Mr. Davis stated Mrs. Betty Rickards called yesterday and is concerned about the noise from the soccer practice. Mr. Davis asked if the Board is interested in contacting the City of Apalachicola about using the old football field for soccer. Commissioner Parrish asked where they are practicing for soccer. Mr. Davis explained they are practicing on the baseball field which is adjacent to where the soccer field will be located. He stated soccer will be played in this whole area. Commissioner Lockley asked about the area across the street. Mr. Pierce said the FRDAP grant is still in the process to try and secure funds for the soccer fields in this area. Commissioner Parrish stated it was not approved last year so the County has reapplied. Commissioner Parrish asked if this area is also where baseball is played. Mr. Davis reported when baseball is played the lights will also be on but soccer is only played during the day. Commissioner Parrish said his understanding is they did not want anyone practicing or playing

in the open area. Mr. Davis stated the open area will also be used as the soccer program has grown and there are about 150 kids. Mr. Moron estimated there are about 150 kids and 16 teams. Commissioner Lockley asked if all soccer would be moved to the football field. Mr. Davis said it is kind of late to move this year but the Board may need to look at this area for next year. He explained the regular soccer season will be played on the baseball fields. Mr. Davis stated everyone practices on their own field but on opening day of soccer season in Apalachicola the baseball fields and the open area will be utilized. Commissioner Lockley questioned if everyone can practice at the same time on the football field. Mr. Davis said the area is big enough for everyone to practice. Mr. Moron said there are 10 teams in Apalachicola. Chairman Massey suggested Mr. Davis contact the City of Apalachicola and report back to the Board. Commissioner Parrish expressed concern that the football field is crowned and the soccer fields are flat so it may not work. He said the County owns 6 acres adjacent to Pal Rivers Road that can be cleaned and utilized to try and solve this problem. Commissioner Parrish stated there was some discussion about having a buffer between the fields and the homes but there was no way to have a buffer in the open area. He said the 6 acres is adjacent to the complex and will provide a buffer. He said this is the reason the application was submitted for a new grant for soccer fields on this location. Chairman Massey asked if the games finish early. Mr. Davis answered yes. Commissioner Parrish said the Board does not know if the grant application will get funded but the Board may need to look at the new location. He went on to say he does not know how well the football field has been maintained or if the bathrooms work. Chairman Massey asked if this is the only complaint that has been received. Mr. Davis answered yes and said it was received yesterday. Commissioner Sanders asked if Mr. Davis has looked at the football field. Mr. Davis answered no. Commissioner Parrish expressed concern about trying to move everything and get it ready in two weeks. Commissioner Sanders said until the Board can do better and since the games are played during the day then the games are going to need to be held at D.W. Wilson Park. Commissioner Parrish asked Mr. Davis to contact Mrs. Rickards and let her know it is hard to make changes on this short notice but the games will be played during the day. He asked Mr. Davis to also inform Mr. Rickards the County is looking at another location for the soccer field to provide a buffer and to accommodate the kids and the residents of the area.

Commissioner Sanders suggested Mr. Pierce or Mr. Moron work with Mr. Davis to get the garbage problem in Lanark Village taken care of. She said instead of using the recycling area the garbage is now moving on to the street and where the people live. She reported she is receiving calls and they are tired of seeing all the garbage everywhere. She stated there needs to be a resolution of this problem. Mr. Pierce questioned if this problem is occurring on Oak Street. Commissioner Sanders said it is on Oak Street but is also starting to spread to the other inside streets in the village. She explained the problem is with rental properties and no one is maintaining or looking at the issue. She asked them to try and eliminate the problem.

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management Director

Mrs. Brownell appeared before the Board.

Action Items:
NONE

Information Items:

1. Staff hosted the Region 2 meeting on September 3rd at the EOC.
2. Staff will attend the RCMP Webinar on September 14th.
3. Ongoing monitoring of the Atlantic Storms/Waves and their activity.
4. Staff will be attending the COOP Program Manager Class on September 22-24th at the Franklin County Health Department.
5. Staff will be attending the G-191 Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center Interface Class on September 28th at the EOC.

Mr. Moron presented item #5 from his report:

The County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) has been reviewed by the Division of Emergency Management and meets the CEMP compliance criteria. The approved plan requires that it be adopted by Resolution and that the Chairman signs a Promulgation Letter. Board action. A copy of both documents are attached.

Mr. Moron said a letter is also referenced but in speaking with Attorney Shuler he recommends just adopting the Resolution. Attorney Shuler stated the form of the Resolution is fine. He explained in previous years a letter of approval would be adopted but apparently this has changed. He said in looking at the representation of the state agencies, it now has to be adopted by Resolution. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to adopt the Resolution as follows:**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, assigns to the Board of County Commissioners responsibility for disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation; and

WHEREAS, being prepared for disasters means being ready to respond promptly as danger threatens, to save life and protect property and to provide relief from suffering and privation; and

WHEREAS, local services may be overburdened or inadequate and local government will have to operate effectively in different ways than in normal times to provide timely relief and minimize hardships in the event of natural and technological disasters in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, many populated areas and parts of communities may require evacuation, shelter and food until the disaster ends, services are restored and needed supplies and materials are available; and

WHEREAS, this plan is intended to provide the framework for the development of detailed operating procedures for all County forces charged with responsibility of protecting the public's health and

safety from natural and technological disaster; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 9G-6, Florida Administrative Code, requires each County to develop a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 9G-6, Florida Administrative Code, furthermore, requires the governing body of Franklin County to adopt by resolution, the Franklin County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

The Franklin County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is hereby adopted.

ADOPTED in Regular Session This 15th day of September, 2015.

s/William Massey
Chairperson, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Lockley asked Mrs. Brownell if she is storm ready. Mrs. Brownell answered yes.

Mr. Warren Yeager, Restore Act Coordinator for Gulf County, appeared before the Board and said he is looking forward to working with Franklin County. He stated the Restore Act talks about regional projects and Gulf County and Franklin County have some assets that may be used together on some good projects. He said there are different pots of money and everyone has received a little money from NERTA and pot #1. Mr. Yeager said the big pot of money he calls pot #6 goes to Triumph and is about a billion and half for the 8 county region. He informed the Board he and Mr. Holley met with the chairman of Triumph and discussed what criteria they look for. He informed the Board they mentioned that the Gulf County, Franklin County, Wakulla County and Bay County area only have one representative on the Triumph Board and Speaker Bense is committed to trying to help the region. He introduced Mr. Chris Holley, past director of the Florida Association of Counties, who is helping Gulf County with some work on economic development. He reported the counties want to make sure they utilize every pot and leverage all the money they can for not only their county but also the region. Mr. Yeager went on to say what helps Gulf County also helps Franklin County and what helps Franklin County helps Gulf County. Mr. Yeager introduced Mr. Holley and said they will both be here to answer any questions. Mr. Holley stated this is a follow up conversation as he met with representatives from Franklin County at the meeting in St. Petersburg and began this dialog. He reported an application has been submitted through the Duke Foundation to do strategic sites analysis for economic development projects. He said this has been done in 43 counties around Florida through funds provided from Florida Power & Light and Duke Energy through Enterprise Florida. He said work was not done in Gulf County but some preliminary

work was done in Franklin County. He asked for the Board's blessing to team up and partner to look at sites around their port and the airport in Apalachicola. He explained the port and the airport in Apalachicola are connected by the railway so he hoped they would be allowed to look at some sites in or around the airport. He said he knows Mr. Lewis who has done some work at the airport. Mr. Holley asked for the Board's blessing to continue to work with staff on this partnership and regional projects. Commissioner Parrish stated the Board for many years has worked on generating jobs that are eco-friendly for the bay. He said he is eager to look at utilizing these funds to bring jobs to Franklin County as it has been a big concern of citizens to provide diversity in economics but also to protect the way of life and the bay. He reported he is excited the funding will be received to move forward with these issues. Chairman Massey said he talked with Mr. Holley in St. Petersburg and he has planned. Commissioner Lockley agreed this is a good thing they are trying to do as the Board wants to bring in projects that don't hurt the bay. Mr. Holley said he met with representatives from Gadsden County and will meet with representatives from Bay County about their plans. He reported the port in St. Joe could provide a lot of employment opportunity for people in the region if it can be opened up, dredged and some businesses move in. He explained ports and airports usually feed each other so they believe this is a unique situation and they hope to work together to move forward. He stated Speaker Bense represents this portion of the eight counties and they are hoping to get started. Mr. Pierce said some of the projects they are working on for the other pots have a long time line to get them into the system and he asked if there are defined application window for the other pots of money. Mr. Holley stated no but said everyone has pot #1 and is moving forward with a plan and when the time comes criteria will be established and then the County can decide if any of the money will go for economic development. He reported in reference to pot #3 which is the Consortium's pot, Mr. Yeager is the executive committee member on the Board and is also Chairman of the 8 county coalition. Mr. Holley reported a conference call will be conducted with the manager's group this week about how to coordinate and organize the 8 counties so there is some communication. He discussed the meeting conducted on how to split the pot #3 money which is around \$260 million. Mr. Holley said a consensus was reached but the vote will occur in November at the FAC Legislative Conference. He went on to say the funds would be equally shared between the 15 counties and the 8 counties. Mr. Holley said they have hired a consultant, ESA, to do a state-wide plan. He explained the plan will have to go to the Governor for his approval and then be submitted to the federal council for their approval. He estimated it will probably be another 2 years before this process is completed and projects are approved but the projects need to be submitted within the next year. Mr. Holley stated everyone should be thinking about projects or ideas to submit. He reported the criteria may give points to projects that leverage all pots and are regional in nature. He stated they should also show they are pursuing Triumph funds. He said also any state or federal grants that can be received will help since multiple pots of money will move a project ahead. Mr. Yeager said the Triumph fund will not stand up officially until money is received which looks like it may be July of next year because the Legislative has to appropriate the money into the fund. He stated in speaking to many of the members they want to move forward as far as they can and not begin in July. He suggested everyone start thinking about these regional projects and how to access some of these funds. Mr. Pierce asked if Gulf County is satisfied with the services provided by

Dewberry as their Restore Consultant. Mr. Yeager said they have done a good job. He explained criteria is set now and will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on September 22nd. He explained once the criteria is approved then they will start accepting proposals for projects for pot #1. Commissioner Lockley questioned if some of the pots do not have guidelines. Mr. Yeager said all the pots of money have specific guidelines but pot #1 is the County's and they have discretion as long as it qualifies within the Restore Act as an economic or environmental project. He reported the Board may have 150 projects that qualify but may only want to do 2 or 3. He stated the Board may decide to select a committee to make recommendations on the projects but it is stipulated that the Board of County Commissioners makes the final decision on the money in pot#1. Chairman Massey reported the County should be getting the money soon. Chairman Massey questioned if their groups are still meeting to get their projects planned. Mr. Yeager said they are meeting today at 4:00 p.m. with their committee to review criteria they have worked on to score projects. He explained the committee will then make recommendations to the Board and they can accept or reject them. He stated at that time they can start accepting proposals for specific projects. Chairman Massey said if the projects are there then the money can be received faster. Mr. Holley pointed out the settlement funds will come in over a long time. He explained some people are working to see if you can get financing for the projects so they do not have to wait a long time since the settlement does stipulate that BP pays over a 15-20 year period. Commissioner Sanders reported once Dewberry is online then the County will be up to date like Gulf County. Chairman Massey said a board needs to be appointed because the county is way behind. Commissioner Sanders said the Restore Council is already in place. Chairman Massey reported they need to start having meetings. Mr. Pierce stated he is satisfied the work product for Gulf County is adequate and since the scope of work and cost for Franklin County is similar the County can move forward with the contract. He explained he has not talked with Attorney Shuler but the language needs to be included that the contractor is working at risk and will be reimbursed when the County gets paid. Attorney Shuler said he looked at the contract Dewberry has with Gulf County and has made some changes. He reported his review is complete and the Board can authorize the Chairman to execute the contract. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the Dewberry contract. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.** Commissioner Sanders thanked Mr. Yeager for sticking up for the 8 counties at the last Consortium meeting in St. Petersburg. She said Mr. Yeager protected the 8 counties and she is very pleased and proud to call him our neighbor and friend. She also thanked Mr. Holley and said she knows he will do a good job in economic development. Commissioner Sanders reported the state and federal governments are looking at regional projects so hopefully some projects can be planned to bring some jobs in the County. Commissioner Sanders stated the County was involved with Opportunity Florida but never seemed to get anything from them so the County dropped out several years ago. Commissioner Sanders thanked Mr. Yeager and Mr. Holley for coming over today and invited them to take the opportunity today to look throughout the County at areas that may be an economic plus for everyone. Mr. Holley said he thinks they have a good team and he looks forward to working with Franklin County.

Erik Lovstrand – Extension Office Director

Mr. Moron informed the Board they have Mr. Lovstrand's report but he sent an email stating he will miss the next three meetings. Chairman Massey said Mr. Lovstrand has not been present in a long time. Mr. Moron stated he is traveling for the University of Florida attending meetings and conferences. Commissioner Sanders reported at some time he needs to appear and present an update to the Board.

Franklin County Extension Activities September 2, 2015 – September 15, 2015

UF/IFAS Extension Faculty have been involved in the following Extension activities during this period.

General Extension Activities:

- Extension Director attended EPAF (Extension Professionals Association of Florida) conference in Naples.
- Extension Director spoke at Franklin County's REC luncheon regarding Extension Program activities.
- Extension Director attended In-Service Training regarding UF/IFAS Survey Methods.
- Extension Director participated in webinar regarding Program Evaluation Methods.

Sea Grant Extension:

- Extension Director attending Sea Grant Annual Program Meeting and Coastal Science Symposium in Gainesville this week.
- Extension Director participated in Stake Holder Panel at UF's Natural Resources Leadership Institute held in Apalachicola.
- Extension Director presented a poster at the Coastal Science Symposium about Franklin County's Sea Turtle Lighting Efforts.

Family and Consumer Sciences:

- The Family Nutrition Program Assistant is gearing up to provide a curriculum in Franklin County's School System. The curriculum being used is called Y.U.M. (Youth Understanding My Plate) developed by UF. K-5 students will be learning about My Plate which includes the different food groups and appropriate portions for each.

4-H Youth Development:

- Franklin County Saddle Club began fall meetings on September 10.

Agriculture/Horticulture:

- Extension Director assisted homeowners with topics including tree diseases, identifying palm weevil damage, oleander scorch disease, honeybees, garden solarization, soil testing and water testing.

Chairman Massey said Ms. Birchwell called and is not able to attend today. Mr. Moron said

both of their reports are in the Board packet.

Anne Birchwell – County Library Director

- September 15th will be the starting date for this year's Bite for a Book program for the students of all Franklin County Schools! Last year was a pilot program in partnership with the Apalachicola Municipal Library and the Friends of FCPL. Three local restaurant owners Bayside Burger, Hog Wild BBQ, and AJ's Bar and Grill offered to reward students with a free meal when redeeming an awarded certificate signed by their teachers. The teachers told me that their students were thrilled and worked very hard to achieve their goals. All the restaurant owners stated that the children and families were excited to come in and receive their meals. All three restaurants were pleased to continue this program for the 2015-16 school year.
- Eastpoint Branch has been signing people up for personal computer assistance with librarian Carly Peary for Thursday, September 24th for half-hour sessions. These are free one-on-one classes and you can bring whatever computer issues you might be struggling with to this class.
- At 12:00 pm on September 24th, there will be a Lunch and Learn with Carly Peary focusing on iPad security issues. Learn about the features that will assist parents with security concerns. We will offer free lunch to the participants. We ask that you sign up for this class.
- On September 29, 2015, Kaitlin Goode from FWC will be presenting a Bear Management and Hunting program at the Eastpoint Branch at 1:30 pm. This will be a very informative program for Franklin County residents.

Carrabelle Branch:

Two new youth programs are beginning at the Carrabelle branch this month.

- **"Try New Things for Tweens & Teens" TNT** - for kids ages 10+ on Tuesday's 4:00-5:00 pm. Stuff like electronics, cool crafts, anime, music, gaming, study help, snacks, poetry slams, videos and other cool things. Plus the kids will have their own advisory board.
- **"Book It Baby" BIB Story time**-for babies 0-36 mos and their favorite parent/caregiver on Tuesday mornings 10:00-10:30 am for the purpose of enjoying books and strengthening early literacy skills. Each story time will consist of books read aloud, songs, movement activities and playtime.
- **Charles Elliot of the Veterans' Service Office** set up in the vestibule on Patriot Day, September 11th to offer information on services available to veterans and their families. We were proud to have him and his office at the library on such an important day of the year.
- **Melodime** will be performing for the first time at the Carrabelle branch on Friday, September 25th at 4:00 pm.

Meeting recessed at 9:41 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

Ms. Robin Smith, Warden at FCI, appeared before the Board. She stated they have many jobs

open at the prison. She reported there are 41 corrections officer's positions. She reported there are also positions in education, food service, maintenance or nursing. Ms. Smith said they will be putting out flyers and will have a community partnership meeting and tour for the public. She explained a corrections' officer starts at the age of 19. Chairman Massey asked if they will send them to school and pay them while they are going to school. She said they will hire them part time and then pay while they are going to school to get certified. Commissioner Sanders asked about the starting salary. Ms. Smith reported \$32,000 is the starting salary but the person must have a GED. She said they would like to have a booth at the Seafood Festival. Attorney Shuler advised her to contact Mr. John Solomon. Ms. Smith reported they have a new secretary who will bring new ideas. Commissioner Lockley asked if people have to be certified for maintenance. Ms. Smith answered yes and said the general maintenance is certified in everything. She said the prison does a lot of work in the community and she does not want to pull officers supervising the inmates back to the prison but the positions need to be filled.

Michael Cooper – Weems Memorial – Report

Mr. John Graham, Weems Memorial Hospital, presented a financial report for July for the hospital. He explained in July the cash on hand went from 10 to 11 days. He said they are still pursuing \$386,000 from Medicare. He went on to say the current asset ratio is 2 to 1. Mr. Graham stated the accounts receivable are down from 49 to 47 days. He stated since March accounts receivable have gone down 50%. He reported the income statement references \$2,800 which indicates a break even month. He said this put the Hospital \$40,000 in the black year to date due to the 2014 costs reports being settled and adjusted as Medicare has been underpaying them for a year. Mr. Graham said the hospital is in the middle of a computer conversion. He stated bills were mailed successfully and payments have been receipted and they are ahead of all the timeframes. He explained compared to last year the emergency room visits are trending up, the patient days are up and aging account receivables are down which are all good trends. Mr. Mike Cooper, Weems Memorial Hospital, said the computer system is up and running and the Hospital met the meaningful use guidelines and criteria. He reported they have already attested on the system and have heard from Medicaid that \$242,000 in meaningful use money is on the way and should be received in 2-3 weeks. Mr. Cooper stated they expect to receive another \$300,000-\$350,000 from Medicare in meaningful use money but it may take a little longer to receive as it comes from the federal government. He reported the interim costs reports have been done and because this is a Critical Access Hospital the Federal government continually underpays and then settles up so an estimated \$165,000 will be coming in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Cooper reported the Hospital is doing well from cash prospective but it may take a couple of months to collect the money. He reminded the Board at the last Hospital workshop ACHA was completing the state's annual inspection and cms evaluation. Mr. Cooper explained there were 5 surveyors in the hospital over 4 days and they looked at policies, procedures, paperwork and the facility. He reported they reviewed the facility to see if it meets code and observed the staff delivering care to the patients. Mr. Cooper said two exit surveys were completed on the facility and the quality of care. He reported the first quality of care interview lasted only 5 minutes and included a couple of

housekeeping issues. He informed the Board the facility interview lasted 1 hr, 15 minutes and listed deficiencies. Mr. Cooper stated a plan of corrections has been submitted to the state. He estimated the cost of these corrections to be between \$25,000-\$50,000 this year. He said overall it was a good survey with no major issues in patient care. In relation to physician recruitment, Mr. Cooper said they have a new physician who has signed a four month contract. He stated at the end of the contract an evaluation will be done. Mr. Cooper reported another physician signed a contract yesterday and will be starting the 3rd week in October and an evaluation will be done in 4 months. He said this physician owns a house on St. George Island. Mr. Cooper reported another physician wants to come to work on a permanent full time basis and they are trying to work out a contract. Mr. Cooper said all three doctors are American born and trained and are from Florida. Commissioner Lockley asked if these are family practice doctors. Mr. Cooper answered yes. Commissioner Sanders asked what is wrong with the loaner ambulance. Mr. Cooper stated there were minor problems with the air conditioner in the front of the ambulance but the air conditioner for the patient works fine. He reported there was also an issue because there was no stretcher hook. He stated the staff does not like the height of the roof as it is not as high as other units but the unit runs very well. Commissioner Sanders said the Board approved purchasing a new unit for up to \$160,000 and questioned if this unit has been ordered. Mr. Cooper reported the unit has not been ordered as he is doing due diligence now. He explained he wants to look at the new ambulance received from the grant and see if there are any problems so they can correct them before ordering a new one. Commissioner Sanders asked why they are not moving forward with the ambulance purchase. She expressed concern about the far reaching areas of the county and said the patients need to be take care of as well as the drivers, EMT'S and paramedics. Commissioner Sanders said the Board voted for a new ambulance and she would like to know why Mr. Cooper is taking his time ordering the ambulance. Mr. Cooper said he is doing due diligence. Commissioner Sanders stated she does not want to put anyone's life in jeopardy and that is why she made a motion and the Board agreed to purchase a new ambulance. She reminded Mr. Cooper the County Commission is responsible for emergency medical services for the county and the Hospital wanted an ambulance and the Board approved purchasing one. Commissioner Lockley said at the last meeting a new hospital was discussed and he asked for a recommendation about this matter. Mr. Cooper said they are ready to go but he understood the Board wanted to wait until all five Commissioners are present. Chairman Massey reported he received several calls last night from citizens of district one that are not being represented and would like their Commissioner present. He suggested Mr. Moron or Mr. Pierce contact someone in Tallahassee to try to get this appointment done. Mr. Moron reported he called and there have been five names submitted for the position but they are waiting on the Governor to make the appointment. Commissioner Sanders stated she received the same calls asking them to hold off on a decision and in the past that is what has been done. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion not to proceed on with anything to do with the actual building of the Hospital until the 5th Commissioner is present.** She stated the citizens of District One need to be represented. She referenced a letter from a citizen in District One who would like to testify before the Board before any decision is made. **Motion failed for lack of a second.** **Commissioner Lockley made a motion to move forward with the new hospital.** Chairman

Massey said he is not voting until the 5th Commissioner is present. Commissioner Parrish asked where the letter came from. Commissioner Sanders stated the letter was in her Commission box. **Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion.** He explained it is clear this matter is not going to move forward. Mr. Cooper reported the Hospital Board is fine with waiting until the 5th Commissioner is appointed. Chairman Massey said he will vote as soon as the 5th Commissioner is present. He reported the citizens of District One have asked him to wait before making a decision and he told them he would wait. Mr. Doug Creamer, Hospital Board, said they are fine with waiting until the 5th Commissioner is appointed but the Board does need to move eventually. He requested the Board send a Resolution to the Governor asking him to appoint a Commissioner. He reported when the Governor appointed Commissioner Jackel to the Supervisor of Elections' position he knew it created a vacancy on the Board. Chairman Massey stated there are four appointments pending including one in Gulf County. Mr. Creamer said a Commissioner is needed so the County can conduct business. He stated the Hospital Board is fine with Commissioner Lockley withdrawing his motion until the next meeting. Commissioner Lockley questioned what will happen if the appointment is not done for the rest of the year. Mr. Creamer reported the Hospital Board may change their position if it takes that long. **Commissioner Lockley withdrew his motion.** Chairman Massey asked if the Board wants to pass a Resolution asking the Governor to go ahead and appoint a Commissioner. Attorney Shuler stated if the Board would like to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Resolution then he will draft a Resolution and prepare it for his signature. Attorney Shuler asked for clarification on whether the Resolution should inform the Governor they want to move forward with the Hospital and need the appointment. Chairman Massey reported this appointment is needed so the Board can move forward with several issues and District One needs to be represented. He explained Gulf County sent a Resolution about a month ago asking for their Commission seat to be filled. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on a Resolution asking the Governor to appoint a Commissioner for District One.**

Curt Blair – TDC – Update

Mr. Blair reported collections were down a little for June but it was how the dates fell for the reporting of the larger rental companies. He said the average is still a 7% increase over last year. He said June is still down a little and it should be corrected in the next couple of months.

Mr. Blair stated the Sustaining grants are in the Board's packet and there are seven of them all at same level of \$20,000. He explained this is a program the Board initiated 6-7 years ago to help sustain the non-profit agencies that were having problems staying open all year. He explained there were five and two were added at \$10,000 each and now they are able to bring all of the grants up to \$20,000. Mr. Blair asked for the Board's approval of the contracts. Chairman Massey reported they will address this item at the end of his report.

Mr. Blair stated the hospitality training class will be held on October 14, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at

the St. George Island Lighthouse. He said the four hour class is conducted with TDC, River Way South, the National Hotel Lodging Association and Goodwill. He said the class is almost full and they have just started publicizing it about a week ago. He stated this time there are some restaurant people involved so they are expanding to a larger number of people.

Mr. Blair discussed the advertising TDC is doing and the coverage in Food & Travel magazine. He said there has also been repeat presence in American Art Collector as a result of their association with the Plein Air paint group. He said they sometimes include items from the Forgotten Coast campaign.

Mr. Blair presented the Flagler Award received by TDC from Visit Florida. He explained the award was for a tour mapping project based on GIS coordinates done in conjunction with the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Blair said the grant has been received from Visit Florida for the Seafood Memorial. He stated some suggestions and recommendations will be submitted soon to try and move the project along.

Mr. Moron apologized that only 2 of the Sustaining Grants showed up on the Ipad as only 1 of the emails was uploaded. Commissioner Parrish asked who the other grants are for. Mr. Blair said the standard contracts for \$20,000 have been for the Dixie Theatre, Rainey House, St. George Island Lighthouse, Carrabelle Lighthouse and Camp Gordon Johnson. He explained several years ago they added Carrabelle Cares, who runs the Carrabelle History Museum, and the City of Apalachicola, who sponsors the History, Art & Culture Museum (Cotton Exchange) but they were only funded at \$10,000 each. He went on to say this year they are able to fund all 7 grants at \$20,000. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to approve the Sustaining Grants. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** Mr. Moron agreed to send the additional Sustaining Grants to the Commissioners.

Mr. Blair asked if Mr. Moron will address the bear sign. Mr. Moron said he will address this issue when the FWC is present at the next meeting.

Chairman Massey asked Mr. Blair to call or go by to see Mr. Ronnie Segree. Commissioner Sanders said Mr. Segree left the last meeting and came back but the Board had already adjourned. Mr. Blair agreed to contact him.

Planning & Zoning – Report

NO QUORUM

PLEASE NOTE: PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING YOUR APPLICATION. ALL APPLICANT'S ARE NOTIFIED THAT IF YOUR APPLICATION IS DENIED, IT MAY NOT BE

RESUBMITTED FOR ONE YEAR. ALSO, ANY PERSON WISHING TO APPEAL THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OR THE DECISION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER BOARD ARE RESPONSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF THE PRCEEDINGS IS MADE.

- 1- Approval of the minutes of the meeting held, Tuesday, August 11, 2015, as mailed, with recommended changes.
- 2- Review of the Monthly Building Report for August 2015, as mailed.

CRITICAL SHORELINE APPLICATION:

- 3- Consideration of a request to construct a Community Dock and Repair of an Existing Boat Ramp at the common area of Magnolia Bay Subdivision, Bay Pointe Drive, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. The courtesy dock will be 50' x 4' and the Boat Ramp will be 50' x 16'. Contingent upon getting State and Federal Permits or exemption. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for Magnolia Bay Homeowner's Association, C/O Mary Ard, applicants. (Common Area)
- 4- Consideration of a request for Commercial Dredge, Fill and Spoil Cell Site Prep placement in the uplands at the Northwest corner of Franklin Boulevard and West Bayshore Drive, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. Contingent upon getting Army Corps of Engineer Permit. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for George Floyd, applicant.

RE-ZONING REQUEST:

- 5- Consideration of a request to re-zone Lot 19, Block Y, Unit 1, Lanark Beach, Franklin County, Florida from C-4 Commercial Mixed Use to C-3 Commercial Recreation. Request submitted by Michael Hughes, applicant.

COMMERCIAL SITE PLAN REVIEW:

- 6- Consideration of a request for Commercial Site Plan Review to increase Ho Hum RV Park by 3 more spaces to be located on Lot 19, Block Y, Unit 1, Lanark Beach, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Michael Hughes, agent/owner of Ho Hum RV Park, applicant. This request is subject and contingent upon the approval of the re-zoning of the property as requested above.

Mr. Moron presented the Planning & Zoning Report and said there was no quorum so none of the items can be considered. He said Mr. Hughes is present and he had calls about the Board handling these requests. Commissioner Parrish stated he had calls too but he would rather not circumvent the procedure. He suggested another meeting day be scheduled if there was not a quorum on that day and questioned why they only meet that one day a month. Commissioner Parrish reported he does not want to start this procedure of the Board handling these requests but he does understand the urgency involved with these issues. Mr. Pierce reported they have advertised meetings and have to let the public know when they are going to meet. He explained they did not know there was not going to be a quorum. He said they did not know when they would have a quorum as one member was ill in the hospital and they did not know

when they would be out. Mr. Moron stated one member did not notify them until 2:00 p.m. that they would not attend. Mr. Pierce said the meeting could not be rescheduled at the time. Commissioner Parrish asked if another meeting can be scheduled now. Mr. Pierce reported he can contact the Chairman of Planning & Zoning and try to schedule another meeting. He went on to say they are down to 6 attending members and if 2 are absent then you do not have a quorum. Commissioner Lockley said the members may need an incentive. Attorney Shuler advised the Board they are not to bypass Planning & Zoning according to their own ordinance as it will be a violation of law and due process. He said the Planning & Zoning chairman has discretion to schedule a special meeting. He suggested the Board fill the seats in order to try and have a quorum. He explained there are 9 members and you must have 5 to have a quorum. Chairman Massey asked if a builder doing the work can sit on the Board. Attorney Shuler said a person can't vote on their own application. Mr. Pierce explained the builder would have to excuse themselves from voting if they are involved. Attorney Shuler said he would need more information to make a recommendation. Commissioner Sanders stated the Board needs to fill the open slots on Planning & Zoning. Commissioner Parrish asked Mr. Moron to email the Commissioners the different categories of the Planning & Zoning Commission, who is currently on the Commission and what seats are not filled. He said there may be a category that can be eliminated but he was not in favor of just having one representative from each Commissioner. Mr. Pierce stated there a forestry seat that may not be needed now. Commissioner Parrish said in the past this seat was needed and it may be needed in the future during certain situations. Commissioner Parrish said if one of the Commissioners knows someone to fill a slot he does not care what district the person is from. Mr. Moron suggested advertising for the open seats. Chairman Massey said the Board can fill the seats. Commissioner Parrish stated they will fill the seats or eliminate some of the categories. He explained he was on the Board during the construction boom and every person was pertinent to reviewing the projects. He said he feels for people who have pending applications. Mr. Pierce suggested some minor changes could be made to what Planning & Zoning reviews and then staff could make a recommendation. Attorney Shuler reported this change would require an amendment to the Ordinance and a public hearing. Mr. Moron asked if removing members would also require an amendment to the ordinance. Attorney Shuler said any changes to the current makeup of the Planning & Zoning would be an amendment to the ordinance. He went on to say the most efficient action is to fill the open seats. Mr. Moron stated since the ordinance would have to be amended all of the changes needed to be done at the same time. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to direct staff to have another Planning & Zoning meeting between now and the first meeting in October and come back with a Planning & Zoning report. Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.** Commissioner Lockley asked how long it will take to advertise this meeting. Mr. Moron said he will check with staff. Attorney Shuler said it must be advertised if it is a special meeting.

Advisory Board of Adjustment – Report

Mr. Moron said there were no objections to these three items. He read item #1 as follows:

1. Request for a variance to construct a Single Family Dwelling 8'3" into the Critical Habitat Zone on a man made canal and a 2'2" variance into the front setback of Carnival Lane and a 2'2" variance on the north side setback line on property described as 8 Carnival Lane, Alligator Point also known as Unit 1, Lot 37, Holiday Beach. The request is being submitted by Sutton Webb of Riley Palmer Construction, Agent for Chris Lyons and Aimee Diaz, Owners.

Approved- contingent upon the owner agreeing to reduce the footprint of the deck by 2'2" on the North side and shifting the dwelling towards the North side lot line 2'2" to eliminate the need for a variance on the South side lot line.

Attorney Shuler said the Board's policy for variances in the critical habitat zone has always required that the footprint of the house be limited to 1000 square feet. He stated in this case no living space only an open deck is encroaching into the critical habitat zone. He reported staff consulted with him and he determined since the house is outside of the critical habitat zone it did not have to comply with the 1000 square feet limitation. He discussed the footprint of the house. Attorney Shuler said changes were made to the plans.

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve item #1 contingent upon the owner reducing the footprint of the deck by 2'2" on the North side and shifting the dwelling toward the North side lot line 2'2".

2. Request for a variance to construct a Single Family Dwelling 30' into the Critical Habitat Zone on the East setback line and 10' into the Critical Habitat Zone in the rear setback, on property described as 2474 Hwy 98, Lanark Beach also known as Lot 2, Block B, Gulf Wynn Subdivision, Lanark, Florida. The request is being submitted by Jay Hill, Managing Member of J.D.H., LLC

Approved

Commissioner Sanders discussed the location of this property. Commissioner Sanders asked about the dwelling being 30 feet in the critical habitat zone. Mr. Pierce discussed the maps presented to the Board and said these lots were platted in the 1950's. Attorney Shuler stated Mr. Jay Hill, the owner of the property, confirmed the footprint of the house does not exceed the 1000 square feet requirement. Commissioner Sanders asked if the vote was unanimous. Mrs. Roxie Allen, Planning & Building Department, was present and said the vote was unanimous. Attorney Shuler said the property has central water and sewer. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve item #2. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.**

3. Request for a variance to construct a 4' X 24' Boardwalk to connect to a dock, extending from Mean High Water to a 20' X 20' elevated deck, in the Critical Habitat Zone, 24' from Mean High Water, on property described as the East 1/2 of

Lots 2 & 15 & all of lots 3,4, 5,13, 14 & 15, City of St. George, Franklin County, Florida. The request is being submitted by Larry Joe Colson, A-1 Docks, contractor for Israel Penate & Midalys Estevez, Owners.

Approved

Motion by Commissioner Sanders to approve item #3. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.

Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report

Mrs. Johnson did not have a report at this time.

Alan Pierce – RESTORE – Report

Mr. Pierce said a teleconference is scheduled tomorrow for the 8 counties and they may need to address the issue of whether or not the 8 counties need to bind together separately from the Consortium to protect their rights.

Michael Morón – County Coordinator – Report

1. Inform the Board that the Annual Legislative Delegation Meeting has been confirmed for Monday, September 28, 2015 at 7:00 pm here in the Commission Meeting Room
2. Board action to authorize Preble-Rish to advertise for bids for the Timber Island Bridge repair project.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to advertise for bids for the Timber Island Bridge repair project. Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.

3. FWC would like Board action to authorize the temporary placement of a billboard on a trailer at the Eastpoint Visitor Center stating “Florida is Bear Country” on one side and “Don’t Feed the Bears” on the other side. A picture of the sign is attached.

Mr. Moron stated this is the item he discussed with Mr. Blair and he would like to defer until someone from FWC present.

4. This item was handled earlier in the meeting.
5. This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

6. Board action to support and authorize the Chairman's signature on a proclamation to raise awareness of heart disease and proclaim September 29, 2015 as World Heart Day. This request was made by the Franklin County Health Department. A copy of the proclamation is attached.

On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the following Resolution proclaiming September 29, 2015 as World Heart Day:

**World Heart Day Proclamation
Franklin County Board of County Commissioners**

WHEREAS, World Heart Day brings awareness to cardiovascular disease and that everyone has the chance to make healthy heart choices wherever they live, learn, work, or play.

WHEREAS, World Heart Day encourages us all to reduce our cardiovascular risk and promotes a heart-healthy planet for those around us.

WHEREAS, Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States and the second leading cause of death in Franklin County.

WHEREAS, The risk factors for heart disease are smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and high triglyceride levels, overweight/obesity, physical inactivity, metabolic syndrome, diabetes and pre-diabetes, a family history of early heart disease, age, history of preeclampsia.

WHEREAS, Individuals can take action to protect their heart health and prevent heart disease by taking steps to prevent and control the risk factors for the disease.

WHEREAS, The Florida Department of Health in Franklin County, Franklin County Community Health Improvement Partners, Healthiest Weight Florida Initiative, and World Heart Day are building awareness of citizens' heart disease risk and empowering them to reduce their risk and prevent heart disease.

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Community Health Improvement Partners are working to support policy and environmental change to improve healthy lifestyles and heart health through the 5-2-1-0 message.

THEREFORE, Franklin County individuals need to make heart health a priority for themselves and their families, become aware of their risk for heart disease, and take action to protect their heart health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that we do hereby proclaim our recognition of World Heart Day on September 29, 2015 and encourage all citizens to work together to promote and improve health and increase awareness and understanding of heart disease.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of September 2015.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

s/Marcia Johnson
MARCIA JOHNSON
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

s/William Massey
WILLIAM MASSEY
CHAIRMAN

7. Mrs. Amy Ham-Kelly is requesting Board action authorizing the Chairman's signature on the 2015 CRS Annual Re-Certification and Annual Progress Report. This report is an annual yearlong project that prevents and reduces flooding measures. The Building Department has maintained a CRS Class 7 which is a 15% reduction in the cost of flood insurance for Special Flood Hazard Areas with flood insurance policies in place. We hope to be a CRS Class 6 by the end of 2016, which will be a savings of 20% instead of 15%.

On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on the 2015 CRS Annual Re-Certification and Annual Progress Report.

8. Inform the Board that registration is now open for FAC's Legislative Conference. This conference will be from November 18 – 20.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion for staff and Commissioners to be allowed to go to the conference and to make arrangements to attend through Mrs. Kelley. Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.

9. Board action to authorize me as the official point of contact for the County's Enterprise Zone Development Agency. Mr. Pierce is the current point of contact.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize Mr. Moron as the official point of contact for the County's Enterprise Zone Development Agency. Commissioner Sanders asked if the Board should go ahead and appoint Mr. Moron to all the committees Mr. Pierce is serving on as he is going to retire. Mr. Pierce stated the Board can do this as they come up as he is not sure how many committees are involved. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to direct Mr. Pierce and Mr. Moron to get together on the committees Mr. Moron needs to be appointed on to replace Mr. Pierce. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.**

10. The Panhandle Players has approached Mr. Pierce and discussed the possibility of an agreement between them and the County to oversee the use of the Chapman Auditorium. Attorney Shuler will need Board authority to move forward with creating the agreement. Mr. Ed Aguiar, the Panhandle Players President, is here to answer any questions you may have. Board discussion.

Commissioner Parrish questioned how this will work if another entity would like to use the facility. Commissioner Parrish asked for a commitment that Mr. Aguiar will work with everyone in the general public and try to accommodate other groups. Mr. Aguiar agreed to work with everyone. Commissioner Lockley asked how this will work. Mr. Aguiar stated The Panhandle Players have been here 28 years and have been renting venues so this gives The Panhandle Players a home. He said they have plans to make some improvements to the inside of the building but nothing that will affect grants. He reported there will be some improvements for handicapped individuals. Mr. Aguiar stated their performances will be held in the building so any improvements will also help other people using the facility. Commissioner Lockley asked if it will be free to other groups. Mr. Aguiar said it will be free to use the building but if improvements have been made then they may ask for a donation. He explained The Panhandle Players are a non-profit group. He explained if anyone using the facility uses the improvements then a contribution would be requested. He reported the money would be used to set up a reserve account to protect and replace the equipment that is being used. Commissioner Lockley asked how much of a fee would be charged. Mr. Aguiar said they will have to look at the building and see what improvements need to be done. He explained if they are using the building without using the improvements there would not be a fee. Commissioner Lockley asked if a church will be charged. Chairman Massey stated no one will be charged, only a donation will be requested. Mr. Aguiar reported if there is a church that has used the facility and has not used the other equipment then they will have the same access as they have had in the past. Commissioner Parrish explained then the organizations would not have to come to the county to use the building. Mr. Pierce agreed the County would have someone to manage the building. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to authorize Attorney Shuler to draft an agreement with The Panhandle Players.** Commissioner Parrish stated it is the perfect venue for The Panhandle Players but he just wants to make sure no one is alienated and the public is allowed to use this historic building. Mr. Aguiar agreed they would like to see the building used more and it will also allow other groups to enjoy the building as well. **Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.** Commissioner Lockley asked how people will find the contact information for renting the facility. Mr. Aguiar said they will advertise through The Panhandle Players. He explained at this point people are contacting the county and the principal of the high school. Mr. Moron offered to add a link on the County's website.

11. The application to transfer the submerged land leases for the two docks on the El's Court property just east of Carrabelle needs the signature of the Chairman. This transfer does not change anything other than note that the ownership has changed from Capital City Bank to Franklin County. Having the Chairman sign this application will authorize Mark Curenton to act as the Board's agent if any further information is required.

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman to sign this application.

12. Inovia Consulting submitted documentation that the sidewalk along Tallahassee Street and Highway 67 in Carrabelle could not be designed for the funding provided by the LAP agreement. The Florida Department of Transportation has authorized additional funding of \$17,578.00 for the design work. I need Board action to approve the supplemental agreement for this funding. The total funding for the design now comes to \$61,863.00.

Commissioner Lockley made a motion to approve the DOT supplemental agreement.

Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. Commissioner Sanders questioned if they are going to continue to see changes as they are coming back every board meeting. Mr. Pierce said this should be the end of the changes. **Motion carried; 4-0.**

13. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has invited the Board to attend a Management Advisory Group to assist with the planning efforts for the Box-R Wildlife Management Area located in Franklin and Gulf counties. A copy of the notice is attached.

Commissioner Parrish said he was contacted and will attend.

14. Last year the Board submitted a letter to the Legislative Delegation requesting that a bill be entered in the Legislature providing an exemption for persons over 65 having to pay \$100 for a Saltwater Products License. Would the Board like me to submit the same request for the upcoming Legislative Delegation? A copy of last year's letter is attached.

Commissioner Lockley made a motion to submit a letter to the Legislative Delegation requesting that a bill be entered in the Legislature providing an exemption for persons over 65 having to pay \$100 for a Saltwater Products License. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

15. Inform the Board that the Florida Department of Agriculture and University of Florida (UF) is ready to move forward with the \$250,000 contract for the renovation of the prior Research Reserve building as the new IFAS location. The Department of Agriculture has agreed to contract with UF directly to manage the project. The County will manage the paving section of the project but will be reimbursed by UF.

Mr. Pierce reported \$125,000 for paving the road is included in the \$250,000. He explained the Board will open bids and then be reimbursed for the paving. Commissioner Lockley asked if local contractors will be used. Mr. Pierce said the project will be advertised for bids.

16. Later this week I will be emailing you the list of the projects we submitted for approval during the last Legislation Session. As a reminder the Board needs to recommend a project as a number one priority, as suggested by Senator Montford, possibly by the next meeting.

Mr. Pierce reported the deadline for submitting projects is in November.

17. Board action to schedule an "End of Fiscal Year" meeting to pay current fiscal year remaining invoices. This meeting will help the Finance Office with bookkeeping.

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to conduct a special meeting on September 30, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

18. Mr. Puckett has an update on the RFQ Airport Engineering Firm Evaluation Committee Public Meeting and the Airport Advisory Committee regular meeting that was held last night that we attended.

Mr. Jason Puckett appeared before Board and presented a report from the Airport Advisory Committee Meeting.

1. At 6 PM, at a properly noticed public meeting, the Evaluation Team for recommending an airport consulting engineering, met. The Evaluation Team ranked AVCON first, and recommends the Board begin negotiations with them to continue as the airport engineers. The standard length of contract as recommended by FAA is 5 years. Board action to direct the County Attorney to review AVCON contract for Chairman signature.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to begin negotiations with AVCON to continue as the airport engineers. Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.

2. At 6:30 PM, the regular AAC meeting started. The AAC is now a seven member Board. Chairman Ted Mosteller announced that long serving member Art Little is no longer able to attend the meetings. By a vote of the AAC it is recommended to the Board that

Mr. Pete Burgher take Mr. Little's place on the AAC. Mr. Burgher is a pilot, has a hanger at the airport, and is a long time user of the airport. Board action to appoint Mr. Burgher to fill the vacancy on the AAC.

Commissioner Parrish made a motion to appoint Mr. Pete Burgher to the Airport Advisory Committee. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.

3. During the course of the meeting Crystal Air announced that for the first time since Crystal Air took over the FBO, all of the T-hangers are rented. At this time some of the T-hangers have non-aviation related tenants, but in accordance with FAA policy, and with the support of the AAC, Crystal Air will begin to phase out non-aviation tenants in favor of aviation related tenants. Crystal Air is half-way through its 5 year contract as FBO. The contract started Nov. 1, 2012, and will expire on Oct. 30, 2017.

4- In the course of the meeting, it was discussed to recommend the Board extend the contract of the Airport Manager. I am currently closing out the first year of my two year contract and I would like to renew it for 3 more years. My current contract expires Oct. 31, 2016. Board action.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to extend Mr. Puckett's contract as Airport Manager for three years.

5- The last item of the meeting was a motion by Member Randy Randolph, seconded by Member Frank Stephens, to have Member Randall Terry become the new AAC Chairman. There were no dissenting votes. Mr. Mosteller said that he had been appointed as Chairman by the county commission in April, 1998. The AAC does not have adopted rules of order so does the Board need to take a vote on the Chairmanship.

Commissioner Parrish made a motion to appoint Mr. Randall Terry as Chairman of the Airport Advisory Committee. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.

Attorney Shuler said the Board appoints the members of the committees but should not get involved with appointment of a Chairman. He recommended when moving forward from this point, other than TDC where the chairmanship is appointed by statute, the other committees appoint their own chairman. Commissioner Parrish asked if he should rescind his motion. Attorney Shuler answered no and said from this point on the Board should not appoint the chairman. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion, based on the recommendation of Attorney Shuler, the Airport Advisory Committee will appoint their own chairman. Commissioner Lockley seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.**

T. Michael Shuler – County Attorney

Attorney Shuler did not have a report at this time.

Commissioners' & Public Comments

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Pierce when his official last day at work will be. Mr. Pierce said he will work part time until he uses up his vacation time and continue to work when needed until the end of December.

Commissioner Parrish reminded everyone to proceed with caution due to the paving being done in Apalachicola from the bridge to 12th Street. He explained once the sidewalks are done it will be more pedestrian friendly. Mr. Pierce said they are paving today and should be finished this afternoon.

Commissioner Lockley asked when the armory will be finished. Mr. Pierce said sometime in the spring. Commissioner Sanders stated the armory will be nice when it is finished.

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Moron if he has heard from Career Source on the oyster issue. Mr. Moron said he talked with Ms. Kim Bodine last week and she met with DAC and they want her to submit another proposal for the shelling program. Commissioner Parrish left the meeting at this time. Mr. Moron said they thought some of the payments were too high locally and they would like her to resubmit a proposal to extend the program based on the money they have now. Commissioner Sanders said in the beginning the Board had questions but were told they had no jurisdiction. She reported they were informed the contract was within the standards and now there are questions. Mr. Moron stated Ms. Bodine reported the same people who saw the contract in the beginning are the same people who are having problems now. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Moron to keep monitoring this situation. Mr. Moron said he talks with Ms. Bodine every couple of days.

Chairman Massey asked when the road paving will begin in Carrabelle. Mr. Clay Smallwood said the majority of roads are ready to be advertised. He asked if the Board would authorize advertising for bids as the Board does not meet again for three weeks. He and Mr. Pierce discussed opening bids the beginning of November. Chairman Massey reported Avenue F in Carrabelle is very bad condition. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to advertise for bids for the road paving.**

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 11:10 a.m.

William Massey - Chairman

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts