

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 1, 2003**

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:** Cheryl Sanders, Chairman; Bevin Putnal, Eddie Creamer, Clarence Williams and Jimmy Mosconis, Commissioners; Kendall Wade, Clerk; Amelia Varnes, Deputy Clerk; Thomas M. Shuler, County Attorney.

**9:00 A.M.** Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order.

(Tape 1-18) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving the minutes of the meeting held on March 18, 2003.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-26) Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to pay the County bills.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**LETTERS OF INTEREST/STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

(Tape 1-37) Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, informed the Board the advertisement of for Letters of Interest and Statement of Qualifications had been duly advertised. He said this project was for the Apalachicola Airport and the engineering services projects at the Airport. He stated there had only been one package or letter of interest submitted, from URS Engineering. He asked the Board to direct the Apalachicola Airport Advisory Committee to review the information and make a recommendation to the Board. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Apalachicola Airport Advisory Committee to review the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications submitted by URS Engineering and return to the Board with their recommendation or approval.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**HUBERT CHIPMAN-SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

(Tape 1-107) Mr. Chipman reported Leonard Carson, from the County's Labor Attorney firm, conducted interviews with the men involved in the incident at the Road Department last Thursday. He said Mr. Carson would be providing a final recommendation to the Board in a future. He stated they did not inform him of a specific date as to when their recommendation would be made to the Board.

(Tape 1-101) Mr. Chipman said he needed authorization from the Board to re-advertise the post lift system for the Road Department. He said the specifications had been changed and the original company that was going to furnish the lift system to the County has stopped selling the system. He stated the equipment request needs to be re-advertised. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing Mr. Chipman to re-advertise the Four-Post Lift System for the Road Department.** Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-141) He informed the Board he gave the old Ford Bronco to the new County Engineering Technician, Chris Clark, for his use.

(Tape 1-157) Commissioner Creamer said he thought Mr. Clark was doing a great job. He stated he has done several things for him recently. Commissioner said the culvert that runs under Tip Tucker Road in Eastpoint needs to have the ditches properly sited so the "grades" are done correctly. Mr. Chipman said he did look at the area, but he would have Mr. Clark look at the area.

**VAN JOHNSON-SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR**

(Tape 1-413) Mr. Johnson said, per the Waste Disposal Agreement between Franklin County and Waste Management, household waste delivered to the Landfill for disposal is scheduled to increase today. He said the agreement has a provision for an annual rate adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index. He said the increase in the CPI for the prior year was 2.6%. He stated that represented a \$1.15 per ton increase in the tipping fee charged for Household Waste Disposal. He said this would bring the cost of disposal from \$44.44 per ton to \$45.59 per ton. He stated the residents and businesses in the unincorporated areas contracting with Waste Management for service would also see a 2.6% rate increase. He said he had attached a copy of the correspondence received from Waste Management regarding this matter. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion approving the rate increases for Household Waste delivered to the Landfill for disposal based on the Waste Disposal Agreement between Franklin County and Waste Management by 2.6%-from \$44.44 per ton to \$45.59 per ton.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-474) He requested approval to purchase one commercial grade Snapper Riding Lawnmower for use by the Parks and Recreation Department. He said St. Joe Rent-All, Inc. in Port St. Joe, sells the mower. He said the mower is listed on the State Bid List and St. Joe Rent-All, Inc. is on the State Bid List as a provider. He said the representative from St. Joe Rent-All, Inc. demonstrated the mower last week at the Eastpoint Complex and it took less than fifteen minutes to cut a field. He said the State price to purchase one of these mowers is \$5,439.00 and if approved could be funded through the Parks and Recreation Budget. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion approving the purchase of a commercial grade Snapper Riding Lawnmower, \$5,439.00, off the State Bid List from St. Joe Rent-All, Inc. and authorizing payment for the mower from the Parks and Recreation Budget.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-496) He said he also had, for the Board's approval and the Chairman's signature, the annual Application for Recovered Materials Certification and Reporting Form. He said Florida Statutes require agencies or companies handling more than 600 tons of recovered materials to provide certification to the Florida DEP annually. He explained that during the year, 2002, the County's recycling program recovered approximately 600 tons of such material. He said the annual cost of this certification is \$50.00. Commissioner Creamer made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the FDEP Application for Recovered Materials Certification and Reporting**

**Form and authorizing payment, \$50.00, for the annual fee.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-520) He said at the March 18<sup>th</sup> workshop on employee raises he was asked for a list of employees that would be affected by the proposed pay plan. He stated the plan would only affect one employee. He informed the Board he had attached another copy of the information provided at that workshop along with the affected employee list.

(Tape 1-533) Mr. Johnson said there were several representatives and coaches from the Apalachicola Dixie Youth Baseball League. He said they are here today to request the Board consider changing the name of the Ned Porter Sports Complex to the D. W. Wilson Sports Complex or something suitable that would be benefiting of the dedication Mr. Wilson showed toward youth sports in Franklin County. Commissioner Mosconis said he had already spoke to several people about this matter after Mr. Wilson died. He suggested the name of the park remain "Ned Porter Park" and call the whole complex the "D. W. Wilson Sports Complex". Ashley Teat, a Little League Representative, said he would like to see this complex renamed for Mr. Wilson. Mr. Teat said there are four fields out at the complex. Mr. Pierce said Carl Petteway did a lot for the youth of Franklin County. He stated all of these people needed to be considered as well. Mr. Pierce stated the new Pony League Field was completed because of Mr. Wilson. Mr. Johnson suggested the park remained named "Ned Porter Complex" and just name each individual field after someone in the community who has devoted a lot of time and effort into the youth of Franklin County. Commissioner Putnal suggested Commissioner Mosconis meet with the Little League members and decide on how the fields and the park should be named. Commissioner Mosconis said he would meet with the Little League officials and take care of this matter.

#### **BILL MAHAN-COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR**

(Tape 1-832) Mr. Mahan announced the hiring of someone to fill the multi-county Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Program Agent for Bay, Gulf and Franklin Counties. He said Gene Shaner was recently hired to conduct educational programs that focus on how businesses and homeowners can reduce the amount of non-point source runoff from their property. He said the FYN Program is a three-year EPA grant-funded position.

(Tape 1-857) He said he met with representatives from Congressman Allen Boyd's Office and Ali Hudson, NMFS, to discuss a problem with dolphins becoming entangled in crab trap "float lines". He said Bobby Pickles and Harold Mikell represented Congressman Boyd's office at the meeting. He said Ms. Hudson explained that the crab trap lines have injured several dolphins and NMFS is looking for ways to educate commercial and recreational crab fishermen of modifications that can be made to the traps to make the dolphins less likely to disturb them.

(Tape 1-950) He reported he had attached a copy of the stateside 2003 Summer Ed-Venture-4-H Camps that are scheduled. He said this year Franklin County would be camping with Holmes County for one annual "County Camp" from June 16<sup>th</sup> through June 20<sup>th</sup>. He said Franklin County's 4-H District would be holding a special 4-H

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Shooting Sports Camp on June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup>. He said the shooting camps would address air rifles, archery, hunter and ATV safety and possibly shotgun safety.

(Tape 1-986) He said he was contacted by Ann Morgan, realtor for Sportsman's Realty, about Bob Allen's property on U. S. Highway 98. He stated she asked him if he had any idea if the County was interested in the property because if they were Mr. Allen would remove the listing. He said if the County couldn't make the purchase within the next six months then she would leave the property on the market. Mr. Pierce said there were no grant funds to purchase this particular site. He stated this site does not meet the qualifications for the protection of environmentally sensitive lands. He said there is not a funding source to purchase this particular piece of property. He stated the County is really interested in a piece of land on the water without any buildings on it. He said this property has two large buildings on it.

**ASHLEY TEAT-PRESENTATION REGARDING "FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR"**

(Tape 1-1128) Mr. Teat invited the Board to the Annual Day of Baseball on April 12<sup>th</sup>. He said this would begin the baseball season in Franklin County.

(Tape 1-1140) He said he was here today to present a Fire Safety Program to the Commissioners. He stated this service was needed in Franklin County. He said the way the County was growing fire safety was crucial. He presented a slide presentation consisting of statistics and information relative to fire safety for businesses and the public in general. He asked the Board to consider budgeting and the hiring of a Fire Safety Inspector during the next Budget Workshops.

**BILLY BUZZETT-ST. JOE COMPANY**

(Tape 1-2013) Chairman Sanders said she had just been handed a note from Billy Buzzett regarding the Carrabelle Sports Complex. She said the note assured the County Commission the survey would be completed tomorrow and delivered to Mr. Pierce on Thursday morning so the contract could then be finally executed.

**MARILYN MCCANN-REFUGE HOUSE**

(Tape 1-2050) Ms. McCann appeared before the Board and requested the Board adopt a Proclamation proclaiming April as Sexual Violence Awareness Month. She said one of every three women would be assaulted in their lifetime either as a child or as an adult. She said one of every six men would be assaulted either as a child or as an adult. She asked the Board to adopt and authorize the Chairman's signature on this proclamation. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on a Proclamation designating the month of April as "Sexual Violence Awareness Month"**. Commissioner Creamer seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** She invited the Commissioners to a meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> with the Refuge House Task Force in conjunction with the Franklin County Coalition at noon. She stated they would be presenting a program on sexual assault. She said the meeting would be held at the Franklin County Health Department Conference Room.

**ALAN PIERCE-DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

(Tape 1-2377) Mr. Pierce said he wanted to present the Board with a copy of a map of the current voting district boundaries. He said this was a map based on the total County population based on the modified U. S. Census, which are 9,828. He said the population shifts that need to be made in each district so that each district contains 1,965 citizens is as follows: District 1 needs to lose 116 people; District 2 needs to gain 338 people; District 3 needs to gain 660 people; District 4 needs to lose 549 people; and District 5 needs to lose 336 people. He said this is in regards to reapportionment and not especially the redistricting issue. He explained the reapportionment issue must be addressed according to Florida Statutes. Thomas M. Shuler, County Attorney, said the next appropriate step would be to schedule a public meeting so public input could be taken into consideration. He stated he recommended to Mr. Pierce that he present this preliminary information to the Board for them to consider scheduling a public hearing regarding this issue. Chairman Sanders asked if the School Board had been advised of these numbers. Mr. Shuler said between this meeting and the public meeting he plans on meeting with the School Board Attorney. He stated he would make sure the School Board members and their attorney knew about the meeting. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the scheduling of a public meeting within the next two or three weeks to receive public input into the reapportionment issues facing Franklin County.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Shuler said he would schedule the meeting in the afternoon so the public could be well represented. He stated he would meet with the Board Secretary and schedule a time on the calendar for this meeting.

(Tape 1-2870) Mr. Pierce said he would interrupt his report so the Property Appraiser, Doris Pendleton, could make her presentation.

**DORIS PENDLETON-PROPERTY APPRAISER**

(Tape 1-2883) Ms. Pendleton said she was here today to discuss the Digital Mapping System for Franklin County. She stated she had to apologize for the Department of Revenue representatives not coming to the meeting today. She read the following into the record: the prior Appraiser anticipated that all Florida Counties would have to convert to a digital system in the future therefore he purchased the equipment needed to begin this process. This equipment cost approximately \$8,000.00. The next year there was no money available for a DOR match. The next year I had a small amount for a match, \$9,747.08. This past year we had \$5,792.00 for DOR match. This process is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year. Ariel photography is no longer available in Mylar form, only in digital. Thanks to your generosity, we have made it this far, however this process is taking twice as long as it should have, at this rate we will have to spend an additional year to just update. She said there were 15,054 parcels, \$5.25 per parcel for a total amount of \$79,033.50. She stated she was here today to ask the Board for \$15,000.00 to finally complete this project. She said she the County just could not afford to keep putting the digital mapping system off. After discussion Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the expenditure of \$15,000.00 from Reserve for Contingencies or whatever budget the money could be located in to finish paying for the Digital**

**Mapping System as requested by the Property Appraiser this morning.**

Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ALAN PIERCE-CONTINUED**

(Tape 1-2961 continued on Tape 2) Mr. Pierce continued his report at this time. He said Gary Fritz is present this morning to seek Board permission to use County right-of-way. He said Mr. Fritz has a house under construction that is partially built into Marlin Street on Bald Point. He stated the County has issued a "Stop Work" Order on the construction because the Planning Department does not have the authority to allow people to build in the County right-of-way. Mr. Fritz said he had unadvisedly placed his pilings into the County right-of-way. He asked the County to allow him to keep his house there. Marcie Fritz said she was willing to state they had made a "big mistake". She stated they had been approved for a variance last year so they could build the house on their lot. She said they, by accident, put the pilings into the County's right-of-way. She stated they were here today to ask the County to allow them the variance so they could keep their pilings where they are. Mr. Pierce explained how this problem occurred. Linc Barnett, Alligator Point Taxpayer's Association, said he was totally opposed to the County allowing the Fritz's to keep their house where they have placed the pilings. After discussion Commissioner Putnal made a **motion to table this issue until the next meeting so Mr. Pierce could come back to the Board with a solid recommendation.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-674) Doris Pendleton asked if she could ask Mr. Shuler about the Sumatra Cemetery and if any progress had been made in the matter. Mr. Shuler replied he received a letter from John A. Rudolph, Jr., attorney for Drew Branch, Jr. He said he would present the original letter to the Board for their file. He stated the letter reflected Mr. Branch does own the property and is willing to sell the property to the County for \$10,000.00 with the understanding that the land would only be used for the burial of the residents of the Sumatra community, and their children, who are living at the time Mr. Branch's father, purchased the cemetery. Ms. Pendleton said she totally disagreed with this proposition. She said this was not acceptable to her. After discussion Commissioner Mosconis said he would go ahead and make a **motion to purchase the cemetery at a fair market value without any conditions being placed on who may be buried in the cemetery.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1416) Mr. Pierce said he would continue with his report. He stated Ted Mosteller, Apalachicola Airport Advisory Committee, has recommended the Board accept the proposal from URS Engineering Services for the Airport Projects. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion accepting the proposal submitted by URS Engineering for the Apalachicola Airport Projects.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1426) He said William Poloronis, Chairman of the Construction Licensing Board, was present this morning to discuss separate permits for electrical, mechanical, roofing and plumbing projects. He stated he would like to reschedule this discussion for

the next Board meeting. The Board agreed to discuss this matter at the next Board meeting.

(Tape 2-1450) He said there have been two public meetings, with a third meeting scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the visioning process. He said the meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> is to discuss natural resources. He said he has been meeting with participants to try and make these public hearings more productive. He said during a conference call last week Charlie Gautier, DCA, said he might have some additional money available for more public workshops because there was general concern after the last workshop there was not enough time to discuss the issues especially future growth and development issue. He said he would know more about this at the next meeting as well. He suggested the Board support allowing Anita Grove, Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, to begin work on an optional element to the Franklin County Comprehensive Plan, which would be an Economic Development Element. He suggested Ms. Grove compile a list of names to be appointed by the Commissioners as a Task Force to discuss and arrive at some decisions about this particular element of the Comp Plan.

(Tape 2-1747) He said the FDOT Landscaping Grant for SGI in the amount of \$100,000.00 had had some changes made to it. He asked the County Attorney to review these changes and have the grant resigned. He said he would meet with Mr. Shuler regarding these signature pages.

(Tape 2-1769) Mr. Pierce presented the Board with a copy of a letter from Peter Rummell, St. Joe Company; to Governor Bush supporting the need for the Apalachicola River to receive it's historic flow of water out of Georgia and Alabama.

(Tape 2-1924) He presented the Board with a letter to DCA closing out the "Big Ditch Project" in Apalachicola. He said this project has been completed.

(Tape 2-1928) He presented the Board with a Resolution reflecting the Habitat for Humanity Project would be consistent with the County's Comp Plan. He said the benefit of the Resolution is that it would provide tax credit for any person or corporation donating to Franklin County for the Habitat for Humanity Projects. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Resolution certifying that the Franklin County Habitat for Humanity Program for the construction of housing for low and very low income individuals is consistent with local plans and regulations.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-1981) He asked the Board to direct the Chairman to sign the DEP grant for additional funds to begin the design and permitting of the Alligator Point Beach Erosion Control Project. He said these funds appear to be remaining or left over funds from Hurricane Opal that the State is allowing Franklin County to use. He said the grant is for \$80,000.00. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the DEP Grant in the amount of \$80,000.00 from Hurricane Opal Funds to begin the design and permitting of the Alligator Point Beach Erosion**

**Control Project.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** He said he believed Representative Will Kendrick was responsible for this money being furnished to Franklin County.

(Tape 2-2039) He presented a Resolution of Authorization for the JPA Agreement with the FDOT Aviation Department to fund the installation of signs and remarking of Runway 13/31 at the Apalachicola Airport. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Resolution of Authorization for the JPA Agreement with the FDOT Aviation Department to fund the installation of signs and remarking of Runway 13/31 at the Apalachicola Airport.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce added this was a \$180,000.00 JPA with no local match being required. He said the JPA requests \$150,000.00 in Federal Funds and \$30,000.00 in State Funds for the project. He explained FDOT no longer accepts a County Commission Chairman's signature for these projects, but requires a Resolution of Authorization.

(Tape 2-2060) Mr. Pierce informed the Board at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting the Chairman signed an agreement with DCA for them to provide the County with \$25,000.00 in funds for the County to hire someone to write a Terrorist Annex and Continuity of Operation Plan. He said he has inquired with all the surrounding county's to see if any of them had any experience in this matter. He stated Linc Barnett, Alligator Point, does have years of professional experience in terrorist assessment and continuity of operations plans. He said he has asked Mr. Barnett to write this plan if he is willing to do so. He said Mr. Barnett is willing to help the County and has submitted his resume and a proposal to complete the work for \$23,000.00. He said this would leave \$2,000.00 for the County to print out some documents for distribution. He said based on the lack of experience and qualified people to do the work he would recommend the County recognize Mr. Barnett as a sole source provider of terrorist assessment in this area and award him the scope of work described by DCA for \$23,000.00. He asked for the Board to approve this contract contingent on the County Attorney reviewing it. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion accepting Howard "Linc" Barnett's scope of work and proposal for providing the County with a Terrorist Annex and Continuity of Operation Plan for \$23,000.00, declaring Mr. Barnett a sole source provider, contingent on approval of the contract by the County Attorney.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2105) He asked the Board if they were interested in receiving \$58.88 from FDOT for maintaining some sort of light in Carrabelle, then the Board would need to adopt a Resolution created by FDOT. He said this proposal was sent to the County by FDOT and needs to be adopted by April 18<sup>th</sup> if the County is to receive the funds. Commissioner Putnal asked what light Mr. Pierce was talking about. Mr. Pierce said he really didn't know, but FDOT was going to give the County \$58.88. He suggested the Board approve the contract contingent on the County Attorney approving it. Chairman Sanders asked what sign they were talking about. Again, Mr. Pierce said he really didn't know. He said it was \$58.88 a year. He stated it might be a sign the County already maintains. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving this contract with FDOT**



**in the amount of \$58.88 for maintaining a light in Carrabelle contingent on approval by the County Attorney.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2195) Mr. Pierce asked the Board to consider purchasing a 2000 Mazda pick-up truck for use by the County Building Department. He said the truck has 27,000 miles on it and was owned by the late Bob Burnett of Bald Point. He said the truck appears to have been well maintained and he said the asking price for the truck is \$10,000.00. He said the current truck used by the Building Department has 160,000 miles on it.

Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing the purchase of a 2000 Mazda pick-up truck for use by the County Building Department for \$10,000.00 from the estate of Bob Burnett with Building Department revenues.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Pierce said he wanted the Board to know he would be including a new truck in the next budget year's request.

(Tape 2-2286) He said Chris Clark is continuing to identify storm water projects that need to be completed. He said he has used the FDOT manual to assist the Road Department in properly erecting speed limit signs on CR 67. He said Mr. Clark is a registered professional geologist with the State of Florida and might be eligible to act as a registered engineer in certain situations and sign off on certain DEP permits. He said Mr. Clark is researching the situation and would report to the Board when he is certain of what authority he has.

(Tape 2-2346) He stated GT COM has informed Captain Pat McWhinnie, 911 Coordinator, that as of July 1, 2004, GT COM would no longer be providing 911 service in Franklin and Gulf Counties. He said Ms. McWhinnie is in contact with two other possible providers, Sprint and Direct, about what it is going to cost to use those services. He explained GT COM does not want to be responsible for the maintenance and accuracy of addresses. He said Gulf County is checking into hiring their own personnel and manage their own address data bank, but there is a lot of liability for maintaining 911 addresses and a lot of work because of all of the phone numbers being changed and the numbers being disconnected in Franklin County. He said this is why Franklin County is checking into contracting with a provider for this service. He stated he does not recommend Franklin County try to maintain its own records. He said the costs of maintaining the data bank and the 911 call answering equipment would be paid for through the fifty-cent surcharge already in place in Franklin County. He said he would keep the Board updated regarding this important matter.

#### **KENDALL WADE-CLERK**

(Tape 2-2416) He said he had placed a copy of a letter from United States Senator Bob Graham informing the County the USCOE has been allocated the funds to dredge the Bob Sikes Cut. He said the funds have been budgeted for the year 2003 and the USCOE is working on obtaining the necessary environmental clearances to perform this work.

(Tape 2-2452) He said the County has received the billing for the final audit of Worker's Comp Insurance and Property Insurance for the fiscal year 2001-2002. He said the final

audit resulted in a total due of \$38,776.00. He said the Worker's Comp Premium for 2001-2003 was based on the prior year salary totals and any additions to the property during the year was billed on the final audit. He said the following budget amendment is needed to adjust for this unanticipated expenditure: Increase 001.20.511.4500, Property Insurance \$2,750.28; Increase 001.40.534.2400 Workers' Comp \$2,453.40; Increase 001.20.511.2400 Workers' Comp \$5,023.13; Increase 001.53.562.2400 Workers' Comp \$211.50; Increase 001.70.572.2400 Workers' Comp \$190.35; Increase 001.80.581.9100 Budget Transfer to Fine and Forfeiture \$21,270.00; Decrease 001.99.584.9600 Reserve for Contingency \$31,898.66; Increase 120.381.000 Budget Transfer from General \$21,270.00; and Increase 120.80.521.2400 Workers' Comp \$21,270.00. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion approving this budget amendment as read into the record.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2564) He informed the Board the Finance Office is preparing the annual instructions for the Budget Workshops. He asked the Board if they had any instructions for them to include in the packages. Commissioner Mosconis said he wanted the packages to reflect the Board did not want any increases in any budget. He stated if any department asks for increases they had better justify them. Mr. Wade said he would inform the Finance Department of these instructions.

**THOMAS M. SHULER-COUNTY ATTORNEY**

(Tape 2-2720) Mr. Shuler said he would like a formal motion from the Board to officially decline the proposal from Drew Branch, Jr.'s attorney Mr. Rudolph. He said he needed this action so he could formally reject, in writing, the offer Mr. Branch provided the County. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion formally rejecting the offer submitted by Drew Branch, Jr. through his attorney John A. Rudolph, Jr. for purchase of the Sumatra Cemetery with conditions.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2750) He informed the Board the deed for the property in Apalachicola has been deeded to the Harris Brothers. He said the \$20,000.00 has been delivered to him for submission to the County. He stated he wanted to know who was to pay for recording the deed and paying for the doc stamps on the deed. Commissioner Mosconis said he would make a **motion for the County to pay for recording this deed and paying the doc stamps on this deed, to the Harris Brothers, because of the way the matter was handled.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-2807) He said he had received a copy of an order from Chief Judge William L. Gary regarding unpaid/delinquent infractions in Franklin County. He stated he was going to deliver the Administrative Order 2003-04 to the Clerk's Office and discuss the matter with them.

(Tape 2-2828) He updated the Board on the other projects he is working on.

**TED MOSTELLER-CHAIRMAN-APALACHICOLA AIRPORT**

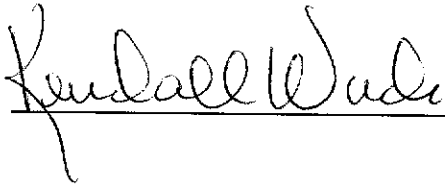
(Tape 2-3014) Mr. Mosteller said he would like to inform the Board there was a safety issue at the Airport. He stated he would like permission to request a grant from FDOT for a radio update project at the Airport. He said the radio is used to communicate with Tyndall Air Force Base. Commissioner Mosconis made a **motion authorizing Mr. Mosteller to submit a grant request to FDOT for radio equipment for the Apalachicola Airport.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 2-3058) He said there were several easement problems at the Airport. He stated the Apalachicola Airport Advisory Committee would like to review the utility easements near the Airport. Commissioner Mosconis said it really didn't matter since they had already been approved. Mr. Pierce stated the changes in the Florida Power easements were from "easement" to "utility easement" for legal purposes.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD  
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.**



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CHERYL SANDERS, CHAIRMAN



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KENDALL WADE, CLERK