

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX – COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
JUNE 5, 2018  
9:00 AM  
MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Joseph Parrish – Chairman, Noah Lockley-Vice-Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, William Massey, Ricky Jones

**Others Present:** Marcia M. Johnson-Clerk of Court, Michael Moron-County Coordinator, Alan Pierce-RESTORE Coordinator, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Lori P. Hines-Deputy Clerk to the Board.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Parrish called the meeting to Order.

**Prayer and Pledge**

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Moron explained at the last meeting the minutes from April 17, 2018 were tabled because there was a motion during the conversation about Weems Memorial Hospital and in the conversation they talked about furthering negotiations with Sacred Heart in reference to management of Weems. He reported Commissioner Lockley made a motion to go with Sacred Heart but his intentions were clarified and he meant to go forward with the negotiations with Sacred Heart but there was no contract or agreement on the table. He stated they need to clarify this for the minutes. Attorney Shuler agreed this was what was discussed yesterday. He stated they need a motion now by Commissioner Lockley and by the person who made the second which was Commissioner Sanders to clarify the intention of his motion and then after that they need a motion to approve the minutes as amended. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion to clarify the minutes to reflect he meant to further negotiations with Sacred Heart.** He clarified the motion he made at the meeting was not supposed to be a done deal with Sacred Heart but it was to further it on and get more information so they could see who would do the best thing. He reported it was not like they had a contract. Commissioner Sanders agreed this was the intent of her second too. **Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0. On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the minutes of April**

**17, 2018, as amended. On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the minutes from the meetings held on May 1, 2018 and May 15, 2018.**

### **Payment of County Bills**

**On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, 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 the county had bad weather last week and some trees were down throughout the county. He stated there were also some wash outs on the roads but nothing major. He said they continue digging ditches and cutting grass across the county. Mr. Nabors explained a pipe is being changed on St. Teresa Road and the road may be closed for 3 hours. Mr. Moron asked Mrs. Brownell if the notification system can be used to let people know this road will be closed. Mrs. Brownell agreed they can use this system. Commissioner Sanders agreed they need to provide enough notice before this road is closed. Mr. Nabors stated they are changing another pipe at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Owens Avenue and hopefully they will do that one this week. Commissioner Massey said he ordered the pipe for St. Teresa Road and it has arrived but it was expensive. Commissioner Sanders asked if the City of Carrabelle paid for the pipe. Commissioner Massey answered yes. Mr. Nabors discussed the size and price of the pipe. Commissioner Lockley reported it is not expensive because it lasts a long time.

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

Mr. Davis reported the recycling site at Carrabelle City Hall has been pulled in for the time being because they are moving The Nest program to where recycling was located. He went on to say it was going to cause a problem when The Nest relocates. He stated they are looking for a new site. Commissioner Sanders said numerous people contacted her and are upset that there is no recycling area. She asked Mr. Davis to notify her so she will know what to tell the people that contact her. Mr. Davis agreed to contact her.

Mr. Davis stated the county just took over the transfer station and spent a lot of money and Waste Pro is not bringing all the garbage from the county to our transfer station because most of the garbage is being taken to Port St. Joe to their transfer station. Mr. Davis said he talked to Attorney Shuler and the Board needs to hold them to the requirements of Ordinance #96-11. He read a portion of the ordinance. Mr. Davis explained Mr. Todd Mitchell, Waste Pro, informed him they have to look out for their transfer station because they spent a lot of money. Mr. Davis said he informed him the county also spent a lot of money on their transfer station and his job is to look out for the county. Commissioner Sanders stated what is in the ordinance

goes in that ordinance and if they are going to do business in Franklin County then the garbage needs to go through our transfer station. She asked if the other Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Jones said he does. Commissioner Lockley said they need to do that or pay the county for it. Commissioner Sanders stated she does not want her garbage taken to Port St. Joe; she wants it taken care of in Franklin County. Commissioner Lockley questioned if this is how the county makes their money. Mr. Davis answered yes. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion to have Attorney Shuler write Waste Pro a letter saying they want all the garbage brought in Franklin County and the forms.** Commissioner Sanders suggested citing the ordinance. Commissioner Lockley agreed they should also cite the ordinance. **Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion.** Commissioner Lockley reported this is how the county makes the money so they cannot let the money go somewhere else. Commissioner Massey stated the county also hired a man to haul the garbage and that has cut back on his work too. Chairman Parrish said the county also just bought a compactor. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Mr. Davis said the transmission has gone out on the forklift. He stated the estimate to replace the transmission is \$10,000 or they can purchase a new forklift for \$27,000. He requested direction from the Board. Commissioner Lockley asked if this equipment can be leased. Mr. Davis was not sure but said they are renting a forklift now at a cost of \$1,300 a month. He said he has not checked the prices for leasing but they can purchase the forklift they are renting now for \$26,000. He went on to say the salesman said the county can purchase one off the Sheriff's contract for the same price. Commissioner Lockley asked how long it will be before it is fixed. Mr. Davis responded they are waiting to hear from him. Commissioner Jones asked how many hours there are on this forklift because they need to decide if it is worth putting a new transmission in the old forklift. Mr. Davis said he cannot remember the exact number but the county mechanic said it had high hours. He stated the county just spent \$4,000 for steering and an axle on this same piece of equipment. Commissioner Lockley said if it is having all this trouble then it is time to get rid of it. Mr. Davis estimated the forklift is about 10 years old. Commissioner Sanders stated the county needs to get a new one. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion that Mr. Davis start looking for a new forklift and either lease it or buy it.** Commissioner Lockley said it has served its usefulness and the county is spending a lot of repairs. Chairman Parrish stated the county is also paying to rent one now. Mr. Moron asked if there is any trade in value. Mr. Davis answered yes, but he has not received the quote yet. Commissioner Jones asked if the county can lease to own this equipment. Mr. Davis said he will check into it. Chairman Parrish questioned if the county already has the forklift rented for the month. Mr. Davis answered yes. Chairman Parrish suggested Mr. Davis bring information at the next meeting about the trade in value, the total cost of the equipment and leasing so the Board will have all the information to make a decision. Commissioner Sanders stated Mr. Davis should also talk with the Finance Department. **Commissioner Lockley amended his motion to ask Mr. Davis to bring back all the information at the next meeting. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion.** Commissioner Lockley said when you are in business you must have equipment to work with and not equipment that breaks down every month. He stated this is something the county must have and not something they can do without. Attorney Shuler asked if the prices Mr. Davis is quoting are from piggybacking on a state bid list. Mr. Davis

answered yes. Attorney Shuler said this will be consistent with the local bid policy. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Mr. Davis brought into discussion the budget and some inmate vans. Mr. Moron said the Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections and Mr. Davis were planning to address the Board on their budget requests but the Sheriff is sick and will not be here today. He questioned if the Board wants to address the budget items for Mr. Davis now or wait until they get to it on the agenda. Chairman Parrish suggested they wait and address all those requests at the same time.

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

Mrs. Brownell requested the Board ratify the local State of Emergency that Chairman Parrish signed on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:31 p.m. for Tropical Storm Alberto. **Commissioner Lockley made a motion to ratify the local State of Emergency issued on May 26<sup>th</sup> for Tropical Storm Alberto. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Chairman Parrish said the State of Emergency will expire after 7 days. Mrs. Brownell agreed it will expire unless it is renewed. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Mrs. Brownell presented her report, as follows:

#### Action Items:

1. Approval of the Emergency Planning Disaster Recovery and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Services & Signing of contracts for CDR Maguire, Metric, & Wheeler.

**On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the Emergency Disaster Recovery and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Services and sign the contracts with CDR Maguire, Metric and Wheeler.**

2. Approval of The Emergency Management Program Assistance Grant & Signing of contract for \$105,806.00.

**On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve The Emergency Management Program Assistance Grant in the amount of \$105,806.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign the grant.**

#### Information Items:

1. Franklin County EOC Staff continue to promote our Re-Entry Tag program and encourage all residents to apply for their Re-Entry Tag.
2. EOC Staff is updating our Special Needs Database to verify current information of our Special Needs Residents.
3. EOC Staff continue to promote the Alert Franklin System and encourage residents to sign up to receive updates and information from Emergency Management.

4. EOC Staff activated for Subtropical Storm Alberto 05/27/18-05/28/18 to Level 1.
5. EOC Staff Attended the Governors Hurricane Conference and Training from 05/13/18-05/18/18.
6. 06/01/18 Hurricane Season Begins.

Chairman Parrish discussed the mandatory evacuation which was ordered last Sunday before the tropical storm. He explained different information is received at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) than is broadcast on television. He reported based on the information they received the winds were going to be over 40 mph and they knew St. George Island Bridge was going to close and that Dog Island does not have a road or a bridge. Chairman Parrish stated normally the wave action from this kind of storm would wash out Alligator Point Road so those people cannot leave that area and move inland. He reported these evacuations are issued based on these items. He said a lot of people on St. George Island were upset about the mandatory evacuation but the information said that at some point the winds might reach 58 mph and the Florida Highway Patrol would close the bridge. Chairman Parrish explained when the bridge closes then visitors on the island get upset because they cannot leave. He went on to say when the bridge is closed the ambulance does not travel to St. George Island so it puts people in harm's way and that is why they issued the mandatory evacuation. Chairman Parrish said he and Mrs. Brownell caught a lot of grief for this evacuation. He asked the Board if they support the mandatory evacuation and if not what the protocol will be going forward. He stated he signed the State of Emergency on behalf of the Board but questioned if the Board wants to have a meeting in order for him to sign a State of Emergency. Chairman Parrish said everyone agreed he was to sign the declaration but he wants to know if they want to have a meeting or they want him to continue to do this. Chairman Parrish stated he thought this was the best thing to do and so did Mrs. Brownell. He explained the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission, Department of Health and a real estate agent were present at the EOC and it was everyone's opinion this was mandatory evacuation should be issued. He asked the Board for guidance. Commissioner Sanders stated Chairman Parrish did exactly what he was supposed to do. She explained as Chairman of the Board he represents all of the people of Franklin County and there is no need in the middle of a storm to call a special meeting. She reported it has always been the Emergency Management Director and Chairman of the Board that make the decision and that is what it needs to be. Commissioner Sanders reported their number one thing is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of Franklin County. She said they are sorry if people were inconvenienced but they would rather have them inconvenienced than have a major problem. She stated they should err on the side of caution. Commissioner Sanders stated the Chairman and Emergency Management Director did exactly what they were supposed to do. She said the Board does not need to micromanage what they do because it is set in policy. Commissioner Sanders reported she supports them 100%. Chairman Parrish asked for comments from Commissioner Jones as St. George Island is in his district. Commissioner Jones said he concurs with Commissioner Sanders. He said it is unfortunate and maybe inconvenient but no one can control the weather and they must make sure people are not caught in harm's way because of their inactivity or failure to act. He said he also supports their action. Commissioner Lockley stated he also supports it and they are not going to put a

life in danger because of money because they can make the money up later. He said someone could lose their life just because it is a holiday weekend and someone is worried about making money. Commissioner Sanders explained they got flack for calling the evacuation but if they had not called for the evacuation and something had happened then they can just imagine the flack they would have received. Mrs. Brownell reported the county would have been liable. She explained these items are written in their County Emergency Management Plan (CMP). Commissioner Sanders stated they still have the whole hurricane season to go through and they did a good job of informing all the Commissioners of what was going on. She reported she told Mr. Moron to make sure Mrs. Brownell double checked the traffic lights at Alligator Point because she was worried about them. She stated just like Chairman Parrish said there are a lot more things going on than what is on television. Mrs. Brownell reported the State EOC will release a statement about Tropical Storm Alberto and the damages that people do not know about that came from the storm. She reported a tropical storm has winds from 35-74 mph and in speaking with Kelly at the National Weather Service the center of the storm had 65 mph sustained winds and she does not know why it was not changed to a tropical storm because that is what it was. She said they had to make a decision because when she looked at it Saturday night St. George Island was in the cone. Commissioner Sanders stated if they look at the WeatherStem records the winds were reaching 48-50 mph winds on St. George Island. Mrs. Brownell commented the Florida Highway Patrol uses Weatherstem to make their decisions about closing the bridge. Chairman Parrish stated he just wanted to make sure all the Board members were in agreement and supported the actions that were taken. He said he wanted to know if they needed to change the protocol but the Board seems to be in agreement. He explained the visitors have not been through storms and the bridge did close during this storm. He went on to say when the bridge closes the visitors panic because no one is coming over there during an emergency and they cannot leave.

Mr. Pierce provided the following items from his report:

4- Inform the Board that I have submitted a request to Senator Nelson's office for verification of the status of PW 228, which is the \$3.2M FEMA funding necessary to repair the Alligator Point Road. I have received information that PW 228 is in a FEMA review known as the Large Project Notification (LPN) queue. The project was supposedly put into the LPN on May 14, and there is a 30 day review period. I have asked Senator Nelson's office to verify that PW 228 is in that review, and more importantly, to verify that there are not any more reviews for this PW once it gets out of LPN. According to the information I received, the LPN is a mandatory review for all projects over \$1M, but I want to make sure there are not any other reviews to be done. The county is still working on the design phase of the repairs. At this time the best I can estimate is that road repairs on Alligator Point might get started in the spring of 2019.

Commissioner Sanders asked if they are still staying in contact with Congressman Neal Dunn's office. Mr. Pierce answered yes. Commissioner Sanders said this is the first time that Senator Bill Nelson's Office has contacted the county about this matter. Mr. Pierce stated Mr. Moron contacted Senator Nelson's office. He went on to say he filled out a form and sent it to their office. Commissioner Sanders reported Senator Nelson's has never asked if Franklin County

needed help because they have let the other legislative delegation take care of this matter. She said she is glad he wanted to step on board because they all need to work together at the federal level to get this done. Commissioner Sanders agreed it will be the spring of 2019 at the earliest when this work is done.

5- Inform the Board the county received a time extension PW 461 for Gulf Shore Blvd repairs until Sept. 30, 2019. This will provide adequate time to re-bid the project. A copy of the time extension is attached.

6- Board action to authorize/direct the new consultant for the EOC to handle all the existing FEMA projects that I have currently been handling. This would include PW 228, and PW 461, which is the Gulf Shore Blvd project. It is my understanding that these consultants are experts in FEMA procedures, and that they and Pam believe there are FEMA funds available to reimburse them for their work. I have done the best I could to work these projects through a very complicated system, and if these consultants are experts than I would prefer they take over.

**On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize/direct the new consultant for the EOC to handle all the existing FEMA projects that Mr. Pierce has been handling.** Mr. Pierce stated when they said there might be a year extension he knew it was time for someone else to handle it. Mrs. Brownell reported they need to review the PW to see if the administrative fees are included. She stated if the administrative fees are not included then they will need to go back and request that addition.

#### **Erik Lovstrand – Extension Office Director**

Mr. Lovstrand said the only action item he has is the Sublease for the Robert L. Howell Building. He reported the DEP General Counsel and the Division of State Lands have already approved the Sublease. He requested the Board approve and execute the Sublease. Chairman Parrish asked Attorney Shuler if he reviewed the Sublease. Attorney Shuler stated he reviewed the Sublease and asked Mr. Lovstrand to address some of the issues such as space sharing between IFAS and DEP. Mr. Lovstrand agreed these are some of the detailed issues they are working on in terms of putting together a facilities agreement. He stated this will be separate from the Sublease. Attorney Shuler reminded the Board the County is entering into a Sublease with DEP for a DEP property. He stated the county will also be sharing space with another DEP agency so IFAS and DEP will be contained within the same property. He stated the county will not pay any rent and Mr. Lovstrand was concerned about some maintenance and repair issues in the Sublease but he recommends the Board approve the form and content of the Sublease. Attorney Shuler reported they will work out who is responsible between IFAS, Franklin County and DEP in the management plan and if they have any problem they can come back to the Board with further recommendations. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the Sublease.** Mr. Moron stated Mr. Lovstrand will stay for the budget discussion and has talked to Finance about sharing utilities at the new building. Mr. Lovstrand reported

DEP will pay for half of the utilities although his office will have more than half of the space. Mr. Moron stated the Finance Office said it will be better bookkeeping if this comes out of Mr. Lovestrand's budget so that will be an increase to his budget. Chairman Parrish asked if this is for water, sewer and electricity. Mr. Lovestrand answered yes. Chairman Parrish said his office must have utilities in the building that is being refurbished. Mr. Lovestrand stated he will prepare the numbers for the utilities.

## **County Extension Activities May 16, 2018 – June 5, 2018**

### **General Extension Activities:**

- Extension faculty and staff assisted citizens with information and guidance on issues related to a bee colony in a residence.
- Extension staff attended an in-service training related to creating videos for use in Extension programming.
- Extension Director attended RCSC/ACF Apalachicola Caucus meeting in Blountstown.
- Extension Director completed Continuation of Operations Plan (COOP) for local Extension office operations during and following a disaster. Part of statewide Extension office disaster preparedness effort.

### **Sea Grant Extension:**

- Participated in weekly conference calls to coordinate Sea turtle lighting project work.
- Planning is underway for hosting the statewide, annual Sea Grant meeting in the Northwest Extension District this year.

### **4-H Youth Development:**

- Extension Director participated in training with the Timpooshee summer camp staff on coastal-related activities that they can use with campers this summer. Also participated in a conference call with the Dean of Extension regarding impacts of legislative recurring funds cut from the 4-H budget last year.
- Registration for 4-H summer camp and 4-H University is currently happening
- Donations for camp scholarships are being accepted to offset our youth's camp registration costs. Contact the Extension office to make donations at 653-9337.

### **Family Consumer Sciences:**

- Family Nutrition Program (FNP) Assistant teaching scheduled classroom programs in local schools.
- FNP Program Assistant completed process to verify that local private school (First Baptist) was eligible to participate in FNP grant programming with the Extension office.

### **Agriculture and Horticulture:**



- Extension faculty and staff assisted citizens with information and guidance on issues related to beehives, soil pH and liming needs

### **Public Comments (3-minute time limit)**

Mr. Bert Boldt, a resident of Alligator Point, said he would like to bring some general comments he has heard in the community to the Board because they are worth listening to. He asked if they can consider tripling the number of EMT units in the county in lieu of spending extra infrastructure money in the medical system. He stated there are regulations in Alabama that shucked oyster shells are mandated to be returned back to the waters there because of residual spat on the shell. Mr. Boldt suggested considering a mobile recycling system as a way of facilitating some of the recycling issues.

### **Brent Anderson – Amendment 2 – Discussion**

Mr. Anderson stated he is here to inform everyone about Amendment 2 on the November ballot. He explained it was part of the 2008 Special Election where Save Our Homes was addressed. He reported the homestead tax cap of 3% was permanent but the non-homestead property cap of 10% had a sunset provision and it is up on January 1<sup>st</sup>. He reported this amendment will keep in place the 10% non-homestead property tax cap that is currently in place. He stated this will allow rental properties and businesses to have the same 10% cap. Mr. Anderson stated Amendment 2 is on the 2018 ballot and was put there by 97% of the House voting for it and 100% of the Senate voting for it. He offered to answer any questions about this amendment. Commissioner Jones asked how that is limiting the tax burden on residents and families because the residents are homesteaded. Mr. Anderson said any businesses that rent their space or own the space their business is in would be affected in addition to anyone that owns property that they rent. Mr. Anderson said businesses such as grocery stores and gas stations are currently protected from the increase but if the tax cap is eliminated then the businesses will have to increase their costs and the increase will be passed down to residents. He provided a handout of information to the Board.

### **County Budget – Discussion**

Mr. Moron said at a previous meeting the Board said if any of the departments and constitutional officers are going to have increases then they should appear to justify the increases. He said the Board may request more information but there will not be any motions or acceptance of the budget. Mrs. Heather Riley, Supervisor of Elections, appeared before the Board. She explained one request has to do with her budget and the other has to do with an immediate expense. She stated yesterday she met with the Department of State and Homeland Security and the State of Florida has been given a directive to purchase a network security monitoring system. She reported cyber security is critical coming into the 2018 election cycle and the Governor has secured \$19 million in federal funding to assist counties in purchasing a specific type of network monitoring device. She said on May 3<sup>rd</sup> the Governor secured five independent specialists to work with the state and the elections department to

make sure they are up to code, have cyber security and are secure in their buildings. Supervisor Riley reported they have to purchase this equipment up front and the money will be released on July 1<sup>st</sup> to reimburse the counties. Supervisor Riley said she will need \$6,000 immediately to purchase the equipment and pay the set up fee since it is not in her budget. She reported she will add the monthly monitoring to her budget because it will run in a 3-6 month cycle. She explained the monitoring service will cost between \$640-\$1,400 a month and she thinks they will fall on the lower end but she will not know until they see how much activity comes through the system. She stated the total for the year will be \$7,000-\$11,000 and that will be added to her yearly budget. She explained the first year of monitoring will be reimbursed but after the first year it is up to the county to maintain the monitoring service. Supervisor Riley said there is a onetime fee for the election system and software and for Verizon to upgrade to 4g. She reported the DS200 modems are 3 g and must be upgraded at a cost of \$300 per machine but the installation is free. Commissioner Lockley asked what the total is for this upgrade. Supervisor Riley answered \$4,200. Chairman Parrish asked what action they are requesting today. Supervisor Riley said she is requesting the \$6,000 as soon as possible. Chairman Parrish said this cost will be reimbursed by the state. Supervisor Riley answered yes, after July 1<sup>st</sup> she will be able to apply for reimbursement and they said it will be received within a few weeks.

**Commissioner Lockley made a motion to approve the \$6,000 expenditure to purchase the equipment.** Supervisor Riley explained they would like to purchase the server immediately to make sure it works correctly before the primary election. Mr. Moron said this is a onetime capital expense to the Board. Mrs. Erin Griffith, Assistant Finance Director, answered yes and said it will be better if the Board pays for it since it is in the middle of the year. She explained when the reimbursement check is received; the Supervisor will sign the check over to the Board. Mr. Moron reported this equipment will not represent an increase in her budget. Mrs. Griffith explained the reimbursable expense will be on the Board's side but the ongoing maintenance will be in the Supervisor's budget. Mr. Moron said the Board is approving the purchase now and the monitoring will be discussed at the budget workshops. Commissioner Sanders asked if the amount of the purchase is \$6,000. Supervisor Riley answered yes, but it may not take the full amount. **Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion.** Supervisor Riley said the first year of the maintenance fees will be reimbursed. Chairman Parrish reported when they put this money into her next calendar budget and then the money is reimbursed it will come back to the county. Supervisor Riley stated she assumes that it how it will work but after the first year it will not be reimbursed. Chairman Parrish reported the next year the county will have to increase her budget and will not be reimbursed from then on. He stated they are trying to maintain the integrity of the election. Supervisor Riley explained Mr. Billy Sasser, Homeland Security, did a walk around their building as they are doing in every county and will then submit a list of anything that can be done to improve what they already have. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Chairman Parrish stated the monitoring costs will be addressed at budget workshops. Supervisor Riley reported she can get through the election without the modems but they are going to stop selling the 3G modems in June, 2018. She stated they will support the modems until mid or later 2019. She said it will be best to get the modems as soon as possible since she is concerned when they stop selling this model they are going to stop maintaining it. Mr. Moron asked if this will be another capital expense. Mrs. Griffith agreed that may be the best

way to handle it. Chairman Parrish asked if the total amount for this purchase is \$4,200. Supervisor Riley said the cost is \$300 per machine and there are 14 machines. Chairman Parrish said this purchase will not be reimbursed. Supervisor Riley answered no. Chairman Parrish asked if they want to take care of this before the election. Supervisor Riley said it would be good if they could purchase them before the election so they know they are utilizing the most efficient network available. She explained the problem everyone is having with their phones is because they are transitioning from 3G to 4G. Mrs. Griffith agreed they could go ahead and do this as they are already doing the other project. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the \$4,200 expense to upgrade the machines.**

Mr. Davis stated he requested two vans to haul the inmates for the Parks & Recreation and the Solid Waste Departments. Chairman Parrish clarified the state provides an employee for the county and they haul inmates all over the county for the Parks & Recreation Department. He explained the other van is for the Solid Waste Department and they have to pick up the inmates and bring them to work to recycle. Chairman Parrish clarified the state van picks up inmates at the prison and brings them to the county location and they go out on different jobs. Mr. Davis agreed this is correct. Chairman Parrish stated the Solid Waste van picks up inmates and brings them to work at recycling. Mr. Davis said the state officer does not drop the crew off but stays with the crew and works them. Mr. Davis estimated the cost of the vans to be \$30,000 a piece. He reported the current vans have about 200,000 miles and 150,000 miles and are a 2006 model and a 2007 model. Chairman Parrish asked if they are keeping the old vans. Mr. Davis said they will be auctioned off. He informed the Board a couple of employees think they deserve more of a raise due to the amount of their service and he told them he would bring it to the Board. He stated those employees are Mr. Henry Rochelle and Mr. William Bellew. Chairman Parrish asked if the other employees think they deserve more. Mr. Davis stated they did not come to him. He said he would like to ask for everyone. Chairman Parrish stated the Board will address these requests during the budget workshops. Commissioner Lockley asked how the other equipment is. Mr. Davis said they have one fairly new knuckle boom truck but the others are old. Chairman Parrish asked if the forklift will be an increase in the budget. Mr. Davis answered yes. Chairman Parrish said he will bring the information for the forklift to the next meeting so the Board can make a decision. He reported he does not agree with giving raises to these two employees because it is showing preferential treatment. He said the county cannot operate that way and all the employees would like to have a raise. Mrs. Griffith pointed out the 544K loader in Mr. Davis' budget will be paid off in 2019 and will be in the budget so they may be able to finance or purchase the vans with these funds. Chairman Parrish said they will address that during the budget workshops. Commissioner Sanders asked if Mr. Davis is using the Sheriff's bid list. Mr. Davis answered yes. Commissioner Lockley asked if it is more convenient to buy or lease a van. Mr. Davis said it is better to lease because they keep new equipment. Mr. Moron reported Commissioner Lockley is talking about the leases the Road Department gets with the dump trucks but it may be different with this type of vehicle. Chairman Parrish asked Mr. Davis to bring back all the options so the Board can make an informed decision.

Mr. Lovestrand reported the average monthly utilities at the Robert L. Howell building were about \$800 a month so his office will be responsible for \$400 a month or \$4,800 annually. He said they are looking to occupy the building in January, 2019 and that is when they would start sharing the cost. He explained they will be in the facility for about 9 months next fiscal year so the estimated costs is \$3,600. Mrs. Griffith reported it is better for these costs to be in the Extension budget. Chairman Parrish stated they are moving into another building once it is rebuilt and it is good they are splitting costs. Mr. Lovestrand reported he got bills from the facility and based his figures on those bills. Commissioner Lockley reported this estimate may be low because this building has not been occupied for a long time. Mr. Lovestrand stated the bills he looked at were when the building was occupied. Chairman Parrish suggested they add \$4,000 for these costs. The Board agreed. Mr. Lovestrand asked the Board to consider a vehicle for the County Extension Department. Chairman Parrish asked what kind of vehicle he is requesting. Mr. Lovestrand stated an SUV where he can haul items under cover. He said he puts about 10,000 miles a year on his personal vehicle for Extension business. Commissioner Sanders reported in the past the Board has always paid travel and per diem for this position. Mr. Lovestrand agreed he receives travel and said he appreciates the mileage reimbursement for his personal vehicle.

The meeting was recessed at 10:07 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:19 a.m.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing – CDBG 2017 Application (Deborah Belcher)**

Mrs. Belcher reported the close out package for the last grant was completed last month and the county will be eligible to apply for the next CDBG grant. She said the county could receive up to \$700,000 and there are 4 grant categories. She stated the county can apply at any time in the economic development category as long as there is money available. Mrs. Belcher explained these funds can go for job producing or job saving projects and the majority of the jobs have to be for low to moderate income people. She explained these funds are specific to a business not for building something to draw business. Mrs. Belcher reported in addition to economic development the other three categories the county can choose are commercial revitalization, neighborhood revitalization and housing. She said the applications are due August 13th. She addressed the requirements for these categories. Mrs. Belcher stated housing was the category the Board selected the last time. She reported at this time they are making the public aware that the County can choose one of these categories and apply. She said anything the county spends money on must be in the unincorporated areas and must primarily benefit low to moderate individuals. She stated this is a competitive process and a match is not required. Mrs. Belcher reported if the county contributes \$50,000 to the project they will get points. She stated points will also be received if the engineering work has been completed. She explained last year the Board put \$50,000 of SHIP funds in the project and later were able to pull the funds out. She recommended the Board get all the points they can in the grant application process to make their score as high as possible. Chairman Parrish asked for

public comment. There was no public comment. Mrs. Belcher said the Citizens Advisory Task Force (CATF) met and recommended the county apply for the housing category and commit \$50,000 in SHIP funds. Commissioner Sanders stated the grant was a good thing and helped some people but the Board had discussions about mobile homes and houses. She explained she would like to see something go on with the local contractors to build houses instead of mobile homes. She reported some of the homes cost \$78,000-\$100,000 and that is too much money to put in one place. Commissioner Sanders stated the county needs to get the most for their money and she does not object to doing another housing grant but they need to change the criteria from what was done this time. She said the county did not serve as many people as they could have. Chairman Parrish asked if they are talking about rehabilitating homes. Commissioner Sanders reported they discussed building stick homes as they are just as cheap as a modular home. She stated it will provide a home for someone and employ some of the local contractors. Mr. Moron asked Mrs. Belcher to address the cost of the mobile homes in the special zones. Mrs. Belcher reminded the Board deciding on the category is different from the local policy. She reported in the last grant the county did a total of 10 homes and 5 were rehabilitations and 5 were replacements. She stated they were all mobile homes because the Board directed that they address mobile homes. She explained 2 of the 5 were on Ridge Road in the \$78,000 range and included sewer connection fees and abandoning the septic tanks. She said those mobile homes were single wide and had 3 bedrooms and 3 baths. Mrs. Belcher reported this also included demolition of the existing homes and setup of the new home. She explained the specifications were upgraded for durability and the mobile homes are wind zone 3 rated. She went on to say the other 3 were in the exposure d zone and that is what costs the most because they could not find a single wide mobile home rated for exposure d. She stated these were double wide mobile homes and one was in a flood plain and 2 needed accessibility ramps so the costs were very high. Commissioner Lockley asked if they can build homes in the locations where the trailers are. Mrs. Belcher answered yes, but the county has to hit the total number of homes they promised in the grant application. She reported the minimum number of homes this year will be 9 or 10. Commissioner Lockley agreed they can build homes for this amount and the homes will last longer than a trailer. Mrs. Belcher said she is in favor of trying to build homes. She explained the county can get bids and if it does not work out then they can try something else. Commissioner Lockley suggested they build a basic home. Chairman Parrish stated the county needs to be careful because they are building the houses for low to moderate income people and they must have the ability to pay the taxes and insurance in addition to maintaining the home. Mrs. Belcher agreed this can present a conflicting priority of helping the neediest with helping someone who can maintain the property. Commissioner Sanders reported in District 2 there was only one rehabilitation and there are a lot of people in need all throughout the county. She said the county has to do something to get to more people. Commissioner Sanders reported a lot of people do not even know about these programs. She said she would like to help possibly 100 people. Chairman Parrish stated people are finding out about this program. Commissioner Sanders reported some people need help but are inside the city limits. Mrs. Belcher explained it is a state requirement that the home must be outside of the city limits. Commissioner Lockley said the county can help people get a home but the people must take care of the home and pay the taxes and insurance or the

county will end up with a problem. Chairman Parrish stated the cities have the ability to apply for these grants to help the people in the city limits. Mrs. Belcher reported the City of Apalachicola is considering applying for a CDBG grant. Chairman Parrish said the county cannot use these funds inside the city limits so that is why they commit the SHIP funds. Commissioner Sanders said she has one family that needs help within the Carrabelle city limits. Commissioner Massey stated they tried but they will not work on a mobile home. Mrs. Belcher reported they did a lot of work on some applications and then the applicants backed out because they do not want the deferred payment loan. She stated the Board can decide if they want to apply for another housing grant but they do not need to revise the local policy at this time. She said the Board can wait until the grant is awarded to address the policy. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion that they go through with a CDBG Housing Grant application. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Commissioner Jones questioned if this is for mobile homes. Mrs. Belcher stated that is a local policy and was the Board's priority last time because most other programs do not address mobile homes. Mrs. Belcher stated the CATF recommendation was to prioritize mobile homes. She explained if the SHIP funds are committed to the project then they must address 2-3 houses. She went on to say last year they were able to drop the SHIP funds and do exclusively mobile homes. Chairman Parrish asked why homes cannot be rehabilitated. He said those people in the homes are already paying taxes and insurance. Mrs. Belcher replied they can. Chairman Parrish stated they will reach more people if they do rehabilitations but he understands not all homes can be rehabilitated. He agreed with Commissioner Sanders that the money needs to be spread across the county more. Commissioner Lockley asked if there is a requirement that they buy so many new homes. Mrs. Belcher answered no, but they will have to address a minimum number of homes. She explained they must include upgrades on items and the checklist is greater than the SHIP program requirements. Commissioner Lockley suggested getting local contractors involved to determine what they can build for the same money if they need a replacement mobile home. Mrs. Belcher reported she has a two bedroom, one bath plan that she has used in other places but it does not address the needs of a family and she does not know if they can do it here for the same price. Commissioner Lockley said he had seen this done before in the SHIP program but it was a basic home. Mr. Moron said the same problem of whether they can afford a stick built house will occur. Chairman Parrish reported some of these individuals are on a fixed income so Mrs. Belcher will need to take this into consideration. Mrs. Belcher stated the Board must decide whether or not they are doing replacements or will replace some homes and rehabilitate some. Mr. Moron stated this is the first public hearing and questioned when the second public hearing will be held. Mrs. Belcher reported the second public hearing will be held when the application is prepared. She explained at the second public hearing the Board can address the local policy or they can submit the application with the current policy and have time to think about it. She stated a lot of things in that policy are local discretion. Chairman Parrish agreed with putting in the application and then deciding as the project may not get funded. Mrs. Belcher recommended putting the grant in with the minimum number of homes. She stated as far as she knows the policy meets all the requirements but she will let the Board know if it does not and tell them what needs to be addressed. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Chairman Parrish asked about the CATF. Mrs. Belcher stated they recommended a housing grant,

prioritizing mobile homes and committing \$50,000 in SHIP funds. Chairman Parrish said that was the motion.

### **Deborah Belcher – CDBG Administrator – Citizen Advisory Task Force Recommendation**

#### **Activities April 12 – May 31, 2018**

1. I am now informing callers that no funds are available for new applications, but I will continue to update the inquiry list for a future grant.
2. Installed a new refrigerator to complete the rehab on Donnie Nichols' home, 571 Wilderness Road, Eastpoint.
3. Completed the mobile home rehabilitation for the Jacksons, 122 Squire Road, Apalachicola. This was the final, tenth, home rehabilitated or replaced through the grant.
4. Submitted reimbursement requests #14 and #15 (final), to DEO.
5. Prepared the grant closeout report, which Commissioner Parrish signed May 22, 2018. All documents have been submitted to DEO for the grant closeout process. I expect DEO to issue the administrative closeout approval in June. This will enable the County to be eligible to apply for another CDBG grant in the upcoming application cycle.
6. Recruited County residents to serve on the Franklin County CDBG Citizen Advisory Task Force. Scheduled the meeting and reminded members to attend. Coordinated with Michael Morón and Mark Curenton.
7. Prepared the notice of first public hearing and citizen advisory task force meeting, submitted the notice to the newspaper for publication.
8. Attended the CDBG citizen advisory task force meeting May 22, 2018.

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

Clerk Johnson did not have a report.

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

Mr. Pierce presented his report, as follows:

- 1- Inform the Board that Mark Curenton did submit the Armory application to the TRIUMPH Board last week. A copy of the application is attached.
- 2- Board action to approve my travel to the TRIUMPH Board meeting in Pensacola on June 12.

**On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve Mr. Pierce's travel to the TRIUMPH Board meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>.**

3- Board action to approve my travel to the special APTA meeting this Saturday, June 9, on Alligator Point. APTA is holding a mediated workshop with the residents to discuss funding options for the Alligator Point Road, and APTA has asked me to attend and make a presentation about the history of the road and where we are with FEMA.

**On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve Mr. Pierce's travel to the APTA meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>.** Commissioner Sanders asked Mr. Pierce to let the other Commissioners know what is going to be discussed. Mr. Pierce reported APTA are asking a series of questions for this meeting and he wants to read one and make sure his response is the current policy of the Board. He reported the question is "What is the county's attitude about funding sources for whatever comes next for repairing the road?". Mr. Pierce read his response, as follows:

Because damage to Alligator Point Road has been so much more extensive, and expensive, then any other county road you might think the county would provide some set aside for continued road maintenance. The county does provide funds for standard road maintenance, but the county does not budget for the ravages of a hurricane. As long as road maintenance funding comes out of gas tax revenue, which it does, the county does not identify individual road segments for individual funding. Alligator Point Road is not treated any differently than any other county road. The Road Department, with county commission direction, works on all county roads across the entire county. The problem is that the Alligator Point Road needs an extraordinary amount of work, and therefore an extra-ordinary amount of funds. At this time there is no extra-ordinary funding source for the Road. I personally think there needs to be one but that is my own personal opinion. It is probably fair to say that if you all do not support special funds then a special assessment will not be forced upon you but without funds dedicated to maintaining the road you will have to accept the effort you currently receive.

Commissioner Sanders agreed with this response. Chairman Parrish said it is very straight forward. Commissioner Lockley asked who sent the questions. Mr. Pierce answered Mr. Jim McCoy and Mr. Alan Feifer and he presumes they had a committee. Commissioner Sanders stated Mr. Pierce needs to go to this meeting and let people know how the Board feels. She reported they need to know that nothing will happen on this road until the spring of 2019 and they will be driving across what they have until then and hopefully no storms will come. She stated they told them a year and a half ago when FEMA reimburses the county then they will do something. Mr. Pierce said another question is "What is FEMA's attitude toward Alligator Point and what is on the table now?". Mr. Pierce read the following response:

I hesitate to state FEMA's attitude toward Alligator Point because I do not know. What is on the table now is a proposed \$3.2M project that would rebuild the road, and then add a sheetpile revetment along the 1000 feet of road that is currently damaged. It would do nothing east or west of those 1000 feet. If construction costs came in at \$3.2M, then the



county has to provide 12.5% of that, which is exactly \$400K. The county has traditionally used the Bald Point Trust Fund as the source of the local match for projects on Alligator Point. There is some \$500K in the Trust Fund now. The math is simple, if we had to pull out \$400K that only leaves \$100K left in the Trust Fund. And part of that \$100K is going to be used to meet our match on Gulf Shore Blvd, so you could essentially say the Trust Fund will be depleted if we had to meet a 12.5% match of \$3.2M. The good news is that Governor Scott did give the county a onetime partial waiver of our local match. He cut our match in half, so using the same \$3.2M project, the county only has to provide \$200K. So that will leave some \$200K still in the Trust Fund. You all may decide that \$200K is enough of a cushion, and maybe it is. This is a decision you all need to be comfortable living with because if you do not want to accept an assessment then he does not think the Commission will impose one on you.

Mr. Pierce stated if they think they can live with the revenues everyone else gets then that is how it will be. Mr. Pierce stated he is going down there because he believes this road has extraordinary costs and they need to recognize it and deal with it or they are going to be unhappy all the time. Commissioner Sanders reported they have been unhappy and are not satisfied with anything that has been done but the county is doing all they can. She explained if they try to do anything else then it will deplete other parts of the county and they cannot do that. Commissioner Sanders explained the County cannot do any more than they have done and she is not going to put the county in a financial burden for one problem in the county. She said she is glad they had the Bald Point Trust Fund or they could not have done what they did. Commissioner Sanders reported some of these people are not residents and some of them are not taxpayers. Chairman Parrish stated every time something happens with this road it takes longer to resolve. Mr. Pierce agreed and said it is because the costs are going up. Chairman Parrish asked how long it has taken. Mr. Pierce answered 3 years. Commissioner Sanders said the county did not get reimbursement for Tropical Storm Debby until after Hurricane Hermine. Commissioner Sanders brought into discussion a letter from a resident at Alligator Point and said she would like to direct the county engineer to survey the road and put up stakes because they are saying the road is on their property and the county needs to know where the right of way is. Mr. Pierce reported they are already in the process of surveying that part of the road for the DEP permit. Mr. Clay Kennedy, Dewberry, agreed they are surveying this area. Commissioner Sanders asked them to let her know when they find out. Mr. Pierce said he is not disagreeing with them but the water district owns the exact corner and they do not know where the exact boundary line is.

4- The Board addressed this item earlier in the meeting.

5- Mr. Pierce handled this item at the beginning of the meeting.

6- The Board addressed this item earlier in the meeting.

**Michael Morón – County Coordinator – Report**

Mr. Moron presented his report:

1. Weems Update

- a. The Weems Board of Directors regular meeting was on Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup>. A copy of the agenda, financial report and agenda packet documentation is included in your packet. As part of the packet there was a “white paper” from Stroudwater Associates entitled ‘The High Cost of Governance Dysfunction in Community Hospitals’ which is a very interesting read. At the meeting the Board passed a motion to reaffirm their interest in having the County authorize Attorney Shuler to meet with Mr. Cannington, to discuss the pros and cons of establishing a 501(c)(3) to manage the hospital. Among the other motions and discussions, there was Board action to expedite the application process for the Rural Health Clinic designation for the Weems East Clinic.

Mr. Moron said the Board authorized Attorney Shuler to meet before but they may need to affirm this action with the new CEO. The Board agreed Attorney Shuler should continue on. Attorney Shuler reported he had his initial meeting with Mr. Cannington last week and discussed the 501(c) (3) issue. He said he has given him some tasks and requested he get some draft documents from the hospital association. He stated they also discussed the Hospital Auditor RFQ.

- b. At the April 26<sup>th</sup> Weems Board of Directors meeting, it was stated that the HVAC unit for the Medical Records department was not working, because of its age it was not worth repairing, and was the source of a leak above the area where the medical records are kept. The Weems Board approved the purchase of a replacement unit, but I failed to add this item to my May report. The situation got worse and since there were three weeks instead of two between BOCC meetings, and a six-week window between ordering and delivery, I authorized Weems staff to proceed with ordering the \$14,723 replacement unit. **Board action** to declare an emergency, waive the bid process, and ratify my action by approving the purchase of the \$14,723 replacement HVAC unit for the Medical Records Department.

**On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to declare an emergency, waive the bid process and ratify Mr. Moron’s action by approving the purchase of the \$14,723.00 replacement HVAC unit for the Medical Records Department.**

- c. Recently I received a call from Mr. Roger Hall, President of Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, regarding their proposal to manage Weems. Mr. Hall stated that Sacred Heart agreed with the Board that an emergency room department is necessary in Franklin County, therefore they will be submitting a new proposal to the County which will include an emergency department. We should receive this new proposal in 45 to 60 days.

Commissioner Lockley said Sacred Heart says the county does not need a hospital but they are not worried about what the county says. Mr. Moron said they care because he told them the county was not backing off on an emergency room and that is why they are providing a new proposal.

2. At your last meeting the Board authorized a 30-day extension on the grant contract for Phase II of the Fort Coombs Armory Renovation project from the Division of Historic Resources. This extension was necessary to allow the manufacturer adequate time to build and install the door at the Armory. Mr. Curenton received the Contract Amendment Request that includes a \$6,799 adjustment to the contract amount, which the Board agreed to pay from the Repair and Maintenance budget line item at the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, and a new extension date of July 30, 2018. **Board action** to authorize the Chairman's signature on this Contract Amendment Request.

**Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve the Chairman's signature on the Contract Amendment request. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Lockley asked how much the door costs. Mr. Moron said he will have to check the total amount of the door. He explained in February the Board approved this amount over the grant but he does not have the amount of the door with him. He agreed to provide this information to Commissioner Lockley but said the door must be made to exact specifications. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

3. Due to advertising and other issues the County is requesting a time extension on the Bayshore Drive side walk project. The current agreement is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2018 but the County is asking for an October 11, 2018 expiration date. The contractor is proceeding rapidly so if there are no unanticipated delays the project should be completed by that date. **Board action** to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Request for Time Extension letter.

**Commissioner Lockley made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Request for Time Extension letter. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Jones asked if there is a reason why they need this extension. Mr. Moron reported advertising and the process of selecting a CEI delayed the start of the project. Mr. Moron stated there are a couple of other items but it is nothing to do with the contractor or the work. Commissioner Jones said he is definitely moving along better than some other contractors in our area doing state projects. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

4. The Mill Road paving project is nearly complete, but the recent rains can possibly delay the striping of the road. The expiration date on the grant is June 30. Mr. Mark Curenton recommends asking the Department of Transportation for a 30-day time extension on the grant to allow for the completion of the project and all the necessary paperwork. **Board action** to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Request for Time Extension letter.

Commissioner Massey said this road is striped now. Mr. Moron stated they have to add another coat. Mr. Pierce reported there is a temporary stripe for 30 days and then the thermoplastic. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and**

**by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Request for Time Extension letter.**

5. Attached to your packet is an update from Mr. Jim Oskowis of FDEP on the County's NRDA projects.
  - a. As stated in the email, there is a slight delay at Indian Creek Boat Ramp due to the recent rainfall, but that project should be completed by the end of this month.
  - b. Construction is on schedule at the Eastpoint Fishing Pier Restroom project which should be completed on August 1; however the contractor has requested a change order for some additional painting that would extend the project one week. What is not stated in the email is that the County is in the process of paying Eastpoint Water and Sewer District for the water connection fees for the Eastpoint Fishing Pier Restroom. Once the fees have been paid, North Florida Construction will coordinate with EPWSD the setting of the meter.
  - c. There have been quite a few unanticipated issues at Lombardi's (Waterfront) Park, such as septic, structural, and the removal of a buried gas/diesel storage tank, that has caused significant delays to complete this project. The project's most recent completion date is the end of August; however, another structural issue might push the project completion date towards the end of September. Once the demolition phase is completed, which should be within the next week or two, residents will be allowed access to the boat ramp and the small fishing/observation piers.

Let me know if you have any questions or comments regarding any of these projects as Mr. Oskowis will be in the County inspecting all of the projects tomorrow.

Chairman Parrish stated they need to get this area cleaned up. He said people are complaining about not being able to launch their boats or access the property. He stated they need this boat ramp back up. Chairman Parrish said this project has been going on way too long. He said he wants to be informed if Mr. Oskowis comes down for another meeting and he wants to meet with him to find out the status of this project. Mr. Moron reported Mr. Oskowis is scheduled to come to a meeting tomorrow and he can set up a meeting for Commissioner Jones and one for Chairman Parrish. Mr. Moron reported this problem is occurring because the state now runs administration of the projects. Chairman Parrish reported the county received this money because of the loss of human use from the BP Oil Spill/Deepwater Horizon but the public still cannot use the facility. Commissioner Lockley stated the summer bar is opening and some people launch at this boat ramp. He explained there are only a couple of places to launch unless they drive way out. Commissioner Jones commented he heard from people he knows who are involved in the project at Indian Creek that it should have started last November because it is a single boat ramp in a small creek. He agreed with Chairman Parrish that this project was done for loss of use but it is still loss of use. Commissioner Jones stated he is interested in talking with Mr. Oskowis.

6. Inform the Board that Monumental Fabrication will be removing and replacing, with DOT 860 style railing, the damaged railing on Bluff Road. The Finance Office has been

contacted by the State Attorney's Office to discuss reimbursement to the County for the damages to the railing.

Mr. Moron explained whatever the insurance does not cover the State Attorney will set up in the plea so the individual will cover the balance and the county will be fully reimbursed.

Mr. Moron reported he will reschedule the Sheriff to attend the next meeting to talk with the Board about his budget.

Commissioner Sanders said the Gulf Consortium had a meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> in Panama City and approved the State Expenditure Plan (SEP) and sent it to the Governor. She stated the Governor may approve the SEP in late summer or August. She explained if the SEP stays on track then the funds would start flowing in March or April of next year. She informed the Board Ms. Sara Commander, Walton County, is retiring and she let them know she is also retiring. She reported they said once the SEP is approved and has gone to the Governor and counsel then they will probably have quarterly meetings. Commissioner Sanders stated they are currently trying to figure out how to have the meetings by telephone conferences instead of having to attend. She reported the next meeting of the Consortium will be at the annual conference in Orlando the week of June 26<sup>th</sup>. She said all of the projects from the 23 counties were in the SEP. Commissioner Sanders reported one of the projects in the SEP was \$6.6 million for dredging in Franklin County. Commissioner Sanders stated the EOC project is also in there. She said by the spring of next year maybe some of these projects will get going. Commissioner Lockley asked if any money has been received yet. Mr. Pierce answered no county has received money yet. Commissioner Sanders stated only the NRDA and NFWITH projects have been done but nothing from the Consortium. Mr. Pierce stated our county has not completed the multi-year implementation plan (MIP) but even the counties that have completed their plans have not received any money from the U.S. Treasury because the process is so slow. Commissioner Sanders reported it is a big move to send the SEP to the Governor.

**Commissioner Lockley made a motion to get some shirts for the Commissioners to wear to the Florida Association of Counties' meeting.** He stated Franklin County is the only county with paper name tags. **Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** He reported he already owns 3 of these shirts. **Motion carried; 5-0.** Mr. Moron said he will get their sizes tomorrow and start working on getting shirts.

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

Attorney Shuler stated the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) proposals are ready for publication and he asked if the Board had any questions. He said if the Board has no questions then he requested a motion to approve publication. Chairman Parrish asked if the committee will handle this item. Attorney Shuler answered yes, but he did not want to publish the advertisement until the Board commented and approved the publication. He stated the review committee will make the final approval. **On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by**

**Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the publication.** Attorney Shuler said the advertisement will run for the first time this Thursday in The Apalachicola Times. He questioned if the Board would like to advertise anywhere else or if this is sufficient. Commissioner Sanders said she thinks that is good. Attorney Shuler stated he also made a recommendation that in addition to the minimum number of Committee members the Board consider appointing Mr. Cannington to the review committee since the Hospital RFQ will also have to be reviewed and the committee would benefit from his input. **On motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to appoint Mr. Cannington to the Review Committee.** Attorney Shuler asked if the Board wanted to select their representative on the review committee. Commissioner Sanders asked if they must have a representative. Attorney Shuler answered yes, the committee must have one County Commissioner. Chairman Parrish asked if this proposal will be advertised for 30 days. Attorney Shuler answered yes. Chairman Parrish reported the Board can appoint a representative at the next meeting.

Attorney Shuler discussed the resolution of a code violation at Lot 26, Shell Harbor Subdivision on St. George Island. He reminded the Board a few months ago an individual went through the process of applying for a permit to construct a dock through the county application process. He reported the County Commission gave permission for construction of the dock in 2013 but from that time forward no construction permits were pulled. He stated the explanation he was provided was the homeowner thought the contractor pulled the permits but no permits were pulled for construction of the dock, boardwalk, installation of lights, electricity, water, a shed and a screened in area. He stated the Board directed him to use enforcement action and he sent a letter to the homeowner. Attorney Shuler reported the homeowner hired Mr. Dan Garlick, Garlick Environmental, and Mr. Garlick responded timely and offered a resolution for the code violation. He explained the proposed resolution was sent to Mrs. Amy Kelley, Planning & Building Department, and Mr. Mark Curenton, County Planner, for review and both were in favor of accepting the resolution. He said Commissioner Jones does not have any objection to moving forward with this resolution. Attorney Shuler explained they will pay double permit fees for construction of the dock, boardwalk and electric service which means these items will stay in place. He reported the shed and porch will be placed as a wheeled trailer so that they are mobile and can be relocated and removed from the property. He stated the deck is in the critical habitat zone and will be removed and relocated landward and centered on the boardwalk outside of the critical habitat zone. Attorney Shuler reported he did not find anything objectionable in this resolution and recommended the Board move forward with this and complete this enforcement action. Commissioner Sanders read a portion of the letter addressing a May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for complying with this resolution and this is the 5<sup>th</sup> of June and the first time the Board has seen this offer. Attorney Shuler said he did not bring this item to the second meeting in May but he does not think there will be a problem. Mr. Pierce reported the double permit fee is the standard they charge to anyone that builds without a permit. Commissioner Sanders asked if the applicant will concur with this. Mr. Garlick answered yes.

**On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve this resolution.**

#### Commissioners' Comments

Clerk Johnson asked what the Board is going to do about the Mrs. Pinki Jackel overpayment that is owed to the county. She said she thought a report was going to be made this morning. Attorney Shuler stated he was scheduled to meet with Mrs. Jackel today but she called and they met yesterday. He said he cannot report that there is a satisfactory resolution at this point but progress is being made. He explained based on the documents she provided yesterday he believes she does not disagree with the total overpayment that was calculated by the CPA. Attorney Shuler stated they are at the end of the process of having the CPA confirm and look at these numbers and they will be moving forward with some final action by Friday of this week to give her a deadline to pay or the Board has already authorized him to move forward with enforcement action if it becomes necessary. Commissioner Sanders asked if Attorney Shuler is meeting with Mrs. Jackel on Friday. Attorney Shuler stated he is waiting for a response by the CPA on Wednesday and then he will be communicating with her and sending out a final demand letter on Friday. Commissioner Sanders said it is no reflection on anyone but they need to move forward on this since it has been since 2016. Attorney Shuler explained Mrs. Jackel does not have any material facts that would indicate the balance the CPA calculated is different from her number. He stated she does not concede there was any wrongdoing on her part and had an explanation for how it was calculated. He said he would like the CPA to review her explanation. Chairman Parrish asked how the county gets their money back. Attorney Shuler answered voluntarily or they go to court. Commissioner Lockley stated if she has no problem with the amount then she needs to send a check. Chairman Parrish asked if the county gets their attorney fees back. Attorney Shuler answered no; there is no statutory basis for getting attorney's fees back. He estimated it will cost less than \$4,000 for filing a small claims case and going before the county judge. Commissioner Sanders said she has never seen a case like this before. She reported in the past there have been constitutional officers like the former Tax Collector that realized they were overpaid and wrote a check for the overpayment. Commissioner Sanders stated she does not know why it has taken so long to figure this out but Attorney Shuler needs to give her a final date to come up with the money and if she does not then take her to court. She reported this cannot be tolerated. She explained Mrs. Jackel was a constitutional officer and they have a duty to do what is right. Commissioner Sanders stated if a CPA is saying she was overpaid then she needs to pay it back and not question it. She said she wonders what is being said in the court of public opinion. Clerk Johnson agreed and said she is not sure she agrees with Attorney Shuler on the outcome because if any of them owed money there would be a criminal investigation if it was not paid back. She said this has been going on for 6 months or more. Commissioner Lockley stated Attorney Shuler needs to get this straight because they do not want it to look like they are doing any favors.

#### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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Joseph A. Parrish - Chairman

Attest:

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Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts