

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
AUGUST 8, 2024  
9:00 AM  
MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Ricky Jones-Chairman, Jessica Ward-Vice-Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, Otice Amison, and Anthony Croom, Jr.

Others Present: Michael Shuler-County Attorney, Michael Moron-County Coordinator, Erin Griffith-Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator (by Zoom) and Jessica Gay-Clerk to the Board

**Call to Order**

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Jones led the Board in prayer following by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Additions/Changes to the Agenda:

1. Requesting Board to authorize advertisement of land swap – FC and Duke Energy, lot next door to communication tower, property just on other side of ABC School.
2. Notifying the Board there appears to be some internal governance issues with St. James Lanark fire department. Possibly get Board direction to appoint myself or Mr. Moron. Mr. Moron noted that it may be best to bring up the fire department issue after public comments.
3. Mr. Moron noted that the Director of Emergency Management has the debris monitoring and collection bids to open. He requested the Board move this item under her report.

**On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Croom, to approve the agenda with the additions and changes noted above. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Approval of Minutes and Payment of County Bills**

1. County Bill List for Payment

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the Payment of County Bills. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

The Board addressed Item 11 from Mr. Moron’s report at this time.

Mr. George Pruitt noted there was a mechanism put in place for an increase in the MSBU which could be increased at any time. He asked the Board to put this in place and to increase Eastpoint’s MSBU as well. The estimate for the new tank truck is around \$500,000. We find ourselves in need of this. We have a very good and frugal board who has always done everything they can to make sure we have what we need. Invited the Board to attend any of the meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month. Chairman Jones noted that the reason he did not want to wait for legislative delegation funding was due to the time it takes to receive a new truck is two years.

Attorney Shuler noted that it requires a vote of the constituents to approve the increase. We would need to know how much. Mr. Pruitt noted that it would increase from \$50 to \$100. Attorney Shuler asked if he wanted to duplicate what was done in Alligator Point and St. George Island noting he is pretty sure it was \$100. Commissioner Sanders noted that she thinks it was \$95. Commissioner Sanders recommended increasing the entire county. She noted that all of the fire departments are struggling and maybe they just have not asked. Mr. Moron noted that they are trying to get the fire fighter's group reorganized. Chairman Jones asked if this is something we can add to the November ballot. Attorney Shuler noted that he is pretty sure it is a mail out ballot and would duplicate what was done on St. George Island and Alligator Point. Attorney Shuler noted that for any increase it must go on a ballot. Mr. Pruitt noted another issue is the communications for fire net. He noted that the paging, the voice is just garbage. The response to other departments is clear. They may have addressed it. All the outlying departments have trouble communicating. He does not understand why the fire departments are not being treated the same as the sheriff's office and EMS. Suggested having an independent consultant look at all the communications and recommend solutions. Noted that he would like to discuss further at a future meeting. Chairman Jones asked what actions we can take today for the Eastpoint MSBU funds. Attorney Shuler noted a motion would be needed to authorize the mechanism to increase the Eastpoint MSBU to the same amount that was increased on St George and Alligator Point. Chairman Jones noted that if that requires a vote on the ballot, or if it is something the Board can decide on, you will bring that back to the Board. Attorney Shuler noted that he will bring back to the next meeting if the Board can vote on it. If not, he will begin the process with the Supervisor of Elections. **On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized Attorney Shuler to research increasing the MSBU for Eastpoint. Motion carried 5-0.** Commissioner Ward noted that she has asked for legislative appropriation in the past, but she understands that you do not want to go that route due to the time constraints. She asked what we need to do on the communication aspects. Mr. Moron noted that he needs to find out from the Sheriff's department exactly what is wrong. Commissioner Ward asked Mr. Pruitt to let them know if the issue has been resolved. Commissioner Croom asked when he plans to meet with all of the chiefs. Mr. Pruitt noted that he will have to get with his secretary and see when she can coordinate this. Commissioner Croom asked if he could have this meeting as soon as possible to get this resolved. Mr. Pruitt noted that this is a safety issue. He noted that he has spoken with some in Apalachicola, and they said they have not had communications in years. Commissioner Croom noted that he knows they have recently installed the repeater in Apalachicola and that they were having some issues with it.

## Department Directors Reports

### 2. Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Roads and Bridges

1. Job Title & Description submission to Evergreen Solutions We currently have a position titled Sign Coordinator/Inmate Supervisor and request the Boards approval for this job title and description be changed to Bridge, Traffic Signs & Pavement Marking Technician, Supervisor and to be submitted to Evergreen Solutions for a pay plan grade placement.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the job description change and submission to Evergreen Solutions as requested above.** Commissioner Croom asked if this was a current position with a new title or a new position. Mr. Nabors noted that this is already a position in his budget. **Motion carried 5-0.**

## 2. Employee Promotion

Nelson Woods has met the job specifications to change from Equipment Operator 1 to an Equipment Operator 2, we request the Boards approval for this promotion which goes from a paygrade 4 to a 5 according to the BCC Pay Plan effective immediately. **On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the promotion of Mr. Woods from Equipment Operator 1 to an Equipment Operator 2. Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Sanders noted that she appreciates the time that Mr. Nabors took to keep her informed during the storm. She noted that right inside Liberty County we have that lime rock pit, and it seems to cause a lot of water. She noted that she contacted Commissioner Branch in Liberty County. At some point we are going to have to do an agreement with Liberty County. She asked Mr. Nabors to be watchful of this area. Mr. Nabors noted that if they are not using it anymore, we could dig a trench. Commissioner Sanders noted that apparently, they are going to be opening it back up. She noted that she contacted the owner of the property also to notify of the issue. Chairman Jones said there are a couple places in Eastpoint that I have spoken to Weber about. There are places that are beginning to have potholes, not sure if it is our responsibility or theirs. Chairman Jones asked Attorney Shuler to look into an old MOU with the State. Mr. Moron noted that Mr. Davis' department is also stating they have an agreement with the State to maintain the roads. Mr. Moron noted that Mrs. Gay could research the minutes. Commissioner Ward noted that they are going to increase the rate. She noted that we need to make sure we get these MOUs and make sure our department staff is not covering areas that are not our responsibility. Attorney Shuler cautioned the Board on potential liabilities with taking over the maintenance of the roads. Commissioner Sanders noted that she is not aware of any agreement to maintain the parks. Mr. Nabors noted that he and Michael met with the guy over the forestry. He noted that the county could maintain the roads as much as they wanted to, but they would never turn them over to them. Attorney Shuler noted that if the state says there is a MOU out there, let them have the burden to produce it. Chairman Jones said we need to find out, was the MOU before with grass cutting through Eastpoint, was this done the same as the bridge cleanup. Where we wanted the bridges cleaned up more frequent than the state was willing to do, and they paid us to do it.

## 3. Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director

There was no report and no action items. No requirement for him to attend meeting.

## 4. Jennifer Daniels – Emergency Management Director

1. Request the Boards retroactive approval of the signing of the Local State of Emergency for Invest 97L, signed on 8/1/24.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board retroactively approved the signing of the Local State of Emergency for Invest 97L, signed on 8/1/24. Motion carried 5-0.**

Mrs. Daniels noted that in honor of Commissioner Lockley, we are officially storm ready for the next eight years. Mrs. Daniels took this opportunity to introduce Jessica Lockhart, she welcomed and thanked her.

2. Request the opening of the Disaster Debris Removal and Disposal Services and the Disaster

Debris Monitoring Services Bid packets and approval of the selection committee which consists of Emergency Planning and Disaster Recovery Contractor Staff, EOC Staff and Solid Waste Staff. We will come back to the Board requesting awards on 08/20/2024. The Board addressed the following item from their report at this time.

**RFP/RFQ/Bid Opening**

- 5. **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING SERVICES**
- 6. **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL SERVICES**

Mr. Moron noted that the review committee would consist of a representative from the Summit Group, a representative from EOC staff (Amanda), and representative from Solid Waste staff (Fonda Davis).

The bid packages were opened and read as follows:

**RFP FOR DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL SERVICES**

Ceres Environmental Services, Inc.	6371 Business Blvd, Ste 100, Sarasota, FL 34240
USA Up Star, LLC	1760 Industrial Dr, Greenwood, IN 46143
Grubbs Emergency Services, LLC	13365 W Hillsborough Ave, Tampa, FL 33635
Looks Great Services of MS, Inc	1501 Hwy 13 North, Columbia, MS 39429
Aftermath Disaster Recovery	1826 Honeysuckle Lane, Prosper, TX 75078
Rapid Response (TFR Enterprises, Inc)	601 Leander Drive, Leander, TX 78641
Roads Inc of Northwest Florida	106 Stone Blvd, Cantonment, FL 32533
Phillips & Jordan	10142 Parkside Drive, Ste 500, Knoxville, TN 37922
Crowder Gulf	5629 Commerce Blvd E, Mobile, AL 36619
DRC Emergency Services, LLC	3618 Earlston Road, Graceville, FL 32440
Southern Disaster Recovery, LLC	93 Sonia Dr, Greer, SC 29650

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized staff to release the bid packets to the review committee for recommendation. The review committee will consist of Jeanne Devlin from Summit Group Consulting, LLC, Amanda Anthony from EOC, and Fonda Davis from Solid Waste. Motion carried 5-0.**

**RFP FOR DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING SERVICES**

True North Emergency Management	2501 Avenue J, Suite 120, Arlington, TX 76006
Tetra Tech, Inc	2301 Lucian Way, Suite 120, Maitland, FL 32751
Insight Planning & Development	5030 New Centre Dr, Wilmington, NC 28403
Debristech, LLC	923 Goodyear Blvd, Picayune, MS 39466

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Mrs. Daniels noted that we are covered under our debris contracts until September. Commissioner Amison asked why we renew contracts in the heart of hurricane season. Mrs. Daniels noted that we normally do extensions, and she tries to get these done earlier but with staff changes she has not been able to this year. Chairman Jones noted that the bid turn out is good. Chairman Jones noted that this process is required, and we open these packages in front of the public on purpose. Mrs. Daniels noted that the bids and proposals are posted on the website for transparency. Commissioner Sanders thanked Mrs. Daniels for being there over the weekend. Commissioner Croom noted that Mrs. Daniels and her staff did a great job. Mrs. Daniels noted that we housed and fed seventeen with the overnight observation. Mrs. Daniels noted that we have reached out to the affected EOCs to let them know if they needed anything we are here. She noted that we have offered to loan the trailer with the HVAC if it is needed. Commissioner Sanders noted that the Weather Channel does not report latitude and longitude anymore. She told Mrs. Daniels to let them know they need to put this back on for the old timers. Mrs. Daniels noted that this was one of the smoothest activations yet. She noted that the volunteers coming in training and learning makes this process run smooth.

**7. Dewitt Polous – Mosquito Control Director**

Mr. Poulous had no action items for the Board. Chairman Jones thanked Mr. Polous for getting the trucks back on the road, noting everyone is aggravated with the mosquitos.

**8. Erik Lovstrand – Extension Office Director**

Mr. Moron noted that Mr. Lovstrand is attending a meeting at the university today. No action items.

**9. Whitney Roundtree – Library Director**

Mr. Moron noted that Ms. Whitney is not feeling well today. She had no action items for the Board.

**Other Reports**

**10. Ted Mosteller – Interim Airport Manager**

Chairman Jones thanked Mr. Mosteller for his thirty plus years of service. Commissioner Ward noted that since you have been there you have accomplished many things. Thanked him for his service. Commissioner Sanders thanked Mr. Mosteller for his years of service, time and effort and love for the airport. Commissioner Croom thanked Mr. Mosteller for his service. Commissioner Amison thanked Mr. Mosteller. He wanted to make one thing aware that Ted and I discussed. He noted that Mr. Mosteller is a wealth of knowledge out there. He noted that we have several board seats out there, and if he is feeling up for it, I think we should extend one of those seats to him. Commissioner Amison noted that would be completely up to him.

**Presentations/Updates/Requests**

## 11. Jon Creamer -- FWC Regional Director -- Bear Funding & Apalachicola Bay Update

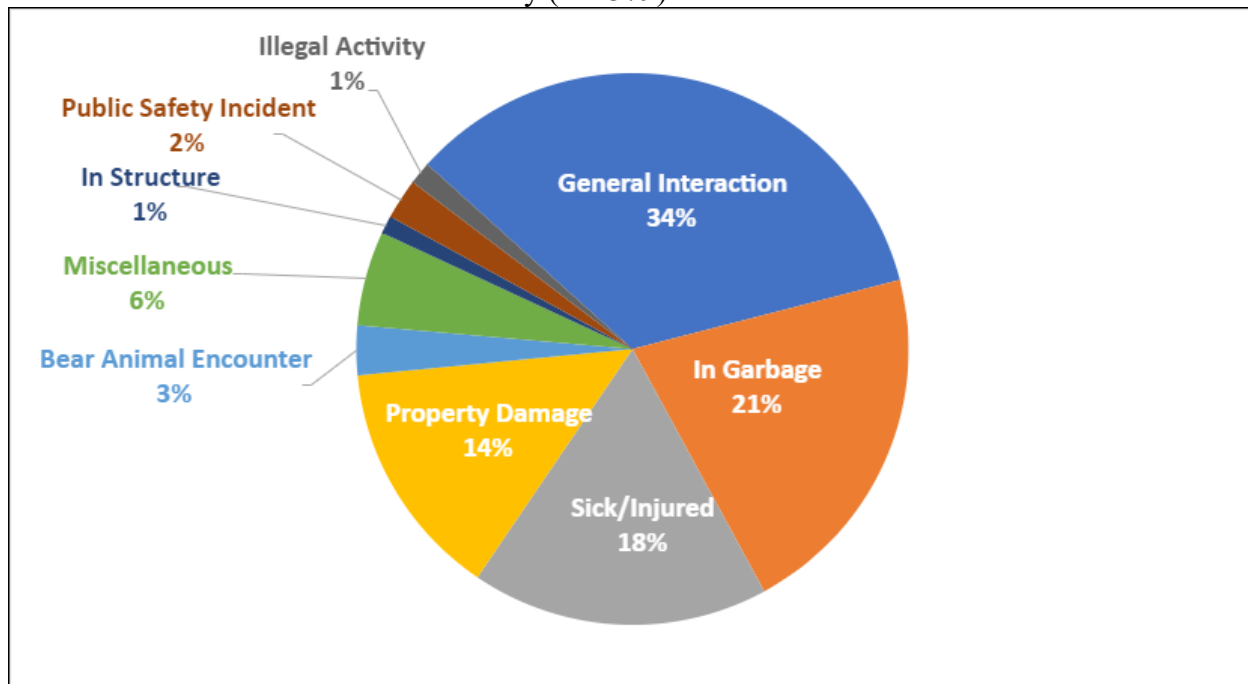
### Resolving Human-Bear Conflicts

- State and local governments, residents and businesses all have a role
- Trained Sheriff's Office deputies in conflict response and hazing
- Provided >\$26,000 for bear-resistant equipment (>1,400 kits)
- Spoke with 350 residents at festivals and civic group meetings each year

### Communications

- Met in-person with >2,000 people at festivals, events, and at meetings
- Spoke with 379 callers about bear issues
- Met with 87 people at their homes
- Posted on social media

### Bear-Related Calls from Franklin County (n = 379)



### 81 Trap Efforts = 47 Bears Captured

Fate of Captured Bears	Number	% of Captures
Relocated	38	81%
Released on site	6	13%
Taken in for rehabilitation	2	4%
Killed	1	2%

### Additional Actions

- Trained FCSO on human-bear conflict response
- Provided 260 kits to make regular trashcans bear-resistant
- Contracted USDA-WS to conduct night surveys of bears

- Hired and trained Franklin County resident as a Bear Response Contractor

Funding for Bear Resistant Trash Cans

- Florida Legislature provided \$683,500 for bear-resistant trashcans (BRCs)
- FWC experience with purchasing and deployment of BRCs
- Help with identifying priority conflict hotspots
- Two BRCs: Toter and Rehrig Pacific

Additional Funding to Secure Dumpsters

- FWC received \$40,000 to help with bear-resistant equipment
- Switch out plastic doors with steel doors OR
- Reinforced plastic lids with lock bar
- Clasps on sliding doors

Why so much focus on securing garbage?

<b>Types of Calls</b>	<b>% Change After Securing Garbage</b>
All Conflicts	-66%
In Garbage	-100%
Property Damage	-91%
In Yard	-70%
In Area	-63%
In Pet Area	-50%

Commissioner Sanders asked who the bear response representatives for the county were. Mr. Creamer noted that it is Joseph Johnson, then we have bear contractors in other counties who can respond. Commissioner Croom asked how could people get the bear kits? Call FWC, our law enforcement officers have the kits also. Commissioner Croom inquired about the increase in bear population. Mr. Creamer noted that it is growing by about 10-12% a year. Commissioner Croom asked if when the bear is relocated does the bear come back here? Mr. Creamer noted that it is a possibility. He noted that there are two relocation areas for Franklin County Bradwell Bay and Mud swamp. Chairman Jones inquired if there had been any mass shootings of bears since the new legislation passed. Mr. Creamer noted that there has not been. He noted that there had been a killing in one county, but not here and nothing on a mass scale. Mr. Creamer spoke regarding the bear resistant cans. Noted that we can start the process, know the areas that are prone to bear interactions, provide bear resistant cans, have mandatory pickup. He noted that just the deterrence mechanism will help with the bear activity. Commissioner Ward inquired about the cost of the cans. Mr. Creamer noted that he would defer to the individual contractors on this. Mike from Waste One noted that they run about \$240 each. He noted that about 340 cans come on a truck load. Noted they purchased the Rerig at the FWC recommendations. Chairman Jones noted that with the funds we have that we could order approximately 2000 cans. It was noted from FWC that we could strap the other cans. Commissioner Ward inquired if FWC plans to have a hunt in the future. Mr. Creamer noted that he has conveyed the concerns to the commission, however, he is not aware of what they may bring up in the future. Commissioner Sanders noted that they need a trapper for alligators at Alligator Point where the old KOA is. Noted there is about three of them, and they are saltwater alligators. Mr. Creamer noted that he will get with game management on this concern.

### Apalachicola Bay Oyster Restoration – Pilot Study

- Incidents of deployed rock exposed at lower tides at Pilot Study reefs
- Corrective action taken immediately
- Multiple mapping techniques
- Phase 1 – side-scan and down-scan from transom-mounted transducer
- Phase 2 – more robust side-scan from gunnel-mounted transducer, coupled with post-processing
- Contractor has increased effort to smooth out any high points discovered from mapping
- All restored sites will have sufficient navigational clearance

### Apalachicola Bay Oyster Fishery Management

- FWC continues to gather public feedback to inform oyster fishery management
- Continue to monitor and analyze biological data
- Most recent monitoring efforts have shown improvements where restoration has occurred.
- Decisions on future restoration and reopening of the Bay will be data informed as well as include public input.
- FWC will increase stakeholder engagement efforts in the coming months
- Also leverage the process of this Partnership's efforts
- Actively researching additional funding opportunities

Chairman Jones asked are we still moving towards some sort of commercial harvest of Apalachicola Bay. There have been no discussions of extending the closure. Chairman Jones asked why not put the larger rocks northside of the Apalachicola bridge. Commissioner Ward noted that a lot of concern the public has been these are fishing reefs. Commissioner Ward thanked them for coming noting that the transparency for the public is important. Three new positions secured which includes one for a permanent position for oysters in Eastpoint lab. Commissioner mentioned having a snippet in the newspaper with an update. We are internally exploring this idea. Commissioner Croom asked if they had held the town hall meetings. Mr. Resko noted they have not yet. A lot of our upper management have a lot on their plate. It is being transitioned from the back burner to the front burner. As soon as we get something organized, we will let the Board know. Commissioner Croom asked that they please notify the Board and Mr. Moron so that we can get this information out. Chairman Jones asked if they could add the verbiage to the advertisement that one or more of the Commissioners may be in attendance. Commissioner Sanders asked how long it will take once the rocks are down, that we know how soon the bay can open. Mr. Resko noted that our researchers are continuing monitoring the data. Right now, everything is on the table. There have been no concrete decisions made. We will be ramping up our internal and external discussions. Our goal is to enact a plan that is best for oysters and harvesters. Commissioner Amison said he is hearing that we are already getting spat material on the initial material put out. Mr. Resko said he is not sure how anyone would know that. He said it is certainly something he can pass along and see if they can take a look. It would not surprise me if there were early recruitment out there. Commissioner Amison noted that everyone we talked to said this is going to be tongible material. Mr. Charlie spoke to the enforcement of poaching noting that bay closure in 2020. Since that time, we have completed 3,488 patrols in the bay. We have cited 31 different oyster violations during that time. We are required to do 48 annually. We do far more than that. We are getting in 872 patrols a year. We are going as hard as we can. We are going to continue our efforts.



**12. Willie Tolliver -- Community Moving Education Inc. -- Funding Request**

Mr. Willie Tolliver and Ms. Valentina Webb presented the funding request to the Board. Commissioner Ward asked if this was included in the proposed budget. Mrs. Griffith noted that she did include \$48,000. She noted that the Board does not support any other youth programs throughout the county. We do not give any funding to the Nest or Matchbox. Not sure if you want to do some type of consolidated funding. Ms. Webb noted that no other agency has come before you and asked for help this year. Youth are an investment to this community. We are giving the kids a skill set, how to sew, how to cook. The interns are developing a skill set. Chairman Jones noted that we have given money to the Matchbox before. We had Mr. Speed come and ask and we have given thousands of dollars. Commissioner Ward said if any other organization comes before us, I believe we would help them. Commissioner Sanders asked what the summer arts covers. Dance, painting, West African drumming, culinary arts, photography, gardening, baking, and sewing. Commissioner Sanders asked how many participants they had in 2021. I believe 42. In 2022 and 2023, how many six and above? Mr. Tolliver noted that he will have to get these numbers. He noted in 2022 and 2023, the funding required that the students provide their social security numbers. Now that we are not getting Career Source funding, we are not required to get social security numbers. Commissioner Croom said based on observations the range of beneficial opportunities that you provide to build success, expand to eastern parts of the county. Strongly support you all and to ensure the program is successful for our county. Commissioner Amison echoed the other commissioners' comments. My question is more of an Erin or Michael question, will this be repeat funding if we put this on the budget? Mr. Moron noted that more than likely we would put this under Parks and Recreations. Mrs. Griffith noted that this would be put under the non-governmental section under not for profit. Mr. Tolliver noted that it costs about \$40,000 to run the program this year. He noted that the funds were raised and paid for by private funds. Mr. Tolliver noted that the vision is to have a building and expand the program. Mr. Moron noted that you may want to just confirm your support and decide on the amount at the next meeting. Commissioner Croom tentatively approved, with an amount to be determined of up to \$48,000.00.

**13. Susan Gage -- Early Learning Coalition -- Funding Request**

Ms. Gage presented the funding request to the Board. Commissioner Ward tentatively approved.

**RFP/RFQ/Bid Opening**

**14. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING SERVICES**

*Item addressed earlier in the meeting.*

**15. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL SERVICES**

*Item addressed earlier in the meeting.*

**County Staff & Attorney Reports**

**16. Erin Griffith – Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator**

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**1. BOARD ACTION: LANARK EMS STATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AWARD AGREEMENT & PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR**

## **CONSTRUCTION BIDS**

Franklin County has received the attached memorandum of understanding for the Lanark EMS Station from the Florida Department of Health. \$600,000 in construction funding was approved as a 2024-line-item legislative appropriation in the state budget. The county would like to extend a special thanks to State Representative Jason Shoaf and State Senator Corey Simon for their efforts at the state level to make this project a reality. The preliminary construction design documents are attached to this report.

**A.** Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached memorandum of understanding for the Lanark EMS Station Project.

**B.** Board action to also approve advertising for construction bids for the Lanark EMS Station upon receipt of the fully executed MOU back from the Florida Department of Health.

**On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Amison and Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the attached memorandum of understanding for the Lanark EMS Station Project and advertising for construction bids for the Lanark EMS Station upon receipt of the fully executed MOU back from the Florida Department of Health Motion carried 5-0.**

## **2. BOARD ACTION: MARITIME MUSEUM PROJECT – CONTRACT AMENDMENTS**

At the last meeting, contract extensions were approved for most of the vendors for the Maritime Museum Project. At that time, it was noted that there was an additional proposed contract amendment with a scope change pending approval from the Division of Historic Preservation. The State has since approved the amendment with Forgotten Coast TV to extend the contract expiration to September 30<sup>th</sup> and the scope will now include the creation of six re-enactment videos for an additional \$15,000.

**A.** Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the time extension and scope change contract amendment for Forgotten Coast TV for the TDC's Maritime Museum Project.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the time extension and scope change contract amendment for Forgotten Coast TV for the TDC's Maritime Museum Project. Motion carried 5-0.**

To effectively accommodate the additional design and technical digital work to display the content, videography, and photography for the museum exhibits, it will cost an additional \$5,000 for vendor Coastal E. Solutions to incorporate the content onto the museum's webpage.

**B.** Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign amendment #2 with Coastal E. Solutions LLC for an additional \$5,000 to complete the additional work.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign amendment #2 with Coastal E. Solutions LLC for an additional \$5,000 to complete the additional work. Commissioner Ward asked if this funding comes from TDC. Mrs. Griffith noted that the Museum Restoration Project is paying for the bulk of the project. Motion carried 5-0.**

### **3. BOARD ACTION: SHERIFF'S JAIL SECURITY UPGRADES PHASE II**

In September and October of 2023, the Sheriff's Department received approval to move forward with the Phase I security system upgrades at the county jail. Phase II was discussed but not formally approved at that time. The Sheriff's Department believed the Phase II conceptual upgrade had been included in the original motion and proceeded with the installation.

Board action to grant retroactive approval for Phase II and authorize payment of the Redwire invoices totaling \$22,240.64 for the Phase II security improvements at the Franklin County Jail to be paid by jail maintenance funds.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board granted retroactive approval for Phase II and authorize payment of the Redwire invoices totaling \$22,240.64 for the Phase II security improvements at the Franklin County Jail to be paid by jail maintenance funds. Motion carried 5-0.**

### **4. BOARD ACTION: SHERIFF'S EMERGENCY REPAIR REQUEST JAIL SECURITY FENCE**

At the Budget Workshop, the Sheriff's Department submitted the attached quotes to address security issues which became apparent after the recent escape. Vendor Redwire's quote will add CCTV security cameras to the rear of the jail for \$9,133.02. The quote from Signet Fencing is for \$25,579.78 in fence materials to replace the aged and damaged security fencing around the rear of the jail. Board action to approve the \$9,133.02 quote from Redwire for the CCTV security cameras and approve up to \$25,000 for the direct purchase of fencing materials per the lowest priced quote once three written quotes are received, both expenses to be paid by jail maintenance funds.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the \$9,133.02 quote from Redwire for the CCTV security cameras and approve up to \$25,000 for the direct purchase of fencing materials per the lowest priced quote once three written quotes are received, both expenses to be paid by jail maintenance funds. Motion carried 5-0.**

### **5. SCOP HICKORY DIP: NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION AWARD PIGOTT / CEI CONTRACT SOUTHEASTERN**

At the last meeting, construction bids were opened for the SCOP Hickory Dip Road Widening and Resurfacing Project. The low bid of \$517,865.20 from Pigott Asphalt was reviewed and deemed to be complete by the engineers. This project will widen .372 miles of the existing roadway from Hickory Dip Road at Old Ferry Dock to North Bayshore Drive, improve drainage, upgrade pavement markings and signage. Drainage improvements will also include the extension / replacement / correction of the dual 36" cross drains at Indian Creek.

A. Board action to issue the notice of award to the low bidder, Pigott Asphalt, and authorize the chairman to sign the contract documents once available for the SCOP Hickory Dip Construction Project.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board issued the notice of award to the low bidder, Pigott Asphalt, and authorize the chairman to sign the contract documents once available for**

**the SCOP Hickory Dip Construction Project. Motion carried 5-0.**

At the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, the Board accepted the ranking of the review committee and authorized staff to begin negotiations with the highest ranked firm, Southeastern Consulting and Engineering for the construction, engineering, and inspection services for the Hickory Dip Road Project. The low bid for the construction costs was more than what the county had originally estimated, however, Southeastern Engineers have agreed to lower their initial proposed fee to \$47,592 for the CEI to fit within the grant award.

B. Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached CEI contract with Southeastern Consulting Engineers.

**On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the attached CEI contract with Southeastern Consulting Engineers. Motion carried 5-0.**

**6. BOARD ACTION: TRIUMPH NO-COST CHANGE ORDER AIRPORT FUEL FARM PROJECT**

The airport fuel farm project is coming along, unfortunately, there have been some unanticipated delays relative to the delivery of the fuel tanks for the project. The attached no-cost time extension will extend the project completion date for contractor MDM to November 11, 2024, due to material delays and has been recommended by AVCON, the engineers for the project. Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached no-cost time extension for the Triumph Fuel Farm Project.

**On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the attached no-cost time extension for the Triumph Fuel Farm Project. Motion carried 5-0.**

**7. BOARD INFORMATION: COUNTY BUDGET UPDATE**

The budget workshop was held on Thursday, July 25th. The proposed millage rate (5.4546 mills) that appears on the TRIM notice will be the maximum rate for the upcoming fiscal year barring rare circumstances. The 2024 taxable value as certified by the Franklin County Property Appraiser increased by approximately 13.91% over the prior year. In the current budget, the millage rate of 5.4707 generated \$16,628,246. In the upcoming budget, the preliminary millage rate of 5.4546 will generate \$18,885,873. The updated budget recap with the summarized increases and decreases is attached to this report for reference.

**8. BOARD INFORMATION: RESTORE COUNTY-WIDE DUNE RESTORATION PROJECT LICENSING AGREEMENTS FOR PLANTING EFFORTS HAVE GONE OUT IN THE MAIL – PLEASE ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION FROM BEACHFRONT PROPERTY OWNERS**

Engineers have now mailed the 18-month licensing agreements to beach front property owners along 11-miles of public beach areas for the County-Wide Dune Restoration Project. Included along with the licensing agreement was a letter explaining the project and an illustration of the typical planting profile (sample of letter and licensing agreement is attached). The designated planting zone is expected to occupy a maximum of ten feet of cross-shore width within the existing dune system. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2025, prior to the commencement

of sea turtle nesting season (May 1st). The contractor will access the project area through existing public beach access points and traverse along the beach to reach the designated planting zone on beachfront property owners' lots. In some instances, access limitations may require the contractor to briefly cross a property from the upland side. To grant the temporary access, the execution of a temporary construction access easement is required. The attached licensing agreement outlines the terms and conditions of access. The agreement must be signed by the property owner for the property to be included in the dune vegetation planting initiative. The easement will expire in eighteen months following the issuance of the project's Notice to Proceed. The licensing agreements must be executed and received by the coastal engineers by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, for a property to be included in the project and the plants will be provided and installed at no cost to the property owner. Just wanted to mention this again in a public setting to encourage participation from beachfront property community by providing additional protection during future storm events. Owners as shoreline stabilization will benefit not only their property but also the entire community by providing additional protection during future storm events.

**9. BOARD ACTION: TIME EXTENSION AMENDMENT TWO CDBG-DR GENERATORS GRANT**

The county has received the attached time-extension amendment from the Florida Department of Commerce for the CDBG-DR Disaster Generators Grant. This amendment will change the grant expiration date to September 30, 2025. This project has been delayed as FEMA has not yet approved the specifications, cost increases and scope variations that were received back when the county went to bid to allow for award.

Board action to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the attached time extension amendment.

Chairman Jones called for public comments and there were none.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the attached time extension amendment.** Chairman Jones called for public comments and there were none. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**10. BOARD ACTION: APPROVE ISSUANCE OF MANUAL CHECK FOR LANARK/ST. JAMES GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY**

Unfortunately, I missed getting an invoice over to the finance department for inclusion of the attached invoice from Acentria Insurance for the Lanark/St. James VFD general liability insurance policy.

Board action to authorize a manual check to Acentria Insurance in the amount of \$1,162.01 for the first annual installment of the policy premium.

Chairman Jones called for public comments and there were none.

**On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the Chairman to sign the attached time extension amendment. Motion carried 5-0.**

Mrs. Griffith noted that the Mechanic 2 position has been sent up to Evergreen. Commissioner Ward noted that she has looked at every road in her district to see what needs to be repaired. She noted she got sticker shock. She wants to sit down and look at what grants we could get for some of these roads. Noted that she would like to get with Mrs. Griffith and Justin to discuss. Commissioner Croom asked if we put a line item for street lighting in our budget. Mrs. Griffith noted that it is actually going to be part of the existing utilities line item. Plans to split that out in

the new fiscal year.

**17. Michael Morón – County Coordinator**

**1. Action Item: 2326 Hwy 98 E – Dock Application**

As part of the Planning and Zoning Adjustment Board report at your June 18, 2024, regular meeting, there was a request to construct a 200' x 4' access dock and a 10' x 16' terminus. The Board tabled this request for additional information. Specifically, was there power at this location, is this a request for a boat lift or a boat slip, and if there was a permit for a house on the same property. As per the County's Zoning Ordinance, docks are exempted and do not require a permit for a primary structure, such as a house, before receiving a permit. Mr. Steve Paterson (Building Official) stated that there is a power pole on the property, however there is no meter on the pole, therefore, there is no power at this time. Mr. Paterson also stated that the request on the application calls for a two boat slips. With that information, how would the Board like to proceed? Board discussion and possible action regarding the request for an access dock and terminus at 2326 Highway 98 E, Lanark Village.

**On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the request for an access dock and terminus at 2326 Highway 98 E, Lanark Village.** Commissioner Amison inquired as to what would prevent Duke from connecting power. Mr. Moron noted the county building official should place an inspection sticker on the power pole before Duke Energy energizes the pole. Chairman Jones asked if we could move forward with more than just adding a sticker. Mr. Moron noted that there is also electronic communication and notification between the agencies. Commissioner Sanders noted that if Mr. Paterson goes out and they are installing a lift, a stop work order should be issued. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**2. Action Item: HVAC @ Willoughby R. Marks American Legion Hall**

On July 2nd, pursuant to an emergency repair request from the Supervisor of Elections for the AC unit at the Willoughby R. Marks American Legion Hall Post 106 Polling Location, the Board approved the low quote from Gunn Heating and Air for a new unit at the location.

As the Legion Hall serves as a permanent polling location, the Board will pay for the AC unit directly and will keep track of the exterior unit as part of county inventory with the Supervisor of Election's Office until the location is no longer used. This is simply a procedural change from what was previously approved as the county will not pay the vendor directly and maintain the unit on inventory. Board action to approve payment to Gunn Heating and Air for the AC unit at the Post 106 polling location.

**On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved payment to Gunn Heating and Air for the AC unit at the Post 106 polling location. Motion carried 5-0.**

**3. Action Item: Community Action Agency Agreement – Chapman Building**

Attached is the final draft of the agreement, as reviewed and edited by Attorney Shuler, between Franklin County and Capital Area Community Action Agency, Inc., for the use of the bottom floor of the Chapman Building for their Head Start Program. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the agreement as presented.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the Chairman's signature on the agreement as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

4. Action Item: Airport Apron Rehab Project

Bid documents for the Apron Rehabilitation – Phase 2 project were finalized and are ready for public advertisement. This project will replace the failed pavement between the east apron and the FBO hangar and continue the apron rehabilitation work around the bend and down towards the t-hangars. The available construction budget is \$660,760 and the bid documents are set up into 4 separate alternates, so we can award as much as we can under the grant amount. Attached is an email that includes a Release for Bid Drawings link and a proposed schedule. If the schedule is approved today, Mr. John Collins (AVCON) will proceed with preparing the newspaper advertisement. Board action to approve the project schedule as presented for the Apron Rehabilitation – Phase 2 project.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the project schedule as presented for the Apron Rehabilitation Phase 2 project. Motion carried 5-0.**

5. Action Item: Airport FDOT PTGA

Attached is the FDOT Public Transportation Grant Agreement and authorizing resolution for the 10% match for the Obstruction Removal – Phase 2 project that the FAA will provide their 90% grant for in a couple of weeks. The FAA is providing \$422,573 and today the FDOT is providing \$46,957 for a project total of \$469,530. Once the FAA grant is issued, Mr. John Collins (AVCON) will prepare a change order with Collins Land Service to add the additional alternates. If needed, Mr. Collins could send a map indicating where this work will be done. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the PTGA and the authorizing resolution for the Obstruction Removal – Phase 2 project.

**On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the Chairman's signature on the PTGA and the authorizing resolution for the Obstruction Removal-Phase 2 project. Motion carried 5-0.**

6. Action Item: County Credit Card Policy

Attached are three documents, submitted by the Clerk, for your review and approval based on Commissioner Croom's request for credit cards when Commissioners are traveling on behalf of the County. The documents are a County Credit Card Policy, a County Credit Card Affidavit of Missing Detailed Receipt, and a County Credit Card Policy Cardholder Agreement. If approved today, the Clerk's Finance Office will order a credit card for each Commissioner with your name on the card. Board action to approve the County credit card policy, affidavit, and agreement as submitted by the Clerk.

**On a motion by Commissioner Croom, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the County credit card policy, affidavit, and agreement as submitted by the Clerk.** Commissioner Croom inquired as to the history of the credit card policy. Mrs. Griffith explained the history and noted the policy has not

been updated for at least the past five years. The policy in place did not satisfy the recommendations and requirements from the auditors. **Motion carried 5-0.**

7. Action Item: Florida Broadband Summit

The 2024 Florida Broadband Summit is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> in Orlando. The State Office of Broadband has agreed to cover the cost, registration, and hotel, for one person from each County's LTPT. The County will be responsible for travel and meals. Mrs. Cortni Bankston will attend on behalf of Franklin County. Board action to authorize travel and meals expenses for Mrs. Bankston as she represents Franklin County's LTPT at the 2024 Florida Broadband Summit in Orlando.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner , and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized travel and meal expenses for Mrs. Bankston as she represents Franklin County's LTPT at the 2024 Florida Broadband Summit in Orlando. Motion carried 5-0.**

8. Discussion Item: County Maintenance Dredging Program

Based on Chairman Jones and Commissioner Ward's previous statements regarding the Eastpoint Dredge, I added this item to my report for Board discussion.

Chairman Jones noted that we need DEP permit for maintenance dredging. Biggest issue is that it has been about four decades since it has been dredged, according to Florida statute we can use up to 70% to improve estuarine, waterways, etc. from TDC funding. We could then hire a contractor and obtain a maintenance permit. Commissioner Sanders said she agrees with it. Commissioner Amison noted that the more traffic you can get in the channel the better for it. Commissioner Sanders noted that what we do not want to do is get bogged down in the permitting process. Anything we can do to streamline that will be good.

9. Informational Item: Compliance Public Portal

Based on recent Board discussions, changes were made to the Compliance public portal to provide additional information on reported violations. The Compliance public portal, along with the Zoning/Variance public portal can be accessed on the County's website (<https://www.franklincountyflorida.com/compliance-zoning-portals/>). If anyone has issues with accessing any of these portals or information contained within the application, contact Mrs. Cortni Bankston at (850) 653-5337 or at [cortnib@franklincountyflorida.gov](mailto:cortnib@franklincountyflorida.gov).

10. Informational Item: Ethics Class

Mrs. Cortni Bankston registered you for this year's FAC Ethics Class. As a reminder, this class must be completed on or before December 31, 2024. Contact Mrs. Bankston if you have any issues regarding the class.

11. Informational Item: EPVFD MSBU Increase

Fire Chief George Pruitt, of the Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department would like to appear at a future meeting to discuss an increase to the Eastpoint MSBU for the volunteer fire department. I will recommend to Chief Pruitt that he contacts each you to discuss this request prior to appearing before the Board.



12. Informational Item: ARPC RRTP TAC Project Submission

Mr. John Berry serves as the County's representative on the Regional Rural Transportation Plan (RRTP) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). After conferring with each Commissioner, Mr. Berry submitted the attached projects. Contact Mr. Berry if you have any questions regarding the list of projects.

Mr. Moron informed the Board that Mr. Berry will be asking the Board to come up with more projects looking out twenty years. He will be touching base with them in the next few days to come up with ideas.

13. Informational Item: Armory Project

About two weeks ago, Mr. Mark Curenton and Ms. Kim Raffield met with Mr. John Jackson, Construction Administrator for GRC Architects, regarding Fort Coombs Armory Phase 2 Renovations project. Based on the discussed timeline, the Armory will be closed to any activity or reservations from May 2025 to May 2026. You will receive a copy of the timeline once it is available.

14. Informational Item: FAC Calendar Contest

Attached to my report is the FAC 2024 – 2025 Calendar Contest notification. As done in the past, this information was forwarded to Mr. John Solomon as TDC submits a picture on the County's behalf. The attached picture, from Mr. Solomon, will be submitted on behalf of Franklin County.

15. Informational Item: Next Meeting Date

Your next regular meeting date is scheduled on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. (ET).

18. **Michael Shuler – County Attorney**

1. Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Franklin County's Support for Fresenius Kidney Care Center

The MOU with Gulf County is attached. It is a five-year commitment to pay \$14,500.00 per year for five fiscal years to Gulf County to support the kidney care services provided by Fresenius Medical Care Holding, Inc. See pages 4-11 for attachment. Board Action Requested: Board approval of the MOU.

**On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the MOU with Gulf County for the Fresenius Kidney Care Center. Motion carried 5-0.**

2. The Planning Collaborative -Allara Mills Gutcher

Last month, the Board authorized me to contact Ms. Gutcher regarding the provision of limited planning services to Franklin County. The estimated cost for two items is estimated to be \$26,190.00: to wit: (1) review and report on development application of The Landings at St. George Island and (2) possible update to the zoning code with a PUD revision 1, and evaluation ordinance. See pages 12-14 for attachment. Board Action Requested: Board approval of the proposal from The Planning Collaborative.

**On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the Planning Collaborative as stated above. Motion carried 5-0.**

3. Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) Planning Services Contract

The contract for ARPC to provide planning services as an outside contractor to replace Mr. Curenton is attached. Mr. Curenton approved the scope of services. The annual cost of the planning services to be provided by ARPC is \$80,000.00. The contract began July 1, 2024, due to Mr. Curenton's unexpected retirement, and expires on June 30, 2025. It will automatically renew annually. Either party can terminate the agreement by providing 30 days written notice. ARPC requested a limited hold harmless provision up to \$80,000.00 in the event that they are named as a party in any lawsuit concerning the planning services that they are providing to the county. The contract provides that each party shall pay its own attorney fees and costs. See pages 15-20 for attachment. Board Action Recommended: Board approval of the ARPC contract to provide planning services.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the ARPC contract to provide planning services. Motion carried 5-0.**

4. Barnacle Parking Enforcement (BFE) Contract

Subsequent to the adoption of the county-wide parking ordinance last month, I took up the matter of the Barnacle Parking Enforcement contract. This is the proposal for the enforcement of parking ordinance violations via a windshield obstruction that you heard several months ago. As presently written, I recommend rejection of the proposed contract due to the following provisions:

- a. Unlimited indemnification of BFE by Franklin County. See red line pages 21, 22, 23 and 24.
- b. Attorney fee provisions. See redline page 23.

See pages 21-29 for attachment. A redline (p.21-25) and a clean version (p.26-29) of the contract are attached. Board Action Requested: Board rejection of Barnacle contract as written.

Attorney Shuler noted that in addition the contract provided for the county to provide insurance, and name BFE as additional insured on the county's policy.

**On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board rejected the Barnacle contract as written.** Commissioner Ward said she would ask that Attorney Shuler continue to pursue this and figure out a way to come to an agreement. Attorney Shuler agreed that he would continue to negotiate with them. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Additional Item: Land Swap**

1. Requesting Board to authorize advertisement of land swap – FC and Duke Energy, lot next door to communication tower, property just on other side of ABC School.

**On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Croom to authorize advertisement regarding the Franklin County and Duke Energy land swap as noted above. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Additional Item: St. James Lanark Fire Department Internal Governance Concern**

2. Notifying the Board there appears to be some internal governance issues with St. James Lanark fire department. Possibly get Board direction to appoint myself or Mr. Moron to meet with them and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Sanders said she thinks the united fire fighters may need to step in there. She said it disappoints her after all the Board has done. **On a motion by Commissioner Amison and seconded by Commissioner Croom to direct Attorney Shuler and Mr. Moron to meet with them and report back to the board. Motion carried 5-0.**

Discussion Items:

#### 5. Travel Trailer Draft Ordinance

A draft ordinance is attached for the purpose of discussion and guidance from the Board. The last date of the draft is August 1, 2024. See pages 30-41 for attachment.

Chairman Jones said one issue he has is where there is one parcel but there are multiple RVs on it. There needs to be some language in there to cover this and allow for staff to address these issues. There are places that have more than one RV already. We need to have a discussion as to how to handle this. Commissioner Amison said you are saying there is more than one, are they hooked up properly as far as capacity? Chairman Jones said he does not know. He noted that Eastpoint Water and Sewer has no enforcement capability according to their charter. If they have multiple connections, we cannot do anything about it. There is not anything in here, and we need to have the discussion before passing the ordinance. Nothing in the ordinance addresses multiple RVs on lots. Commissioner Sanders noted that if we are going to pass an ordinance, we need to cover everything to do with it. Attorney Shuler noted that those situations have been illegal since 1982. He would not suggest to the Board to somehow make them legal uses at this point. The draft presented does have a homeowners incentive savings plan. Other than that, limited up to a two-year period, that would be the only provision that would allow someone to live in a travel trailer. Does the board want to have some requirements for screening from the road? Does the board think that making someone show them proof of how much they are saving? The scenario Chairman Jones is describing has been illegal for the past 42 years. He noted that it is a tough situation. I do not know that there is a universal answer. Commissioner Ward noted that there are people in her district who have always lived in a RV. Even though this policy has been in place since 1982 it has not been enforced. This causes an issue for all of us. Commissioner Ward inquired about the permit required for the seven-day visit. Mr. Moron suggested just doing seven days and if they stay a shorter period of time they are covered. Commissioner Ward asked if we need to add a provision as to how many times a property owner can extend their building permit? Attorney Shuler noted that he will clarify with the building official. Commissioner Amison said he was looking at this to weed out the campers, like phase it out. Commissioner Sanders said she was thinking of grandfathering in. Commissioner Amison said giving two years is not going to get people on their feet. He thinks the best thing to do would be to use the grandfather provision. He saw some other things, like make it road ready, current tag, quick connect. The people that are actually trying to make it legitimate and right, are going to come in and get it straight. We are definitely going to need the special exception especially if we do not use the grandfathering in. Commissioner Sanders said there are some people who if they could, they would do better. Commissioner Amison said we can help the sheriff clean things up. Chairman Jones said he believes the special exception rule will work better. Commissioner Ward said I know at some point we were talking about making a county RV park, but I do not think that is a good idea. Attorney Shuler said he would like to work on the special exception rule. Noting there is a flip side to that, he said he had looked at possibly an overlay district also. But it does not address the issue of homelessness. Chairman Jones said with all that being said, we already have a current ordinance in place, what is causing it not to be enforced. Attorney Shuler noted that the issue is

the 7–14-day period, when does it start and end. Chairman Jones asked if the Board could consider an emergency ordinance to stiffen up the penalty. Commissioner Amison said by enforcing the policy in place, you are going to cause a bigger homeless problem. Commissioner Ward noted that we are at a disadvantaged because this has not been enforced. Attorney Shuler noted that the 1982 ordinance, the sheriff did not want to enforce it because the penalty was not stiff enough. Commissioner Amison noted that there is no leniency in the 1982 policy. He noted this policy would 100% create a homeless issue. If you grandfather in it would be a lot less than 100. Mr. Moron noted that we cannot create a policy to allow for two+ RVs on a parcel of land. Chairman Jones – suggested giving a grace period such as six months to remedy the issues. Commissioner Sanders noted that there have been many things that have caused this issue, one being the closure of the bay. The Board agreed to delay discussion until county staff has a chance to speak with Justin with ARPC. Mr. Moron suggested Commissioner Ward meeting with him since the majority of the issue is in her district.

#### 6. Tyndall Air Force Base License Agreement

The license agreement is for the purpose of allowing Tyndall Air Force Base to place a faux missile launch target at the airport. The fully signed license agreement is attached. See pages 42-55 for attachment.

Commissioner Ward noted that she was contacted by someone in Chairman Jones’s district about a house they felt needed to be mitigated. She noted that she did not believe that we needed an ordinance to deal with dilapidated homes. She noted that the home does cause an issue for surrounding homeowners. She asked Attorney Shuler if she is correct in saying an ordinance is not necessary. Attorney Shuler noted that the legal theory that was used during determining the home in Commissioner Ward’s district after Hurricane Michael was that it was determined to be a health issue and nuisance which caused a public health hazard. Attorney Shuler noted that the house in Chairman Jones district you are referring to according to county staff does not meet the health hazard and public nuisance standards. Until the facts change, we are stuck.

#### Commissioners' Comments

There were no further comments.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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**Ricky Jones – Chairman**

**Attest:**

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**Michele Maxwell – Clerk of Courts**

The audio is available upon request. Please e-mail [jgay@franklinclerk.com](mailto:jgay@franklinclerk.com), call 850-653-8861 to speak with the Administrative Assistant, or submit a request in writing to obtain audio of this meeting.