

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

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** William Massey – Chairman, Joseph Parrish – Vice Chairman, Rick Watson, Noah Lockley, Cheryl Sanders

**Others Present:** Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Morón – County Coordinator, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Lauren Luberto – 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.

**Swearing in of District One County Commissioner**

Judge Van Russell swore in Rick Watson as newly appointed District One County Commissioner.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley to approve minutes for August 18, 2015; September 15, 2015; September 21, 2015; and September 30, 2015. Motion carried, 5-0.

**Payment of County Bills**

Motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Parrish to approve payment of county bills. Motion carried, 5-0.

**Department Directors Report**

**Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Public Works**

Mr. Nabors informed the board he received the new machine they recently purchased and he has begun using it in Eastpoint.

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Nabors if Mosquito Control was still spraying. She has received several complaints regarding mosquitoes being bad. Mr. Nabors said he would check with Dewitt Polous but he felt certain that the mosquito trucks were still spraying.

**Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director**

Mr. Davis notified the board that he is still searching for a better price for the radios that were discussed during the last meeting. The Parks and Recreation department is getting ready to move

forward on the Vrooman Park project. The two pavilions are going to be removed so that the new playground equipment can be installed.

Commissioner Sanders commented that the first day of soccer was a success and she thanked Mr. Davis for all the work he has put into the soccer fields.

Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Davis if he would have an informational sign installed at the old Lanark Village recycling center so the residents would know where to take household trash, how much it costs and where the recycling containers are now located.

### **Pam Brownell – Emergency Management Director**

#### Action Items:

1. BOCC approval and signing of award letter for State Homeland Security Grant (training and exercise) in the amount of \$11,000. This is not a match grant. **Motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley. Motion carried, 5-0.**
2. BOCC approval and signing of award letter for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in the amount of \$5,720. This is a match grant that the CERT team will match with in-kind services. **Motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried, 5-0.**
3. BOCC approval for the Emergency Management to go out for RFQ's for contracts for the Resident Construction Mitigation Grant (RCM). Motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried, 5-0.

#### Information Items:

1. Tress Dameron and Jennifer Daniels attended the G-548 Continuity of Operations Program Manager Class on September 22-24<sup>th</sup>.
2. Tress Dameron attended the RDSTF meeting at the FDLE Headquarters on September 16<sup>th</sup>.
3. Tress Dameron attended the RCMP Webinar on September 14<sup>th</sup>.
4. On October 1-2 we hosted the G-400 Class at our EOC. Jennifer Daniels attended.
5. EOC Staff will be attending Current Issues in Emergency Management on October 6-8<sup>th</sup> in Tallahassee.

### **Erik Lovestrand – Extension Office Director**

Michael Moron informed the Board that Mr. Lovestrand was away at training but his office staff, Jamie Johnson was in attendance today and if they had any questions she was available to address them. Commissioner Parrish asked about the progress of getting the building ready and has the extension office contract been signed. Mrs. Johnson responded that they were writing the MOU's and the University of Florida has been in contact with the Department of Environmental Protection regarding a sublease.

### **Anne Birchwell – County Library Director**

- Beginning Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, the Eastpoint Branch will now offer free one-on-one "Basic Computer class for Dummies." If you don't know how to turn on the computer, or how to create an email account, this would be a class to consider. Each session is one hour.

- For the younger set, ages 2 & up, we offer “Appy Hour” which is an interactive program on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 4:30pm. The Eastpoint Library has iPads for use for this program when we will focus this month on “Math Train.” This is a free program that allows the children and their big adult to use an iPad and learn and play. It has been a real hit with both parents and children.
- On Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm Herbalist Denise Williams will be facilitating a “Wild Edible and Medicinal Plants in Franklin County” program at the Eastpoint Branch. Some plants we encounter everyday are actually edible and possibly beneficial to our health. Join us at the library for a Talk and Walk on identifying, preparing and using plentiful resources found in our own back yards. Light refreshments will be served.

#### Carrabelle Branch Report

- The Carrabelle Branch will be hosting “Planting a Winter Garden”. On October 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Les Harrison from the Wakulla Extension Agency will be the speaker of a special workshop. It should be helpful information to those wishing to start with the season approaching.
- On October 14<sup>th</sup>, Franklin County Health Department will be performing free blood pressure checks from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.
- At the Carrabelle Branch, pre-teens and teens, ages 8 and up, can look forward to every Tuesdays with the new “Try New Things” (TNT) at 4:00 pm. Ms. Wren Rickerson has activities that involve art, technology, and science. The group is having a great time and it is free!
- On Thursdays at 2:00 pm in Carrabelle, Ms. Tonia Chisholm has something special for youngsters ages birth to 3 in the “Book-It-Baby” (BIB) program. Literacy can never start too soon with your little one and parents can learn fun techniques to read with their children. For any questions about these programs at either branch please feel free to call 850-670-8151 in Eastpoint or 850-697-2366 in Carrabelle.
- State Aid requires a Master degreed librarian and I wanted to inform you that I have fulfilled the requirement.

#### \*\*\* Action Item

In response to the loss in the amount of \$21,000 from State Aid to Libraries Grant and one staff person at the Carrabelle Branch losing full-time status and benefits down to part-time status, I am forced with a difficult decision.

When I became the director of FCPL, I was able to increase the hours to the libraries by 14. This has been a nice advantage for the residents of Franklin County. We share in this problem because I want to keep both branches open as often as possible. However, I now do not have the staff to keep the hours that we had.

My proposed change would be to open at 9:00am as usual, but close at 2:00pm instead of 6:00pm (Loss of 4 hours). The part-time worker will continue to work on Mondays at the Carrabelle Branch. Both the Branch Manager (Tonia Chisholm) and I have standing appointments for our children in

Tallahassee on Mondays, making it impossible to change our day off.

Commissioner Sanders commented that the county has always relied on state funding for the library and when the state funds it, then the county can fund it but when the state cuts the funding through the state aid the county cannot be expected to make up the difference. She understands the need to cut hours. Mrs. Birchwell explained that she is looking for other sources to help with funding. Mrs. Birchwell and Commissioner Massey commented regarding the scheduling of employees. Commissioner Parrish also commented on the matter and asked Mrs. Birchwell to continue to strive to do the best she can with what she has. Commissioner Sanders commented that the board would support Mrs. Birchwell on any grant applications she wished to apply for.

**Motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Sanders to change the Carrabelle Library hours as previously stated. Motion carried, 5-0.**

**Dan Rosier, advocate for the children of Franklin County, asked the Board why the library premises are not tobacco free. Mrs. Birchwell stated that they actually are tobacco free and she was recently notified of an instance where patrons were smoking in front of the library. She has since asked them to move away from the library toward the flag pole. Mr. Rosier asked that the tobacco use be completely removed from the premises. Mrs. Birchwell stated that she would be fine with that.**

**Alex Quintana – representative for Congresswoman Graham**

Alex Quintana, representative for Congresswoman Graham, reminded the public that the Congresswoman's hours would begin today at 11:00am at the courthouse. Commissioner Sanders ask for an update regarding the Eastpoint channel being dredged. Mr. Quintana replied that he did not have an update.

**Pinki Jackel – Supervisor of Elections – Discuss upgrades to voting equipment**

Ms. Jackel phoned in from Clay County Supervisor training.

Ms. Jackel notified the Board that the Supervisor of Elections office wants to purchase new ballot tabulation equipment. Attorney Shuler stated the financing contract from the vendor is not valid in the state of Florida as it is unlawful in Florida for the vendor to have a security interest in the equipment. He recommends grant funding from the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). The current equipment, which is 15 years old remains certified, however there were problems with the equipment during the last election. He recommends financing the new equipment through a local bank under commercially reasonable terms at an interest rate of less than 5% for a government agency. In addition to the ballot equipment for \$83,000.00, new modems and new computer software will need to be purchased. Currently, the office is using a program called Unity but it will need to be upgraded to Electionware to be compatible with the new equipment. The total loan would be in the general amount of \$113,000. It would be an unsecured loan not to exceed a 7 year term. The Board would also need to consider waiving their bid policy and declare the purchase as an emergency exception due to the timing of the purchase and the amount of time it will take to get the equipment installed before the presidential primary in March.

Commissioner Sanders asked Ms. Jackel if she was satisfied with Attorney Shuler's comments. Ms. Jackel asked if Attorney Shuler was proposing the Supervisor of Elections office borrow money for the new equipment and

the new software in which he stated he was suggesting the board borrow funds for both equipment and software. Ms. Jackel stated she was in agreement with Attorney Shuler's recommendation.

Commissioner Sanders asked about the amount of funds currently in Capital Outlay. Attorney Shuler replied \$93,000. Commissioner Parrish commented that he understands the county is going to have to put in \$29,783.50 for this purchase of the software however he expressed concern that grant funding may run out or that we may receive the first year of the HAVA funding and nothing else and then the county will have to bear the cost for the remainder of the loan and that puts the taxpayers on the hook. He stated that he is not against the loan; he just wanted to voice his concern. Ms. Jackel was in agreement. Commissioner Sanders emphasized that any money received from the state grant for reimbursement goes directly toward paying off the loan.

**Commissioner Sanders motioned to take the recommendation of Attorney Shuler to purchase new tabulation equipment and additional software with a loan in the amount of \$113,000, negotiated with the most reasonable interest rate and authorize renegotiation of the purchase price. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Parrish asked when the first installment of the grant funds would be received by the county. Attorney Shuler was under the impression that after the Memorandum of Understanding was signed and returned they would receive the money but he was not sure of a specific date. Ms. Jackel stated her understanding is that the first payment would be received this year. Commissioner Lockley asked if we purchase the equipment will it be installed in time for primary elections. Ms. Jackel explained the timeline. Motion carried 5-0**

**Attorney Shuler advised the board that he still needed a motion and a second to authorize Chairman Massey's signature on the state Memorandum of Understanding for the HAVA grant. Motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried, 5-0.**

**Sandi Hengle – Franklin County School Homeless Liaison – Request to be appointed as County's Big Bend Continuum of Care Coalition Representative**

**Motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Sanders to appoint Sandi Hengle as Franklin County's Big Bend Continuum of Care Coalition Representative. Motion carried, 5-0.**

**Leslie Cox – Proclamation – October as Florida Native Plant Month**

**RESOLUTION**

*Whereas, the Florida Native Plant Society was founded in the summer of 1980 in Winter Haven, Florida, by a group of scientists, educators and conservationists concerned about the loss of Florida's native plants and the introduction of non-native species which were overtaking natural areas;*

*Whereas, the mission of the Florida Native Plant Society (FPNS) is the preservation, conservation and restoration of native plants and native plant communities of Florida;*

*Whereas, the Society now consists of 37 chapters and 3,500 members from all walks of life, including the Sarracenia Chapter serving Franklin County, whose members (i) volunteer their time, knowledge and skills in public workshops and land management reviews, (ii) raise money for conservation and*

research grants, landscape awards, restoration projects and (iii) teach Floridians about the benefits of native plants;

Whereas, Franklin County's richness and diversity in Florida native plants features threatened and endangered species; features the remarkable Ogeechee tupelo (*Nyssa ogeche*) foundational to the tupelo honey industry; features miles of roadways graced by native wildflowers supporting nature based tourism and pollinators benefiting local agriculture;

Whereas, Apalachicola was the home to noted botanist and author of the *Flora of the Southern United States*, Alvin Wentworth Chapman, for fifty years;

Whereas, the Florida Wildflower Foundation has included HWY 98, SR65, and CR67 on the Florida Panhandle Wildflower Map, and;

Whereas, the *Sarracenia* Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society has members who participate in activities that benefit the citizens and environment of Franklin County such as sea oats restoration, native plant maintenance for public parks, work with Florida Department of Transportation to preserve roadside wildflowers and conduct free educational field trips for the public, and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County convened this 6th day of October, 2015, declares the month of October 2015 FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT MONTH in Franklin County.

*BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY*

*s/William Massey*  
Chairman

**Commissioner Sanders asked Attorney Shuler if he's had a chance to look over the resolution.**

**Attorney Shuler replied this is the first he's seen it. Commissioner Parrish commented off the subject that October is also Breast Cancer Awareness and at the next meeting he would like Mr. Moron to look into having a proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness. Attorney Shuler read over the resolution and he recommended adoption. Motion by Commissioner Sanders to adopt October as the Florida Native Plant Month in Franklin County. Seconded by Commissioner Watson. Motion carried, 5-0.**

**Commissioner Watson commented that this Saturday the St. George Island Plantation is hosting a field trip to identify native plants. Ms. Cox commented that she is actually going to be one of the guides. She also informed the board that she brought invitations to the Crooked River Lighthouse Lantern Fest.**

**RECESS**

Chairman Massey called for a short recess.

**RECONVENE**

Chairman Massey reconvened the meeting.

**Public Hearing – Gordon Adkins – Re-Zone Lots 1 & 2, Block 2W, Unit 1 SGI C-2 to C-4**

**ORDINANCE 2015-2  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida has received a recommendation from the Franklin County Planning and Zoning Commission for changing the land use of private real property, and*

*WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County has conducted a public hearing with due public notice, and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that:***

*The permitted land use of Lots 1 & 2, Block 2 West, Unit 1, St. George Island Gulf Beaches, Franklin County as shown on the attached map is changed from C-2 Commercial Business to C-4 Commercial Mixed Use.*

*Map attached as Exhibit A*

*This Ordinance adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015, in a regular meeting of the Franklin County, Florida, Board of County Commissioners after notice was duly given, and pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.*

**THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**BY: s/William Massey  
William Massey, Chairman**

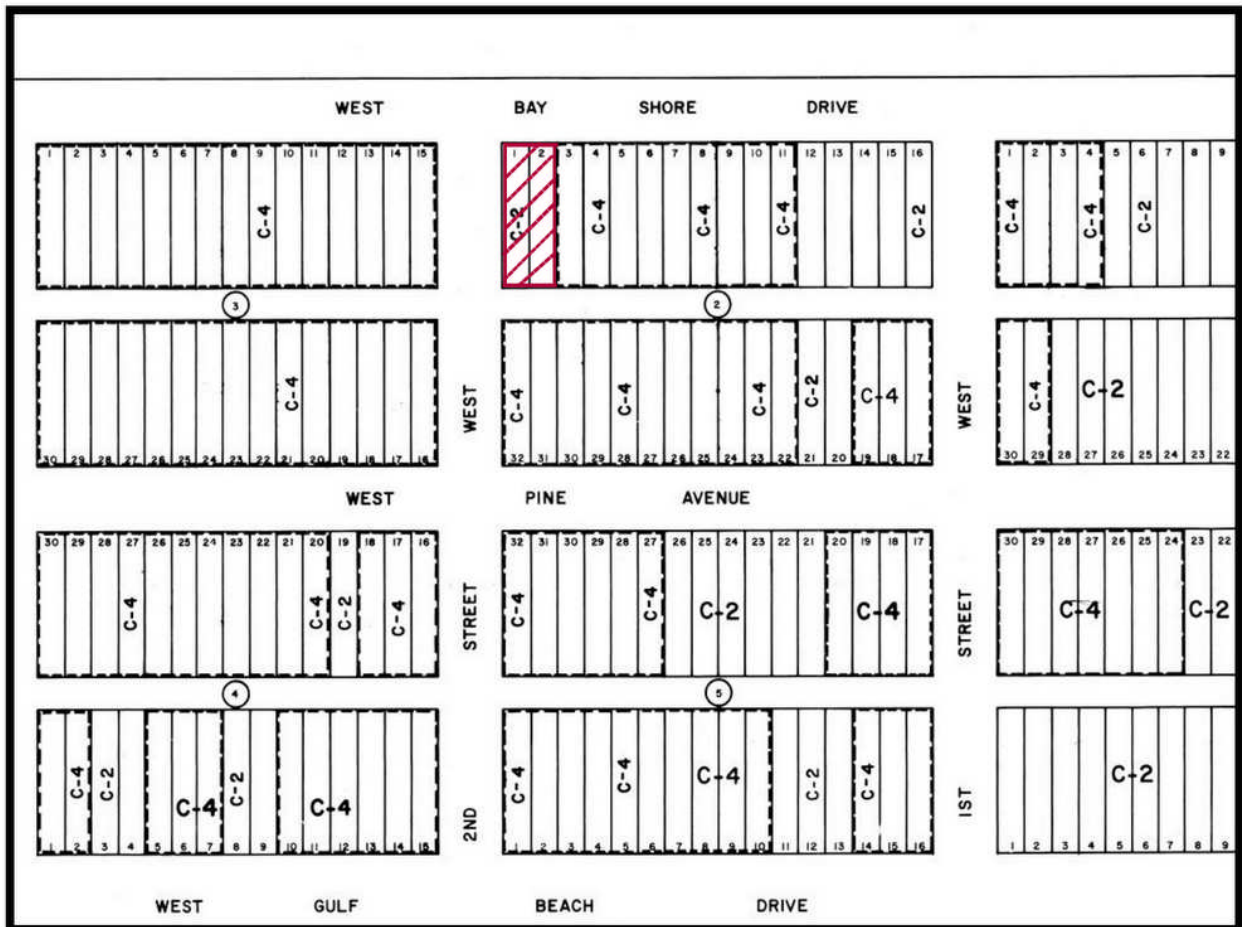
**ATTEST:**

**s/Marcia M. Johnson  
Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk**

# EXHIBIT A

## LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 2 WEST, UNIT 1,  
ST. GEORGE ISLAND GULF BEACHES, FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA.



Commissioner Sanders asked if the other lot at the end of West Bayshore Drive was going to be left as C-2 zoning. Mr. Pierce commented that they were not doing anything with that lot.

**Commissioner Watson motioned to approve the Ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried 5-0.**

There were no public comments regarding the ordinance.



### **Michael Cooper – Weems Memorial CEO – Report**

John Graham updated the board on the financial status of the hospital and the status of the new financial system. Commissioner Sanders notified Mr. Graham she received a complaint from a Carrabelle resident regarding a billing issue and she wanted to know who she should tell the resident to contact. Mr. Graham said to have the resident contact him.

Mr. Cooper updated the Board regarding the transition to the new coding system. They have gone from approximately 13,000 codes to 130,000 codes so getting the right code on every bill has become more difficult. They are keeping an eye on it and doing everything on their part to make sure it goes smoothly in the future however they could run into some problems in the future regarding the acceptance by Medicaid and Medicare. He also advised the Board that the new system is up and running. The interface between the ER system and the new system is working. The second phase of that interface should be completed in the next week or so. Also, the last \$150,000.00 that was used out of the Healthcare Trust fund was replaced this month.

Physician recruitment update: There is a physician in the West and East clinics. There is another physician wanting to come sometime in November. Mr. Cooper stated that he received notice that the ambulance he purchased through the state grant is ready to be picked up in Houston. The second ambulance which the Board approved purchase of has been ordered and should be here sometime this spring.

Commissioner Sanders asked how many patients is the new physician in Carrabelle seeing on a daily basis. Mr. Cooper replied the he has Dr. Nutt and Dr. Greco and they are not seeing 20 patients a day at this point. He believed that once the decisions is made as to what physician is going to be at the clinics on a permanent basis the patient count will pick up.

Commissioner Sanders thanked Mr. Cooper for ordering the ambulance.

Mr. Jim Bacharach spoke to the board about the hospital's wishes to move forward with construction of a new facility. He stated the hospital board is financially ready and there will not be a better time to begin. He asked the board for their commitment to move forward to build a new hospital. **Motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried 3-2. Commissioner Sanders and Chairman Massey opposed the motion.**

### **Planning & Zoning – Report**

#### **CRITICAL SHORELINE APPLICATION:**

- 1- **Recommended Approval:** (Unanimous) 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) **Motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Watson. Motion carried, 5-0.**
- 2- **Recommended Approval:** (Unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock at 2120 US Highway 98 West, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. The dock will be 200' x 4' with an 8' x 20' terminal platform and (2) 12' x 20' boatlifts. The applicant is also

requesting to add/enhance an existing rip rap revetment with extra rocks. Contingent upon getting State and Federal Permits or exemption. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, agent for Wayne & Marsha Payne, applicants. (Has house on property) **Motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Watson. Motion carried, 5-0.**

- 3- **Recommended Approval:** (Unanimous) Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Dock at Lot 7 Sandpiper Village, 1627 Forsythia Trail, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The wetland boardwalk will be 88' x 4'; 29' x 4' access pier with a 20' x 8' terminal platform with (2) 12' x 20' uncovered boatlifts. Has State and Federal Permits. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, agent for Daniel & Marsha Narzinski, applicant. (Proposed House). **Motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried, 5-0.**
- 4- **Recommended Approval:** (Unanimous) Consideration of a request to construction a Single Family Private Dock Extension at Lot 2, Block 29, Unit 4, 402 Wefing Street, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The addition to the existing dock will be an 8' x 20' terminal platform; with (2) 20' x 14' uncovered boatlifts. Has State Permit, contingent upon receiving Federal Permit. Requests submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, agent for JJB Partnership, applicant. (Has house on property) **Motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried, 5-0.**
- 5- **Recommended Approval Contingent upon getting Engineered Plans, Engineered Storm Water Drawings and Beautification of the Berms with planting:** (Unanimous) 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.

Commissioner Parrish questioned the beautification of the berms. Mr. George Floyd explained further the proposed plan for the berms. Commissioner Sanders asked to see a map of the project. Mr. Dan Garlick explained the maps and the areas where the spoils would be placed. Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Garlick which permits he has already obtained. Mr. Garlick replied he has the permits from the DEP and he is working on obtaining the Corps of Engineer permits. **Motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Sanders to approve request. Motion carried, 5-0.**

#### **COMMERICAL SITE PLAN REVIEW:**

- 6- **Recommended Approval:** (Unanimous) Consideration of a request for Commercial Site Plan Review to place a Bank at 278 US Highway 98 Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida (East of Taylor's Building Supply). Request submitted by Inovia Consulting Group, agent for Emerald Coast Federal Credit Union, applicant. **Motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley to approve request. Motion carried, 5-0.**

#### **Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report**

Michael Moron notified the Board that the Clerk is attending a conference but there is one item that she would like him to discuss.

The Health Department has requested approval of their annual contract with the Board to be effective October 1, 2015 to provide environmental health services, communicable disease control

services, and primary care services. The contract does list the county's funding appropriation of \$49,000. It lists the two health dept. buildings now owned by the county, and it says all their vehicles will be transferred to the ownership of the County who shall ensure insurance coverage. The Board would agree that the director/administrator be selected by the State with the concurrence of the County. There is a termination at will clause of no less than 180 calendar days notice in writing unless a mutually agreed upon lesser time is established, and there is a 24 hour notice of termination clause in the event funds become unavailable. The contract paperwork includes a resolution adopting their fee schedule as well. Attorney Shuler has received a copy of the contract for review. Besides the contract itself, included are four (4) signature pages to be signed and returned to the health department.

**Motion by Commissioner Lockley, Seconded by Commissioner Parrish to approve contract. Commissioner Parrish asked if this contract was the same as previous contracts. Attorney Shuler answered that yes, this contract was the same as previous years. Motion carried, 5-0.**

#### **Alan Pierce – RESTORE – Report**

##### 1- RESTORE Update-

I attended a TRIUMPH meeting in Ebro on Sept. 25. Senator Gaetz was present and spoke about the need for the 8 impacted counties to continue to work together to protect TRIUMPH. These are some of the facts Senator Gaetz presented.

\*TRIUMPH funds are the result of the state of Florida's lawsuit against BP for economic loss the state suffered. This lawsuit is over and the judgment BP has agreed to pay is \$2B. Senator Gaetz sponsored legislation before the lawsuit was settled creating TRIUMPH, and establishing that 75% of the settlement would go into TRIUMPH for the economic restoration of the 8 impacted counties. BP is not appealing the state's victory so at this time, so long as the Florida legislature does not change the structure of TRIUMPH, 75% of \$2B, or \$1.5B, will be deposited in the TRIUMPH account for use in the 8 counties. The first \$300M will go into TRIUMPH in 2016, then 2 years will pass before any additional money goes into the fund. Then, starting in 2018, there will be annual disbursements into TRIUMPH for the next 15 years. Senator Gaetz has confidence that the first disbursement will be made into TRIUMPH. He was emphatic that the 8 counties will have to work in the future to make sure the 2017 or 2018 legislature does not alter TRIUMPH, as it only takes a new piece of legislation to change how the money would be allocated.

\* TRIUMPH, as it is currently written, is overseen by a 5 member Board of Trustees. The Senator said his vision of TRIUMPH is for the funds to focus on diversifying the region's economy beyond tourism and military. The TRIUMPH Board is currently working on the rules for application, but Senator Gaetz said that counties should not be consider TRIUMPH funds to be "the first money or the only money" for a project. A TRIUMPH project must have other money.

\*The challenge for Franklin, Gulf, and Wakulla, is that TRIUMPH does not guarantee any minimum distribution of funds per county, so it is going to be up to the 5 member Board of Trustees to approve all funding.

\*An additional project was discussed at the meeting. Mr. Bill Williams, Walton County RESTORE Coordinator, says he is working on a \$500,000 US Dept. of Commerce grant to review the "gaps in the economic development of the 8 counties", and this information would be of assistance to

each county in then apply for TRIUMPH funds. The US Commerce grant has not been awarded yet but Mr. Williams is hopeful it will be soon.

2- In other RESTORE news, in a conference call on Wed. Sept. 16, it was discussed by staff from the 8 impacted counties that the counties not try to form another layer of coordination in dealing with RESTORE. The consensus was that the Committee of 8, as created in the Consortium, should be an adequate place for the 8 impacted counties to continue to work together.

3- I am meeting with Dewberry on Oct. 14 to begin the county's start-up of RESTORE. Franklin County will benefit from the learning curve Dewberry has gone through with Gulf County so the creation of the our Multi-Year Implementation Plan (MYIP), which is a requirement of US Treasury, should be shorter and smoother then if we had started a year ago when Treasury was still working on its own understanding of rules. At this time no county has had its MYIP approved by Treasury, and at this time the federal judge has not ruled on the proposed BP settlement, so there are no BP funds at Treasury even if the county MYIP was approved.

Commissioner Lockley asked Mr. Pierce how much time he had left before he was retiring. Mr. Pierce explained that currently he is only working part time to assist the board on daily activities and to wrap up some issues that he is most knowledgeable about, some are Fema related and others are grants. Commissioner Parrish thanked Mr. Pierce for staying and making the transition of the new county coordinator as smooth as possible.

#### **Michael Morón – County Coordinator – Report**

1. Inform the Board that the County has been awarded the \$700,000 CDBG grant to rehabilitate or replace substandard owner-occupied single-family residences. Board action is needed to authorize the Chairman's signature on the contract and to advertise for grant administration. A copy of the application summary is attached. **Motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley to authorize the Chairman's signature on the contract. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley to advertise for grant administration. Motion carried, 5-0.**
2. Board action to approve the final change order for the Chapman Auditorium Reroofing project. A copy of the change order is attached. **Motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders. Commissioner Parrish questioned the amount of money in the change order and Mr. Moron answered they will be receiving \$5,000.00 refund rather than a \$10,000.0 refund. Motion carried, 5-0.**
3. Inform the Board that FDOT will decrease the speed limit to 45 mph on US98 in Carrabelle from Kenneth Cope Avenue to the eastern city limit in Carrabelle. This action is based on a recent speed study. A copy of the release is attached. Commissioner Parrish asked where exactly Kenneth Cope Avenue was located. Commissioner Sanders stated it was where Kendrick Park was located. Commissioner Sanders also wanted to emphasize the need to have FDOT reduce speed near the Els Court property.
4. Board action to authorize a Road Closure on US98 for Franklin County School Homecoming Parade on October 23, 2015. The parade will run from Old Ferry Dock Road onto US98 and exit on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. A copy of the FDOT permit is attached. **Motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Watson to approve road closure for parade. Motion carried 5-0.**

5. Inform the Board that the Crooked River Lighthouse will be hosting Lantern Fest this year on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 10pm. This event might cause some traffic congestion on US 98 around the 2-block area of the Lighthouse. The Lighthouse Association will hire a Carrabelle police officer to assist with traffic control and provide a golf cart shuttle between the beach and the Lighthouse. Our office has notified FDOT of this event and the possible traffic congestion issue. Commissioner Sanders recommended calling the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and asking them to assist.
6. Board action to support and authorize the Chairman's signature on a resolution declaring November 13<sup>th</sup> as World Pancreatic Cancer Day. A copy of the request and resolution are attached.

### *RESOLUTION*

*Declaring November 13 "World Pancreatic Cancer Day" in Franklin county.*

*WHEREAS in 2015, an estimated 48,960 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 40,560 will die from the disease;*

*WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is currently the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and is projected to become the second by 2020;*

*WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just seven percent;*

*WHEREAS when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally late stage, and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 93 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years;*

*WHEREAS approximately 2,980 deaths will occur in Florida in 2015;*

*WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is the 7th most common cause of cancer-related death in men and women across the world;*

*WHEREAS there will be an estimated 367,000 new pancreatic cancer cases diagnosed globally in 2015;*

*WHEREAS the good health and well-being of the residents of Franklin County are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners designate November 13 as "World Pancreatic Cancer Day" in Franklin County.*

*DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.*

s/William Massey  
William J. Massey, Chairman

Attest:

s/Marcia M. Johnson  
Marcia M. Johnson

**Motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Parrish to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Resolution. Motion carried 5-0.**

7. Inform the Board that the County hasn't received FY 15/16 \$350,000 SHIP approved allocation as yet. The funds are normally received in July each year, but this year's anticipated date is November 2015. The SHIP administrator is reviewing and qualifying applications that will be processed upon receipt of the funds, therefore only administrative fees are being paid until those funds are received.
8. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the SHIP Annual Report Certification form. Ms. Switzer only had two years, instead of the normal three years, to spend FY 13/14 funds so an additional annual report was needed this year to close out this funding. Copies of the FY 13/14 Annual Report along with the Certification are attached. **Motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley. Motion Carried, 5-0.**
9. Board action to authorize Chairman's signature on the Bald Point Road SCOP agreement. This is for design and construction of that project and is \$1.4M in total. **Motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Watson. Motion carried, 5-0.**

**Motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, to authorize Preble-Rish to perform the design work on this project. Motion carried, 5-0.**

10. Inform the Board that Preble-Rish has prepared an advertisement to receive bids for the 2015 Road Paving Project. This ad will run in the October 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> editions of The Times. A copy of the ad is attached.
11. Inform the Board that I received a complaint from a St. George Island resident regarding dogs on the beach not being under voice command as stated in our ordinance and owners not cleaning up after their dogs. I discussed this matter with Mr. Fonda Davis who encouraged residents to be specific with their complaints so that his officers would have more information to help with enforcement.
12. Inform the Board that the Florida Forest Service has submitted their Annual County Commissioner Report. A copy of the report is attached.
13. Board action to sign AVCON contract contingent upon Attorney Shuler's review. According to AVCON the contract is the same as the last one. **Motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Sanders. Motion carried, 5-0.**
14. Board action to sign AVCON TASK Order #1 for Construction Phase Services for the Runway Rehabilitation Project. Poloronis Construction has been selected as the contractor but until the Board had selected an airport engineering firm there was no firm to oversee the construction. Poloronis Construction will now be

given the Notice to Proceed. **Motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley. Motion carried, 5-0.**

15. Board action to sign amended JPA with FDOT for additional construction funds for the lighting upgrade at the airport. FDOT is providing an additional \$861,000 for improvements to the runway lighting. This project is in the design phase with AVCON. It is the intent of the project to replace all the runway lights with lower energy lights so that the two main runways will come up when keyed by an incoming plane. At this time, because of the energy demand used by the older style lights, only one runway can be keyed up at a time. The newer lights will also decrease energy consumption at the airport, which will save money for the county as the county pays for the runway and taxiway lights. The total funds for the project are now \$1.126M. Board action. **Motion by Commissioner Parrish, Seconded by Commissioner Lockley. Motion carried, 5-0.**
16. Board action to sign FWC/DEP amended grant agreement for year two of the turtle lighting grant. Erik Lovstrand and the UF Extension Office are administering this grant and Erik recommends the Board sign the amended agreement. When the first grant was approved the Board was in line for funds for year two. **Motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Sanders. Motion carried, 5-0.**
17. Inform the Board that public notice has been given by the US Corps of Engineers that there will be public meeting on Monday, Nov. 9, from 4-7 PM at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Bldg in Eastpoint, for the Corps to receive public comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Updated Master Water Control Manual for the ACF. The draft Statement "also includes updates to account for a June 28, 2011 decision of the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals, which concluded that water supply is an authorized purpose for Lake Lanier." A copy of the email is attached. Commissioner Parrish asked who would be attending on behalf of the County. Mr. Pierce stated it would either be himself or Mr. Moron.
18. Board action to appoint Mr. Steven Nash to the Planning and Zoning Commission in the seafood dealer seat, and to appoint Mr. Sam Gilbert in the realtor seat. **Motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried, 5-0.**
19. The Board's Legislative Delegation met on Monday, Sept. 28, in the Annex to receive comment from constituents and elected officials. For the Board file, I have included the document Commissioner Sanders presented about small county priorities for the 2016 Legislative Session.
20. Inform the Board that the Planning and Building office received a complaint of unauthorized disruption of the sand dunes and vegetation behind a beachfront dwelling. Mr. Pierce and I investigated this matter and sent a letter to the property manager. A copy of the letter is attached.

Mr. Moron mentioned to the Board that he is getting requests for the use of the armory for next year and the Board needs to consider a pricing plan for rental fees. Commissioner Parrish commented that once the new air conditioner is installed someone needs to perform an energy audit so the board can have an idea of what it costs to cool the building. Commissioner Parrish also mentioned that in the past a non-profit organization could rent the armory free of charge but the board will no longer be able to do that due to the cost to run the new air conditioner. The Board would need to at least collect enough from non-profits to cover the cost of electricity. Mr. Pierce gave Commissioner Watson a brief history on the usage of the armory and what the cost has been in the past. Mr. Moron and Mr. Pierce further discussed with the board the future cost of rental for the armory.

21. Mr. Pierce would like to discuss road-paving funding.  
Discussion of adding one cent to the current 5 cent gas tax to into the paving fund. At this time, Franklin County is the only county in the state that does not impose a minimum of 6 cents local gas tax. Franklin County is the only county at 5 cents and because we do not have at least 6 cents of local gas tax, the county is not eligible to apply for a 100% funded FDOT paving program called SCRAP. The county does apply for funding through a DOT program called SCOP, but SCOP provides only 75% of paving costs. If the county, through an ordinance adopted by a super majority of the Board, would add one cent to the current five cents, the county would then be eligible for both SCRAP and SCOP funding. Board direction. **Motion by Commissioner Lockley to hold a public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Watson. Motion carried, 5-0.**
  
22. Mr. Pierce would like to discuss recent vandalism at Bay City Work Camp.  
Vandalism at Bay City Work Camp- Sometime over the weekend of Sept. 25-26, vandals broke into the generator area at the Work Camp and damaged the switching box and some other electrical components. The generator, a 50KW model with only 1400 hours of engine time, was not damaged. With the damage to electrical system the generator cannot be tested, or utilized. A generator of this size should easily run 7,000 hours so the generator is barely broken in. There is no current or known future need for a generator of this size so I recommend the Board put the generator up for sale. Mr. Pierce recommended seeing if the hospital if they can utilize the generator. Commissioner Parrish stated that video surveillance needs to be installed at the work camp. **Motion by Commissioner Parrish to have Mr. Pierce and Mr. Moron gather information regarding installation of surveillance cameras. Seconded by Commissioner Sanders. Commissioner Sanders suggested checking with the Sheriff's office to see what product they use. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Commissioner Sanders to ask Sheriff's office to patrol the area for suspicious activity. Seconded by Commissioner Parrish. Motion carried, 5-0.**
  
23. Inform Board that the District Court has ruled in the county's favor in a final ruling on extending the Alligator Point revetment using FEMA funds. With Mr. Shuler's direction, I have contacted Mike Dombrowski, MRD consultant who developed the plans and specs for the revetment project. Mike is going to re-advertise the project so that we can move forward and hire a contractor and get this project completed by March 30, 2016.

With the revetment project now moving forward this leaves the relocation of Gulf Beach Drive as the only uncompleted FEMA project. Since this is a relocation project it might take some time to get this one completed.

#### **T. Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report**

Attorney Shuler stated that he had a few action items come up during the meeting.

1. The Sheriff Department is requesting a joint drug task force grant in the amount of \$38,266. Attorney Shuler requested board approval to have the Chairman sign a grant agreement and a transmittal letter. **Motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley. Motion carried, 5-0.**



2. Requesting board action to amend the current written investment plan to include a requirement that the Clerk or the Finance Director will attend 8 hours of continuing financial education annually.  
**Motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley. Motion carried, 5-0.**
  
3. Inform the Board that he is going to deliver to the Clerk an opinion delivered from the First District Court of Appeal which concludes the permit challenge for the last section of the revetment. No motion for rehearing has been filed nor did he expect one to be filed. As far as he was concerned, this case is closed. That does leave the county with one pending litigation with Capital City Bank, which is a damages case that was filed against us in 2012. Mediation is currently being scheduled for January and he would expect the trial in that case to conclude later next year.

### **Commissioners' & Public Comments**

Commissioner Sanders welcomed Commissioner Watson to the Board.

Public comment from Alan Fiefer welcoming Commissioner Watson to the Board. Mr. Fiefer commented on the decision by the board to move forward with the hospitals construction of a new facility and also on the cash flow difficulties he projects the hospital will encounter with the new ICD-10 system.

### **Adjourned**

Chairman Massey adjourned the meeting.

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William Massey - Chairman

Attest:

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Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts