

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
CARRABELLE CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
APRIL 19, 2016
10:00 AM
MINUTES**

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

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

Approval of the Minutes

On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 5, 2016.

Payment of County Bills

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve payment of the County's bills.

Department Directors Report

Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Public Works

Mr. Nabors reported they are cleaning ditches throughout the county. He said last week they started cutting grass except for C.R. 30 because of the flowers. He stated this road will not be cut until late May. Commissioner Sanders asked them to make one cut as the grass is getting high. Mr. Nabors stated the side roads are being cut because people are complaining about snakes.

Chairman Massey discussed the alley between 1st Street and 2nd Street and said it needs to be fixed as there is a child who was injured in an accident and needs better access getting in and out. He asked Mr. Nabors to grade this road as they need to take the child out the back. Mr. Nabors agreed to take care of this matter. Commissioner Sanders said it is located in front of the cemetery.

Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director

Mr. Davis reported the Solid Waste and Animal Control Departments are running smoothly.

Mr. Moron presented the following item from his report:

8. Mr. Allyson Speed asked that I inform the Board that the County's traveling boys' basketball team was victorious at the Spring Bling Basketball Tournament recently held in Orlando. The boys' team next tournament will be in Pensacola on the weekend of April 29th to May 1st. The girls' team is traveling to Tallahassee this weekend to participate in the Take Charge Breast Cancer Awareness Tournament. Mr. Speed will update the Board on the results of these tournaments.
9. The County received a request from the Franklin County SWAT team to place "Thank You For Not Smoking/Children Zone" signs at County Park entrances. Mr. Fonda Davis stated that most of our County Parks already have No Smoking signs. Would the Board object to additional signage? I have attached a proof of the sign. Board discussion.

Mr. Moron suggested the Board allow SWAT to prepare one sign for Mr. Davis to review and determine if it complies with the other signs at the parks. He stated they have made an additional request for the Courthouse but the sign for the Courthouse must be very specific as to how it is designed. Commissioner Sanders asked if the signs will be attached to the fence. Mr. Davis agreed this is where the signs would be placed. Commissioner Sanders questioned if Mr. Davis had any problem with this. Mr. Davis answered no. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to direct Mr. Davis to work with SWAT to review the sign and make sure it meets the requirements. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.**

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management Director

Mrs. Brownell appeared before the Board and presented the following report:

Action Items:

Request the Board approval of the ranking of the Debris Monitoring Contractors:

Landfall Strategies
Thompson
Tetra Tech

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to take the Emergency Management Director's recommendation for ranking the Debris Monitoring Contractors.

Mrs. Brownell explained at the last Board meeting she asked the Board to approve the amendment of the RMPC contract for the extra \$8,000. She reported an excerpt from the minutes was prepared and a letter from Mr. Moron was submitted but the State would like the Board to make an official request. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to officially request the extra \$8,000 from the state for the RMPC grant.**

Information Items:

Franklin County EOC Staff continue to promote our Re-Entry Tag program and encourage all residents to apply for their Re-Entry Tag.

EOC Staff is updating our Special Needs Database to verify current information of our Special Needs Residents.

Franklin County Emergency Management will be hosting our 2nd Annual Disaster Expo on June 4th at the EOC from 10am-3pm. We would like to invite everyone to attend and participate.

EOC Staff attended the Region 2 MYTEP.

April 26, 2016 Staff will attend the LEPC Meeting

May 8-13 Pamela Brownell and Jennifer Daniels will be attending the Governors Hurricane Conference.

May 16 is the Annual State Exercise that Franklin County EOC will be participating in.

Erik Lovestrand – Extension Office Director

Mr. Lovestrand appeared before the Board but did not have any action items.

Franklin County Extension Activities April 6 – April 19, 2016

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

General Extension Activities:

Extension Cluster team from Wakulla, Gulf and Franklin met with FAMU Extension Faculty to discuss Franklin County programming coordination.

Extension Director recruited new members to the Extension Advisory Committee. There are currently 9 members.

Extension staff has provided assistance to community members in the areas of turf grass, bees, injured wildlife, sea turtle lighting issues and invasive plants.

Extension Director attended Spring Faculty meeting where work was initiated on a strategic plan

for our natural resources working group.

A public program on the topic of Backyard Beekeeping was provided at the Carrabelle branch of the Library.

Sea Grant Extension:

Work continues on drafting multi-county turtle lighting grant with FWC/DEP.

Extension staff has reached this year's grant target of 50+ agreements with property owners for turtle-friendly lighting retrofits. Work continues with owners and rental management companies to accomplish retrofits. The second quarterly report for this year was submitted to FWC.

4-H Youth Development:

Franklin County's Making Strides 4-H club continues to meet.

Two Franklin County 4-H members participated in the Area-A Horse show.

Family Consumer Sciences:

Family Nutrition Program Assistant continuing to implement in-school curriculum in Franklin County classrooms.

Agriculture/Horticulture:

Extension Director assisted local residents with information and field visits related to soils tests.

Eric. No action items.

Anne Birchwell – County Library Director

Mrs. Birchwell appeared before the Board and presented the following report:

- Franklin County Public Library was notified that with the help of Tax-Aide Volunteers, Bill and Donna Nichols, that they surpassed the 50 e-filed return minimum required by the IRS to maintain an active e-file site! That represents a 57 % increase over last tax season. The IRS minimum had been 30 e-filed returns for many years. Then last season, the IRS announced that the minimum would be increased to 50 e-filed returns due to rising licensing fees. Last season, AARP only completed 33 returns at both branches of the library, so there was concern about whether or not we could meet the 50 return minimum this season. Thanks to Bill and Donna Nichols for their time!
- Les Harrison from the Wakulla Extension Agency will be facilitating a workshop on "Growing Tomatoes & Herbs" at the Eastpoint Branch this afternoon, at 1:30 pm at the Eastpoint Branch. He will also be speaking at the Carrabelle Branch on Friday, April 22nd at 1:30 about "Spring Gardening" which is also a free public program.
- Ms. Audrey will be inviting children ages 7 to 12 to the Carrabelle Branch for a special Earth Day Program on Tuesday, April 19th at 4:00 pm. The children will be making seed creations called blossom bombs made out of recycled paper and flower seeds. This will be a fun free event for children.

- On Saturday, May 14th Author and Green Guide Dr. Maureen O'Neil will be providing an outdoor activity for children at the Eastpoint Branch. Dr. O'Neill is an Associate Professor of Early Childhood Development at Tallahassee Community College. Little Green Guide Stories are told from the perspective of a child, and will allow for a "hands on" exploration of the natural world for an outdoor story time. This will be from 11:00 am till noon. Of course this is always free.
- E-rate is a reimbursement program offered to public schools and libraries that use Internet and phones services. I have chosen to continue to use the current provider for our Internet services for this year and have requested that another provider offer a proposal to bring a lower cost to the Eastpoint community for next year. This is an underserved rural community with fewer choices for Internet services. Last year the library received a little over \$3,000 to be applied to our communications costs for both libraries.

Mr. Moron stated the Resolution has been prepared adopting April 10th-16th as National Library Week.

Commissioner Sanders asked if piano lessons are still being taught at the Library. Mrs. Birchwell answered yes to adults at the Carrabelle Branch. Commissioner Sanders stated she knows some elderly individuals who are interested in learning to play. Mrs. Birchwell suggested Commissioner Sanders have the individuals contact the Library.

Mike Cooper – CEO – Weems Hospital – Report

Mr. Cooper asked which meeting the Board prefers him to attend. He said the first meeting of the month works well for him as the Hospital Board meets the last Thursday of the month. Chairman Massey agreed the first meeting is best. Mr. Cooper presented the following report and said some items have been updated:

1. Meaningful Use – As was discussed previously, the IT contract from Athena was not reimbursed on the cost report. Also as promised, we have had a legal review done as well as had numerous conversations with the IT company. We believe that the contract should be reimbursed and will be reopening the cost report before or shortly following our meeting on the 19th.

Mr. Cooper stated there have been several conversations with their IT attorney as this contract is 20 pages long and only 2 sentences in the contract are making the decision about the reimbursement. He said he had a telephone conference with the attorney yesterday and he is optimistic the money will be reimbursed. He reported they will have another call with them today and Mr. Ralph Roberson, Roberson & Associates, to make sure the accounting matches what is being put into the cost report. He stated they will continue to work on this issue. Commissioner Watson asked what sort of reimbursement this is. Mr. Cooper explained the

contract for the IT system was \$480,000 and that is the amount they previously planned to put in the cost report but they do not get \$480,000. He went on to say the way the reimbursement works is they use the 38% Medicare payor mix and then, due to the meaningful use program, increase it 20% so the actual percentage is 58% of \$480,000. He stated the attorney reviewed the contract again and identified another \$60,000 that he believes is reimbursable and then said there could possibly be more. Commissioner Watson questioned the time frame involved with the reimbursement. Mr. Cooper stated hopefully by the end of the week they will reopen the cost report and file the new expenses they expect to be covered. He went on to say CMS will look at a normal cost report in 2 weeks and then it can be another week but as this is a reopen it may take a little longer. He said they have a good relationship with the meaningful use side of CMS so they may be able to get an expedited review. Mr. Cooper explained anytime the cost report is reopened, it goes through a review and then they decide if they will pay or not pay. He stated if they pay a reopened cost report, then there will be an audit by Medicare. He said it is crucial that every detail is perfect as they do not want to get reimbursed and then have an audit and have them take the money back. He reported the IT attorney took a long time to approve this contract and now it is coming down to 2 sentences. He said they are working very hard on this issue.

2. Building Plans – Culpepper, Adams and TRO JB have been in discussions over the past few weeks and will meet at the hospital on the 18th. This will complete their first assessment of the project and budget.

Mr. Cooper stated the Adams Group, Culpepper and TRO JB met yesterday at the Hospital. He explained they spent about 3 hours discussing the engineering and building and answering detailed questions so Culpepper has all the information they need. He said Culpepper Construction will take 2 weeks and then come back with a budget which will be the first indication if it meets the budget of \$10.2 million budget or not.

3. EMS – We have seen a marked increase in EMS volume during this fiscal year, particularly since January. Unfortunately because of our location and proximity to our transfer locations, this has created a problem at times. As I noted in a previous email, there have been times that the county was without any ambulance to respond to any call. At other times, the response times were delayed. Effective 4-1, we elevated the Apalachicola truck to ALS and moved it to a full-time status, as opposed to a BLS truck 12 hours Friday through Monday. Please know that this is occurring at significant cost that we will not be able to endure in the long run.

Mr. Cooper reported a couple of times there have been more calls than ambulances so to try and relieve this problem, effective April 1st, a third truck was moved to full time status. He said they have 3 full time trucks on the road and the 3rd ambulance was elevated to a paramedic level as opposed to an EMT level. He explained this action is coming at an expense to the Hospital and they will continue to operate 3 ambulances to alleviate the increase in volume.

He reported they will not be able to continue this forever without additional funding. He explained several times convalescent runs to or from a nursing home have been secured as opposed to an ambulance coming back without a person after transporting someone out of county. He said when the ambulance goes past the county line then the ambulance is out of service for over 4 hours. Mr. Cooper reported if a convalescent run can be secured coming back then it provides additional revenue. He stated Mr. Jarod Wester, EMS Director, has started contacting people and asking them to call if they have these convalescent runs.

4. LIP Funding – The state senate and house compromised on LIP funding that will significantly enhance Weems funding. However, the federal government has to approve of the state's disbursement of the funds before they will send their matching dollars. While we are hopeful that this will happen, there are at least three things working against their approval at this time. (I will be happy to discuss at our meeting).

Mr. Cooper said he is not optimistic the federal government will approve Florida's LIP Plan. He stated 2 years ago the federal government informed the State of Florida they did not like the State's mechanism for disbursing funds and the State did not make a change. He stated the Governor went to Washington this time last year and had some acrimonious meetings with CMS. Mr. Cooper reported the State's failure to expand Medicaid also affects this funding. He stated the U.S. Attorney General's Office put out a report two weeks ago noting Florida's LIP program as a perfect example of how not to distribute LIP funds. Mr. Cooper said the hospital would receive a \$600,000 annual increase in LIP funding and if this does not go through, it will be detrimental to the Hospital. Commissioner Watson asked if LIP funding is for uncompensated care. Mr. Cooper answered the low income pool. Commissioner Watson said the Hospital will have a lot of allies with the other hospitals in the state that count on this funding. Mr. Cooper agreed and said huge hospitals such as Shands in Jacksonville and one hospital in Miami would go out of business as this is their total business. Commissioner Watson stated the good news is the Legislature increased this funding significantly and now they have to deal with the federal government. Commissioner Parrish reported one Miami hospital was supposed to receive a reimbursement of \$32 million. He explained the problem is they tied the funds to the Medicare expansion proposed by the Governor. Mr. Cooper said the only thing that may help is the federal government does not want to be responsible for closing those 2 indigent hospitals. Mr. Cooper stated the \$600,000 increase is significant for the hospital as it represents \$50,000 a month.

Mr. Cooper said they are trying to make the hospital lab a reference lab for a company in Chicago, Illinois that owns several hospitals and outpatient clinics. He explained the company is banking on their license and would put in an additional piece of equipment that the Hospital will not have to pay for. He reported every night the Hospital would receive a FedEx package with no less than 150 samples that they would run through the machine. He said the initial review indicates they will not have to increase staffing costs. He reported the Hospital would

get an additional 150 tests a day which the company indicates could generate \$40,000 a month of additional revenue but he counts on \$20,000 a month.

Mr. Cooper reported they are still looking into the Rural Health Center Designation and right now they are waiting to hear from CMS. He explained the Hospital has completed everything they need to do and the next step by CMS would be a site visit. He stated this Designation could represent another \$150,000 increase in reimbursement every year.

5. Cash – We continue to get closer to normal. We are certainly not there yet. March was very good as far as collections go. However, April has started very slow. I suspect that we should see a leveling out by mid-May.

Mr. Cooper said the Hospital showed a \$35,000 positive bottom line for February but they are still down \$25,000. Mr. Cooper explained the income statements month to month are normally a snapshot of the business for the month but it has been a little different to them because these cost reports are largely an estimate. He stated the gross revenue is listed and then the deductions from the revenue are listed but these are not actual cash transactions. He reported these are estimates used so they do not overstate their revenue but they depend on who the payor is that month. He explained this year there are wide variations such as in November, when 1 out of 2 individuals did not have insurance, which is not good for the payment schedule. He stated in February 1 out of 2 individuals had Medicare which is extremely good. He said March has been the same as February. Mr. Cooper said this causes a wide range on the income statements as it is based on the payor mix for the month. He stated it is not noticeable at the end of the year, only at the beginning when there is only one month to compare. Commissioner Watson asked if there is a correlation between the winter residents and increased Medicare. Mr. Cooper stated this has not correlated to past years at all but he would expect when the winter residents are here there would be a higher amount of Medicare but it does not reflect that connection.

Mr. Cooper stated, in relation to the computer conversion, they are still 4 weeks out from being normal. He reported this conversion took place on January 19th and it usually takes about 4 months before there is enough a/r (accounts receivable) in the system to bring in enough cash. He explained they are holding their own but still working out kinks. Mr. Cooper reported he just received a notice that there is a hold on \$100,000 of outpatient claims due to a glitch in the system which was not there a month ago. He said this represents about \$50,000 in cash that is not moving. He stated they are finding the glitches and working through them and it is getting better. Commissioner Sanders asked where Mr. John Graham is today. Mr. Cooper stated he is working on the meaningful use funding and will be here at the next meeting. Commissioner Sanders clarified that Culpepper Construction will present the costs within 2 weeks to see if they are in budget, out of budget or under budget. Mr. Cooper answered yes. Commissioner Sanders reported she will save the majority of her questions for the next meeting as they are financial questions. She referenced the balance sheet showing the cash on hand ending in February this year as 7 days and this time last year being 12.2 days. She stated the a/r days are

83.4 for February of this year and was 46.9 days this time last year. She reported 45-47 days is good and questioned why they are at 83.4 days now. Mr. Cooper stated in April of last year the a/r days were 100 when they started the conversion and billing. He reported in August the days were in the 60's and then the first conversion started and it slowed down the billing. He said if they are not collecting as quickly then the a/r days go up. He reported the cash shortage also goes back to computer conversions they are having to do. He stated this is the 3rd billing company and 3rd computer conversion in a year. Commissioner Sanders asked when this situation will be rectified. Mr. Cooper estimated the cash coming in should be good in about 4 weeks. He explained they still have about \$300,000 in the old system but he is not sure about the quality of these accounts. He said they have worked the accounts but he is not sure how much of this is in self pay or the other categories which will determine how much it is worth. Mr. Cooper stated last week they moved \$300,000 from the old billing company Accordias to the new billing company Athena so one person is working the accounts now. Commissioner Sanders asked if the 7.7 days cash on hand is due to the computer conversion. Mr. Cooper said the cash fluctuates so much it depends on what day of the week the month ends. He explained if it ends on a Wednesday right after payroll has been completed, then it goes down quite a bit as this is the biggest expense of the month. He estimated the highest number of days since he has been here was 15 and they hope this will continually go up. Commissioner Sanders said a new physician was hired about 2 months ago and usually a report is provided of the number of patients the physician sees but she did not see that in this report. Mr. Cooper stated this was not included in his report. Commissioner Sanders questioned how many patients are being seen at the Carrabelle Clinic or any of the clinics. Mr. Cooper reported the new physician saw 11 patients a day for the first month at both clinics combined and 13 the second month. He stated this month the patient count will be lower because they just went through a computer conversion and their schedule was cut in half. Commissioner Sanders asked if the new physician does not perform the 22-25 patients a day standard, will he do the same thing that was done to prior doctors and cut her loose. Mr. Cooper stated he would have discussions with her but he has to give her a chance. Commissioner Sanders reported Dr. Charbonneau should have been given a chance but at some point he was not given a chance. She advised Mr. Cooper she is watching this and very concerned about it because they still have had a chance to get Dr. Charbonneau back and he was very loved by the people in the county. She expressed concern that the numbers of patients are not going to go up until there are physicians here to put patients in rooms and make money. Commissioner Sanders said she appreciated Mr. Cooper answering her questions and she is looking forward to Mr. Graham being present at the next meeting. Mr. Cooper agreed he will be present.

Commissioner Parrish reported Mr. DeWitt Polous, Mosquito Control Director, is present as he asked him to appear but he was not on the agenda. Commissioner Parrish explained people have questions about the zika virus and when the mosquito spraying will start so he asked him to appear and give an update. Mr. Polous stated they have been placing larvacide for several weeks and last week they started the adulticide program. He explained they are mostly hitting the areas requested by telephone calls or emails. He said they had one suspicious case of zika virus several weeks ago. Mr. Polous stated he does not know the results but the person had

been out of the country so there has not been anything locally. Mr. Polous reported he has hired part time employees and they will begin the first of May so extra trucks will be on the road. Commissioner Sanders asked if the ditches are still being cleaned and larvacide is being placed. Mr. Polous answered yes, and said they did that all winter. He stated they have been running ads on the radio since March about the type of mosquito that starts the virus. He encouraged citizens and visitors to dump out water standing in artificial containers as this will help the county. Commissioner Parrish said he appreciated Mr. Polous coming in as he has received quite a few calls and he thought the best thing to do was have Mr. Polous attend the meeting.

Board of Adjustment – Report

Mr. Moron presented the following report from the April 6, 2016 meeting:

1. Request for a variance to construct a two story, 1200 square feet dwelling with a 782 sq. foot print, 14 feet into the setback facing Sawyer Street on property known as 451 North Sawyer Street a/k/a Unit 5, Block 89, Lot 23, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. The dwelling will be serviced by a Performance Based Waste Treatment System, (OSTD). The request is being submitted by Garlick Environmental, Agent for Wayne Farm, property owner.

The Advisory Board of Adjustment recommends **approval of this request as stated.**

Mr. Moron said Mr. Garlick is present if the Board has any questions. Commissioner Watson asked if this variance is necessary because of a wetland. Mr. Garlick answered yes and said there is a 50 ft setback they can honor which is critical to the bay for water quality but it does not leave a lot of room. He said if they can at least construct a minimal size house within the front setback then the wastewater treatment system will be in front of that and trees will be left there also. He stated this property on Sawyer Street is on a slow moving, dirt road. He said they feel the safety, health and welfare on the road will not be a problem and at the same time this will keep the water quality intact by maintaining the 50 ft. setback. **On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this request.**

Mr. Moron presented the following item from his report:

5. Inform the Board that the April 12th Planning and Zoning Regular Meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. A Special Meeting has been scheduled for April 26th and all of the Planning and Zoning members have confirmed their attendance. Only the agenda items from the April 12th meeting will be heard at the Special Meeting.

Mr. Moron said the Board may have gotten some emails or telephone calls as they did not have

a quorum but they quickly scheduled another meeting. He reminded the Board the membership is so tight if a couple of people don't show, they do not have a quorum. Commissioner Sanders said her understanding is there was a meeting in March and no one showed up for these items. Mr. Moron stated it is the same two items and no one showed up and it is the policy of the Planning & Zoning Board to table items to the next meeting if no one is there to answer questions. Commissioner Parrish reported these are the same two items that were taken up when they had a quorum but the people were not present to answer questions. He said they are now complaining their requests are not moving forward. He stated people need to be notified they must appear when they place items on the Planning & Zoning Agenda so if a question comes up; they are there to answer it. Commissioner Sanders reported these 2 people have been completing this process for 20 years in the county so they are aware of the process. Commissioner Parrish said he is glad the meeting was re-scheduled rather than people having to wait another month which also causes the agenda to get a lot longer. He expressed appreciation to Mrs. Amy Kelley and others involved for re-scheduling the meeting so these items can move forward. He stated if they do not have a quorum, he would like to see this continue until the membership is straightened out.

The meeting was recessed at 10:43 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Public Hearing (continuation) – Adopt Litter Control Ordinance
Public Hearing (continuation) – Adopt Animal Control Ordinance

Attorney Shuler said the Board is ready to move forward with the Public Hearings but he noted a full Board is not present. He explained it has been a custom of the Board not to adopt Ordinances without a full Board being present. He inquired how the Board would like to proceed. Commissioner Sanders said the Board should not adopt the Ordinances as they never adopt Ordinances without a full Board being present. Commissioner Sanders made a motion not to consider these two items, the Animal Control Ordinance and the Litter Control Ordinance, this morning and wait until a given time when the full Board will be meeting. Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion. Commissioner Parrish apologized to the public for this inconvenience. He stated the Board will take these Ordinances up at another time. Attorney Shuler said he does not remember a time when the Board adopted an Ordinance without a full Board. Commissioner Sanders reported they do not know who will attend or not attend until they walk in the door. Mrs. Debbie Enloe, a resident of Lanark Village, said they have issues in her area and wanted to know how long the Board is going to put off these issues. Attorney Shuler said they should be able to reschedule these hearings for the first meeting in May. Commissioner Sanders reported in March when this was continued until this meeting in Carrabelle, she did not know Commissioner Lockley would not be present today but they do not adopt Ordinances without a full Board. Mrs. Enloe asked the Board not to wait until May. Commissioner Sanders responded the Board meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Commissioner Sanders stated there are some misconceptions about the Litter Control

Ordinance. She asked Attorney Shuler to explain what the Board is addressing in the Ordinance because she has had a lot of calls because people think the Board is bringing up mandatory garbage collection. Attorney Shuler answered they are not bringing up mandatory garbage collection. He explained the only thing the Board is considering is taking the existing Litter Control Ordinance and changing the penalty for the violations. He said at present the presumed penalties are mostly felony and the potential amendment changes it from criminal to civil penalties. Attorney Shuler explained the officer can initially give a warning and require the person to clean up the area within 3 business days with no penalty. He reported if the area is not cleaned up, then a citation would be issued and the first violation is up to \$250.00 plus clean up costs. Attorney Shuler stated the second violation is up to a \$500 fine plus clean up costs. He went on to say the third violation would be up to a \$750 fine plus clean up costs. Attorney Shuler explained court costs would also be included if they go to court. He stated the fourth violation is a second degree misdemeanor and the fifth violation is a first degree misdemeanor. He said it does not become a felony until there are sixth or more violations by the same person. Attorney Shuler stated there is currently a Litter Control Ordinance that can be enforced. He said the proposed change is just changing the penalty structure for the existing Ordinance. Commissioner Sanders asked about the Animal Control Ordinance. Attorney Shuler answered the Animal Control Ordinance is the same Ordinance that has been in effect since 2001 and he reviewed it at the request of Animal Control Director, Mr. Fonda Davis. He said this Ordinance was compared to the current statute and he has added some clean up language but it is effectively the same Ordinance that has been on the books for 15 years. Mr. Richard Fravel, a resident of Lanark Village, said he addressed the Board about the Litter Ordinance at the last meeting and he has had some discussions with Attorney Shuler. He stated the preamble supersedes the prior Franklin County Ordinances but he would also like it to include a Resolution of the Board policy adopted on 4-2-04. He said this makes illegal everything they are allowed to do under this policy of 2004. He pointed out the Resolution counters the Ordinance and the Resolution needs to go away. Attorney Shuler stated he talked with Mr. Fravel and Mr. Davis and the concern is they want language that people would still be allowed to put yard trash on the side of the road and have the county pick it up. Attorney Shuler said he thinks the Ordinance as written allows this but he will add additional language to clarify this item. Ms. Leslie Cox, a Green Guide, expressed concern about the trash and said she is pleased with the Commission for addressing the issue with a new ordinance that will be enforced by law enforcement. She questioned if law enforcement, currently and in the future, can address these issues without the need for a citizen's complaint to start the process. Attorney Shuler said these issues never had to start with a citizen's complaint but it is up to the Sheriff how they enforce the Ordinance. He explained law enforcement and county staff with code enforcement authority will have the ability to enforce this Ordinance. Ms. Cox asked if direction will be given by the Board to law enforcement and code enforcement. Attorney Shuler answered the Board can give direction to their code enforcement Officers but cannot direct the Sheriff's deputies. He said they can provide the Sheriff's Department a copy of the Ordinance. Ms. Cox suggested some form of agreement with the Sheriff. Attorney Shuler stated they can talk with the Sheriff about this issue. Ms. Cox reported it just seems like it never gets done. Ms. Cox asked if the Ordinance covers private trash haulers who store their

trash in their vehicles over the weekend. Attorney Shuler reported this item is out of the purview of this Ordinance. He suggested this item may be a Health Department issue. Ms. Cox stated this is a problem in residential areas and then the garbage gets torn up or animals get in the garbage. Attorney Shuler reported this Ordinance will not cover that issue and he does not believe they have ever had an Ordinance that covers this item. Chairman Massey agreed this is a problem. Ms. Cox suggested the Board include garbage being stored over the weekend by commercial haulers. Mr. Mike Thornburg, a resident of St. George Island, said there are serious problems with commercial companies as well as homeowners dumping garbage on the sides of the road all over the county. He suggested if the county picks up garbage on the side of the road at no charge and continues to charge people bringing the garbage to the landfill, then they should let people bring the garbage to the landfill for free. He explained the garbage is going to the landfill either way. He stated they can dump the garbage free or take it to the landfill and receive a charge. Clerk Johnson referenced the section of the Ordinance addressing non-criminal violations. She stated it describes a fine not exceeding a certain amount but it needs to be an actual amount. She questioned who would decide the amount of these citations, which are not criminal, and do not go to a judge. She said the individuals will come in the office and pay the amount of the citation. She requested a specific amount for these violations plus court costs. Mrs. Johnson reported court costs could be over \$200.00. She stated she would rather the Board set a penalty amount as this will also create a big problem for law enforcement as to the amount to be placed on the ticket. Mrs. Johnson questioned if the Board wants to set certain amounts as part of the adoption of the Ordinance. Attorney Shuler reported he will put together a specific schedule. Commissioner Sanders amended her motion to reflect the comments made by Mr. Richard Fravel and get with the Attorney and put specific amounts as per the Clerk. Commissioner Parrish asked if the violations are based on volume. Attorney Shuler stated the old ordinance referenced volumes and they are trying to get away from that. He explained regardless of the volume, the monetary penalty will be based on the number of violations and it will give the officer in the field the option of having the person clean up the area to avoid the ticket. Attorney Shuler reported he will take into consideration the Clerk's comments. Commissioner Parrish said he agrees with Mr. Thornburg about charging people who bring the garbage to the landfill and then picking up the garbage free from the side of the road but if they do away with roadside pickup then the garbage will be placed in the woods. He explained this is a dilemma for the Board. Commissioner Parrish stated sometimes people dump their yard trash in front of other houses. He said there are even reports that some garbage is coming out of Gulf County and being dumped on the sides of the road in Franklin County. Commissioner Parrish reported there are a host of issues and they are trying to address some of the issues. Chairman Massey said this county is not the only county having garbage problems. Commissioner Watson stated he thinks this new ordinance is a step in the right direction. He reported it gives the County some civil enforcement. He said it will not solve all the problems but he thinks it will improve the situation. Mrs. Anita Grove, a resident of Apalachicola, said maybe the County could enforce the residents waiting to closer to time to put items, such as white goods, out for roadside collection. Chairman Massey stated some people will do this and some will not. Mrs. Grove reported items should only be put out 2-3 days before collection because there is a very regimented scheduled. Motion carried; 4-0.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report

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

Alan Pierce – RESTORE Coordinator – Report

Mr. Pierce appeared before the Board and presented the following report:

1- Inform the Board that the US Treasury has not yet approved the county's planning grant. The next expected approval date is May 1.

2- As previously mentioned, I will be attending an April 27 Water Management meeting to see what additional projects the District is thinking about applying for RESTORE funds. (On this same day, April 27, DEP has requested that each commissioner meet with DEP personnel to learn about proposed improvements for St. George Island State Park. The meetings will start in Carrabelle with Comm. Sanders at 10 AM, and then Chairman Massey, at 10:30. The meetings will then shift to Apalach for the rest. Mark Curenton will be attending all the meetings as he is familiar with the proposal and he will get with the other commissioners on their schedule.)

3- Commissioner Sanders will be attending the Consortium meeting in Tampa on April 21. While the Consortium has already voted on how to split up their money, the meeting on April 21 will be to elect the Consortium Board officers. There will also be a proposal to continue the structure of the Committee of 8, of which Franklin County is a member because we are one of the 8 disproportionately affected counties, and to continue the Committee of 15, which are the other 15 counties in the 23 member Consortium. The US Treasury still has not approved the Consortium's planning grant, and therefore the state's expenditure plan has not been developed.

Mr. Pierce stated Mr. Warren Yeager, Gulf County Restore Coordinator, is currently a member of the Consortium and was appointed when he was a County Commissioner so there may be some issues about him staying on the Board. Mr. Pierce stated everyone is being held up in the same way as they do not know when the U.S. Treasury will take action. Commissioner Sanders said she will report back at the next meeting about what happens at the Consortium meeting. She reported she is concerned as Mr. Yeager has been a very vocal representative for our area and especially the 8 affected counties. Mr. Pierce agreed and said he feels like the Consortium is being split into 2 groups-the 8 affected counties and the 15 counties. Commissioner Sanders reported her understanding is the 15 counties got their own representative to try and remove Mr. Yeager from the Vice-President seat.

4- Chairman Massey has asked me whether RESTORE funds could be used to dredge the Eastpoint channel. I believe RESTORE funds could be used. In the past the county has requested the US Army Corps dredge the channel with funds appropriated by Congress. The Board has also sought state funds to dredge the channel.

The Corps did use its own money to pay for the cost of getting the permit, and the state of Florida has issued a permit to the Corps for dredging the channel and placing the spoil on the

Eastpoint breakwater. I have spoken to the Corps about the prospect of the county providing funds for the dredging if Congress continues to fail in providing funding. The Corps representative reminded me that the permit issued for dredging the Eastpoint Channel was issued to the Corps, so the Corps controls the permit. The county could provide the Corps the money, but the Corps would still bid out and oversee the dredging because the Corps is responsible for complying with the terms of the state permit.

Chairman Massey inquired if the Corps of Engineers (COE) would do the bidding. Mr. Pierce answered yes, and said the Board would have to enter into a contractual agreement with the COE, committing a certain amount of money and agreeing they would go out to bid in accordance with the permit they have. He estimated the dredging process could be done for around \$3 million but until there are actual bids he does not know what it will cost. Mr. Pierce stated the COE will do the dredging because they have the permit. He explained he asked the COE over a year ago if the County could get the permit from them but they said no as they made the representation to the State. He reported they will do the dredging if they get the money. Commissioner Parrish said if they are going to use Restore funds then they need to address the Creekmore Channel which also needs to be dredged. He explained the channel is filled in and the shrimpers are having a problem getting out between the breakwaters in Apalachicola. He questioned if the Board is going to use Restore funds or Consortium money as they are 2 different pots of money. He said if they are moving forward with this then they are circumventing the Restore Council because no projects have been sent to them. He reported if they decide to move forward, this project needs to be submitted to the Restore Council. Chairman Massey agreed if the money is received, then this project will go before the Restore Council. Mr. Pierce agreed the Creekmore Channel may need to be dredged but the COE would have to get a permit. Commissioner Parrish reported the County should start working on the permit as they do not have funds for the Eastpoint Channel yet either. He stated the spoil disposal site is already located by the bridge. He said this project should move forward also. Commissioner Sanders stated on the Eastpoint Channel they were allowed one permit for maintenance dredging. Mr. Pierce reported they have a brand new permit. Commissioner Sanders said the County already had a permit. Mr. Pierce reported the open water disposal permit was issued in the 1970's or 1980's and it could have been done but now the rules have changed and they are not going to let them do this. He explained the open water disposal permit was modified so it is on the breakwater now and they will build a marsh environment on the bay side of the Eastpoint breakwater. Commissioner Sanders stated when this matter was first addressed they would not place the spoil on the breakwater due to the mercury content and then the school site was selected.

5.- SMARRT group update. There was a publicly advertised SMARRT group meeting at 5 PM last night in Apalachicola to discuss many aspects associated with the oyster industry.

Mr. Pierce reported he talked with Mrs. Betty Taylor-Webb, who was the facilitator of the meeting, and she said the Eastpoint Channel dredging and summer harvesting hours were discussed. He explained the State of Florida was at the meeting and no decisions were made but there were statements made that the summer hours could be reduced. He went on to say

the State will come back to the SMARRT group next spring and they will talk about it at that time but it appears the hours could be cut back quite a bit. He stated the SMARRT group also talked about the check stations. He reported the State has shut down the check stations and has switched over to having more law enforcement on the bay but it was not clear how long this would last or what the next step was for law enforcement. Mr. Pierce said these items were not resolved. Chairman Massey reported the State said they will stay as long as they can in their vehicles and boats. He explained the summer harvesting could go until 9:30 a.m. and then they would be back at the dock. Commissioner Parrish reported these statements indicate they are going to close the summer season down. He explained they will reduce the hours until the oysterman cannot make a living. He said everyone that has been here remembers a time when you did not oyster in the summer as this is when all the vibrio regulations are in place for time and temperature control. Commissioner Parrish said it sounds like the restrictions are getting even more and are dictated by the FDA not the state. He explained the State of Florida has to comply with these regulations to be able to ship oysters across state lines. Commissioner Parrish said he likes the check stations and he never received one complaint from oystermen about the check stations. He stated they caught just as many oysters and the oysters were nice oysters that are easy to sell. He stated he can't understand why the BP money is here to restore the gulf coast and they cannot find money to operate the check stations. He said all the things that worked in 1985 with the check stations, massive shelling and bag limits would work again now. Commissioner Parrish reported it may hurt today but they are trying to get the bay back so people can go out and make a living. He said they need to rebuild the oyster industry. Commissioner Parrish reported the state went about it the wrong way when they placed 9 officers in Eastpoint checking oysters, when they could have employed some OPS workers to pick the oysters up and bring them to the officers. He stated there are ways of cutting down the costs and operating more efficiently. He reported without the check stations, they are already seeing smaller oysters harvested. Commissioner Parrish stated if they start catching undersized oysters then the bay will be right back where it started a year ago. He reported he was invited to the SMARRT meeting but he has already told them all of this so he did not have any more input. Commissioner Sanders said the Board always has a representative, usually Chairman Massey, at the SMARRT meetings because if 2 or more Commissioners are present then the press has to be there. She said she does not go anywhere where there may be possibly 2 or 3 Commissioners at one time discussing something that may be brought up in a Board meeting as it would be a violation of the Sunshine law. Commissioner Sanders reported the 9 officers were not from this area so the state was also paying for their hotels. She expressed concern that all these agencies are going out for all this money but they are not obligated to tell the local government what is happening here. She said they heard about \$7 million being given through the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACCS). She reported Mrs. Marcia Mathis, Senator Montford's Representative, is here and knows what they are talking about. Commissioner Sanders stated \$7 million is being given to the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWMD) and DACCS to restore Tate's Hell when the whole thing was to restore the Apalachicola basin. She suggested writing a letter to the state and federal legislators to ask if any of the \$7 million can be reallocated to the Creekmore Channel and the

Eastpoint Channel as part of the restoration. Mr. Pierce agreed Apalachicola Bay needs to be enhanced but the money is being spent in other areas. He reported it may be years before the federal government releases the money. Commissioner Sanders agreed the County will not see any money in the near future. Commissioner Sanders stated the \$1.5 was appropriated and then Hurricane Katrina hit and the money was reallocated. Commissioner Sanders reported the Eastpoint Channel is a low priority. Mr. Pierce said it is designated a local channel by federal standards and has to have a local sponsor. He explained the COE would not be dredging it unless it was requested by the County as it is not part of their normal plan. Commissioner Parrish stated when the funds were reallocated to Hurricane Katrina, a law was then passed that money allocated for a project could not be re-appropriated. Commissioner Sanders reported in relation to the funding for the restoration of Tate's Hell, they have not consulted the local government about projects that could be beneficial to Apalachicola Bay. Mr. Pierce stated he will ask what options the County has at this meeting. He reported the state and federal government have more access and more opportunities with BP money than the County does.

Mr. Pierce informed the Board he received an email from Mr. Chris Holley, Gulf County Economic Development, who is submitting a request to Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a regional economic development grant that would include Gulf, Franklin, Liberty and Calhoun Counties. He explained this will be a study of what the four counties have in common and will specifically address what can be done with the Port St. Joe Port and the Apalachicola Airport. He said the study will look into infrastructure and marketing strategies of these two areas and how they can work together to create jobs. Mr. Pierce stated they have not asked for anything yet from the County and he does not know if this request will be funded.

Michael Morón – County Coordinator – Report

Mr. Moron appeared before the Board and presented the following report:

1. This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.
2. Attached to your agenda packet is a TDC update from Mr. Curt Blair. Mr. Blair isn't in attendance today but if you have any questions regarding the items on the update I will forward them to Mr. Blair.

Mr. Pierce stated Mr. Blair will appear in May to discuss any questions and provide an update.

3. Inform the Board that later this week I should receive the completed amended plans for the Carrabelle Beach Park Bathroom Project. After I receive the plans I will seek Board approval to advertise for bids for Carrabelle Beach Park Bathroom and St. George Island Bathroom projects.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to proceed with bidding when the plans are

received. Mr. Moron stated he will email the amended plans to the Commissioners.

4. Inform the Board that at the August 8, 2015 Meeting the Board authorized an agreement with Citizeserve to provide permitting software for the County's building department contingent to the County Attorney's approval. Unfortunately the County and Citizeserve could not agree on the terms. We have since agreed to terms with another firm, GovPilot, which provides same service at the same cost. Attorney Shuler has approved the contract.
5. This item was addressed previously in the meeting.
6. Our office has received a complaint that multiple occupied RVs and other occupied vehicles are on a single-family lot located at 23 Washington Street in Eastpoint. The Franklin County Health Department visited the site based on a complaint of raw sewage on the ground. Only one unit on that property is connected to Eastpoint Water and Sewer. Although no raw sewage was found the Health Department did find other violations at that location and indicated, that based on Florida Statute, that property is operating as an RV Park. This area is not zoned for RV Parks. Board action to forward this complaint to Attorney Shuler for a recommendation. A copy of the complaint and the Health Department's letter is attached.

Commissioner Parrish inquired about the other vehicles. Mr. Moron answered there are vans and another vehicle. He explained there are electric cords between the vehicles and also garbage problems. Mr. Pierce stated law enforcement has contacted their office as there are a lot of issues on this site. **On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to forward this complaint to Attorney Shuler for a recommendation.**

7. Lori Switzer of the Franklin County SHIP Program has advised me that it is time to have the Board approve the 2016 – 2017, 2017 – 2018, and 2018 - 2019 LHAP. The Board's first action is to decide if the language should be included in the LHAP giving new applicants from the City of Apalachicola and the City of Carrabelle priority over new applicants from the unincorporated areas of the County. Afterwards, Board action is needed to approve the LHAP, after which it will be sent to the State for final approval. A copy of the LHAP is attached.

Mr. Moron stated Reverend Sink is here to answer questions. Mr. Moron reported this only applies to new applicants so no one on the waiting list would be skipped. Commissioner Parrish asked if the LHAP is for 3 years but the unincorporated areas are only being covered by the CDBG for 1 year. Reverend Sink stated the LHAP language is for one year. Mr. Moron explained the Board can remove the language at any time. Commissioner Parrish said they want the SHIP program to be used in coordination with the CDBG but the language should not

be approved for 3 years if the CDBG is not there. Reverend Sink agreed, and said it changes for 1 year so if there is not a CDBG then it would go back. Mr. Moron agreed to contact Ms. Switzer to include the language when CDBG is active. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the LHAP for 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 and include the language giving the new applicants from the City of Apalachicola and the City of Carrabelle priority over new applicants from the unincorporated areas of the County when the CDBG is active.**

8. This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.
9. This item was previously addressed in the meeting. Board discussion.
10. Board action to allow the Franklin County School Cross-Country team to hold a fundraising 5K race on St. George Island on Monday, July 4, at 8:00 am. This approval would be contingent on the race sponsor/organizer coordinating with the Sherriff's Department for traffic control and the organizers of the annual 4th of July parade to avoid any conflict. Board action.

On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to allow the Franklin County School Cross-Country team to hold a fundraising 5K race on St. George Island on Monday, July 4th at 8:00 a.m. contingent upon the race sponsor/organizer coordinating with the Sheriff's Department for traffic control and the organizers of the annual 4th of July parade to avoid any conflict.

11. Fire Chief Jay Abbott is asking for Board action to close Gunn Street from Black Marlin's Bar and Grill to Journeys and also close 3rd Street East from East Pine Street to the water on Saturday April 30th for the St. George Island Brew fest. A map of the area is attached. Board action.

On motion by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to close Gunn Street from Black Marlin's Bar and Grill to Journeys and also close 3rd Street East from East Pine Street to the water on April 30th for the St. George Island Brew fest. Mr. Moron stated the hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

12. Inform the Board that Jason Puckett, the Airport Manager, is at the Airport assisting with an inspection this morning. Mr. Puckett will discuss the results of this inspection at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Moron said he will probably report the first meeting in May. Mr. Pierce stated this is the annual Airport Inspection.

13. The County has received numerous complaints of speeding within certain neighborhoods. The Sheriff's office has received similar complaints. In order to assist the Sheriff Department, is the Board interested in installing the same style rumble strips used by FDOT, provided that Preble-Rish is allowed the opportunity to review these rumble strips and discuss it with the Board at an upcoming meeting? Board discussion.

Mr. Moron reported the problem is the deputy cannot stay here for 24 hours and the person who is speeding knows when the deputy is not present. Mr. Moron stated there have been many complaints about this area. Mr. Moron said if the Board is interested in looking at the rumble strips, he has information from Transfield. Commissioner Sanders stated Attorney Shuler needs to look into the liability also. Commissioner Parrish stated people have asked for speed bumps which the county does not do but rumble strips may be different. He reported if the Board looks into rumble strips, there are probably other areas of the County that would like to do the same thing. Chairman Massey reported the lawyer needs to look at this because rumble strips are a whole different thing from speed bumps. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to direct the County Attorney to look into this matter and come back with a report.**

T. Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report

Attorney Shuler provided an update on the Exposure D requirements. He said during the recess he spoke with the individual who addressed this item at the last meeting. He reported as of 9:00 a.m. this morning he expected to make a recommendation to issue the permit and allow them to move forward but the County staff has notified him that overnight they received an email from the federal HUD (Housing & Urban Development) stating they agree with the State's interpretation of Exposure D which is the more restrictive 1500 buffer from the shoreline of the main land as opposed to the shoreline of the barrier islands. He explained this is inconsistent with the interpretation of Franklin County as well as Gulf, Bay and Walton Counties. He reported he looked at this item and had staff send a letter to the state because he wants something in writing. Attorney Shuler reported the state sent the request to HUD and they have responded in writing although he has not reviewed the letter yet. He requested the Board continue to table this issue until he can look at the email from HUD and talk to staff to see how the County should move forward. Attorney Shuler reported everything he had seen up until now indicated HUD's interpretation excluded bays and rivers from the definition of the beginning point of the 1500 ft. exclusion barrier. Commissioner Sanders asked if the motion stands to still table the item. Attorney Shuler agreed and said the Board does not need to take any action. Attorney Shuler stated previously the County has a Memo from HUD that bay and rivers were excluded but that may not be true at this time.

Commissioners' & Public Comments

Mr. Steve Allen, Carrabelle Riverfront Festival Coordinator, invited the Board to attend the Carrabelle Riverfront Festival this weekend. He said this year they are focusing on the 10 year anniversary of the Fishy Fashion Show. He reported there will be a vintage car show and they will have good food and festival treats. He explained the special feature this year will be the legends of Tate's Hell. Mr. Allen said it has been very interesting comparing the legends. He stated in 1983 Florida State University (FSU) made a film called "A Tale from Tate's Hell" which was directed by Tom Hoffar, who operated the Franklin Chronicle. He explained this movie was a project done from the Florida Endowment for the Humanities. He encouraged everyone to attend and bring their own version of the tale. He stated the Festival is Friday, April 22nd, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. He pointed out a poster in the room which referenced the "Legend of Tate's Hell".

Mr. Fravel said he talked with Mr. Moron about a problem occurring in the village. He discussed the special S-4 designation of Lanark Village. He said this community is a small, pocket community and was not designed with children in mind. He stated there has been an influx of families with children and there is a problem with the children discharging BB guns. He reported one of the residents contacted law enforcement and was told they were under parental supervision. He reported Florida law considers BB guns the same way as tasers and are not considered a firearm. He said many states treat air guns as firearms but Florida does not. Mr. Fravel discussed pellet guns and the air gun category. He asked the Board to direct Attorney Shuler to draw up an Ordinance for Lanark Village to prohibit the discharge of bb guns, pellet guns, and 22 caliber air guns. Attorney Shuler reported he can update his research on this law but state law removed from the County its ability to have any local regulations on firearms. He stated he had to come to the Board and say all the firearm regulations on the books had to be removed. Attorney Shuler agreed to research this item and get back in touch with Mr. Fravel.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

William Massey - Chairman

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts