

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024
9:00 AM
MINUTES**

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

Others Present: Michele Maxwell-Clerk of Court, Michael Shuler-County Attorney, Michael Moron-County Coordinator, Erin Griffith-Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator, and Jessica Gay-Clerk to the Board

Call to Order

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Croom led the Board in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Griffith noted that she needed to add an item: Board Action: Donation of Road Department Old Mowers to Franklin CI.

Attorney Shuler noted that he has an item to add: Board Action: Ambulance Funding MOU Amendment with the City of Apalachicola and City of Carrabelle .

On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the agenda with the additions as noted above. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes and Payment of County Bills

- 1. County Bill List for Payment**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the County Bill List for Payment and Approval of Minutes from the September 3, 2024, Regular Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments

Mr. Randy Pridgeon spoke to the Board as a newly elected county commissioner of Gulf County. He would like to begin some partnership with the Board. He noted that Gulf and Franklin County have some similar issues that we could partner with for solutions. Noted that they had a collaborative fire department training with Franklin County in the past couple of weeks. He

knows that they have the same issue of a lot of the volunteers aging out.

Constitutional Officers

3. Michele Maxwell - Clerk of Court

a. Board Information/Non-Action: Unclaimed Funds

Clerk Maxwell noted that this was originally listed as an action item. However, it is an informational item. She noted that she does not need a motion from the Board.

b. Board Action: Disposal of Records

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the request for Disposal of Records. Chairman Jones asked would we be looking at destruction of additional records also. Clerk Maxwell noted that yes, during the fall, we will be working to clean up some of the records in the jail. Clerk Maxwell noted that all records to be destroyed will have met their retention.

Motion carried 5-0.

c. Board Information: 2025 Holiday Calendar

Chairman Jones noted that there are other federal holidays that are not listed on Clerk Maxwell's list. Chairman Jones noted that we need to have a similar schedule for the county offices. He noted that it would be better to have a list approved in advance. Clerk Maxwell noted that Juneteenth is not a holiday recognized by the Supreme Court and the Court approves all closures of the Clerk's office.

Department Directors Reports

4. Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director

Board Information: Waste Management Disposal (CPI-WST) In our agreement with Waste Management a price adjustment has been calculated on the average change in the Consumer Price Index-(water, sewer, trash) in the recent 12-month period resulting in an increase of 5.19% and the current disposal rate increase to \$32.09/ton effective October 1, 2024. Please find the attached letter from Waste Management Disposal.

Board Action: RICHARDS FREIGHT AGREEMENT: The current agreement between Franklin County and Richards Freight is set to expire in October. I am requesting direction from the Board on renegotiating or going out for bids on transporting household trash containers to Waste Management Springhill Landfill. **ACTION REQUESTED:** Board determination for renegotiating or seeking new bids on hauling household trash containers to Springhill.

Chairman Jones inquired as to how long we have had this contract. Mr. Davis noted that we have had this for five years. He noted that rates have not gone up. Chairman Jones noted that he is okay with renegotiating with them. Commissioner Croom asked if Mr. Davis is satisfied with their services. Mr. Davis said he is, however, with the CPI going up and renegotiating with them, we need to be aware that we may need to increase tipping fees. **On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized Mr. Davis to begin negotiating a renewal with Richards Freight.**

Attorney Shuler noted that negotiations would need to begin now. Commissioner Sanders noted that we need to make sure that we increase our fees accordingly. Commissioner Amison noted that we need to get a crusher and put the ground up concrete in the bay. Commissioner Sanders asked if there is machinery that crushed concrete. However, she noted that the issue would be rebar. Mr. Davis noted that most of our concrete is clean. Mr. Davis noted that he checked with Mr. Crowder, and he quoted around \$100k for the pile he had at the time. Commissioner Amison said he thinks Timmy Butler has a metal or concrete miller. Chairman Jones noted that he believes Jason White has one also. Mr. Davis noted that he has reached out to him as well. **Motion carried 5-0.**

5. Whitney Roundtree – Library Director

Action Items:

1) Permission to close the libraries November 18th , 2024 for the Wilderness Coast Library System’s Staff Development Day at the Wakulla County Public Library.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved closure of the libraries on November 18th , 2024 for the Wilderness Coast Library System’s Staff Development Day at the Wakulla County Public Library. Motion carried 5-0.

2) Requesting signatures for this year’s Florida State Aid to Libraries grant application.

Item tabled to a later time.

Other Reports

6. John Solomon – TDC Administrator

Mr. Solomon recognized Mrs. Tana Kendrick with 2K Web Group, Mr. Royce Rolstad with Forgotten Coast TV, and Mrs. Cindy Clark with Bay Media. Mr. Solomon noted that the Franklin County Tourist Development Council (TDC) brought back two VISIT FLORIDA Marketing Awards from the VISIT FLORIDA Governor’s Conference held in Tampa, August 28-30. The Franklin County TDC was awarded a silver Flagler award for its direct marketing campaign featuring the TDC’s e-newsletter and a Bronze Flagler for print advertising. The TDC e-newsletter, which reaches a nationwide audience of more than 110,000 each month, was recognized for its coverage of area events and activities. The print ad was recognized for its effective design and messaging to the Canadian travel audience in Dreamscapes Magazine. The Apalachicola Bay Chamber also brought home a Silver Flagler Award for its 2023 Butts-N-Clucks event promotion that brought the nationally recognized Food Network Channel to Apalachicola and many visitors to the area during January when tourism numbers are traditionally low. Mr. Solomon noted this is the tenth Flagler award we have brought back to Franklin County. Commissioner Sanders said she appreciates the work that the team puts into it. Mr. Solomon noted that it is the teamwork. Commissioner Ward congratulated them on a job well done. Thanked them for everything they do for the county. As Commissioner Lockley would say, ‘stop bringing these people to the county’. However, that is your job, and you all are doing it well. Mr. Solomon noted the awards are hard to obtain. Judges all over the country are judging these submissions. He noted that the projects include an essay that has to be written about the project and the cost. It is a big accomplishment for the county. Mr. Rolstad said John is always praising us, but he is the leader of the ship. I wanted to

give him a little thanks because he is always thanking us. I want to thank you all for allowing us to promote our area. People know who we are, they want to talk to us. The question we always get is how our team of four people can do what we do. Mr. Rolstad thanked Mr. Solomon for his leadership of the TDC. Chairman Jones said it is a lot of work, a lot of people do not know what it takes. Commissioner Amison congratulated them as well. Commissioner Croom noted that the team is doing a great job, keep up the great work.

Action Items:

1. The TDC Board has approved the attached recommendations for the Small Event, Large Event and Museum Grants for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year for Approval.

Small Event - \$2,000 Promotion Grant:

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| Apalachicola Historical Society (5) | Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce (1) |
| Bay Area Choral Society (2) | Camp Gordon Johnston Association, Inc. (7) |
| Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce (2) | Carrabelle Cares dba Carrabelle History Museum (3) |
| Carrabelle Lighthouse Association (8) | Eastpoint Civic Association (1) |
| Eastpoint Fire Department (1) | Bring Me A Book Forgotten Coast (1) |
| FC Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Bday Celebration (1) | Franklin County AOED (1) |
| Franklin County Needs (1) | Friends of Franklin County Libraries (4) |
| Friends of the Reserve (1) | FSU Coastal and Marine Laboratory (1) |
| Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts (1) | Panhandle Players of the Forgotten Coast, LLC (4) |
| SGI Business Association (4) | SG Lighthouse Association (1) |

Large Event - \$3,500 Major Two Day Event Promotion:

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| Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition (1) | Mystic Crew of Salty Barkers (1) |
| North Florida African-America Corridor Project (1) | Hillside Coalition of Laborers for Apalachicola (HCA) (1) |
| SGI Volunteer Fire Department (1) | |

\$20,000 Museum Grants Requested:

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| Camp Gordon Johnston Association, Inc. (1) | Apalachicola Area Historical Society (1) |
| North Florida African American Corridor Project (1) | City of Carrabelle/Carrabelle CARES (1) |
| Carrabelle Lighthouse Association, Inc. (1) | |

Total Amount Requested: \$237,500

Total Amount Budgeted: \$283,000

Total Amount Remaining in Budget: \$45,500

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the attached recommendations for the Small Event, Large Event and Museum Grants for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year for Approval. Commissioner Ward noted that this is \$200K funding that is being used toward our local museums and local events. Thanked TDC for allowing these funds to be allocated for this. Commissioner Croom noted the additional funds remaining in the budget. Mr. Solomon noted that

they always leave room for additional requests. He noted that they did include the airport fly in as voted on at the last Board meeting. **Motion carried 5-0.**

The Board moved to the following item at this time.

7. Jason Timbert -- SGI VFD Fire Chief -- Introduction

Mr. Jason Timbert gave an update on the St. George Island Volunteer Fire Department. He presented the Board with a copy of their board meeting in September. Chairman Jones noted that he has a meeting with Ms. Nita Mosbley this afternoon about fire hydrants on the island. He noted that this may include coordinating with you to complete this project. Chairman Jones noted that do not all of them have to have a six-inch line in order to facilitate. Mr. Timbert thanked the Board for their collaboration. He noted that he originally vacationed here for about five years, then moved here. Commissioner Sanders questioned MSBU decision about what they want to be on the ballot 120 for homes, and 20 for lots. Mr. Moron noted that he was going to bring this up later because Alligator Point has also submitted their amounts. All of us need the funds and resources. We fund raise however it is good to have that safety net of the MSBU funds. Commissioner Croom asked if Chief Pruett had coordinated a meeting with all fire departments. Mr. Moron noted that it has not, but he is working on this and how it can be coordinated. Commissioner Croom asked how communication was on St. George Island. Mr. Timbert noted that it could always be improved. We are looking at potential options with AT&T. As of late things have been improving. The event that we all attended at sheriff's department, just about every department was there. It was nice to put names with faces. Commissioner Ward noted that she is a big advocate for asking for a legislative appropriation for fire equipment. The communication aspect is the most important, the same thing with the mapping of where the fire hydrants are. I want us to be a little more efficient. I want to make sure they have what they need. I do not know when we have to come up with the legislative appropriation, but that is something that I want to see.

8. Steve Kirschenbaum – AOED Chairman

Action Items: The AOED Board reviewed 6 applicants for the AOED Board. After careful review we recommend the following:

The AOED recommends Ted Mosteller as a Board member effective 10/01/24.

The AOED recommends Edward Golson of Carrabelle as a Board member.

The AOED recommends Donny Maddox of Carrabelle as an alternate Board member.

The AOED recommends Donald Deveau of Eastpoint as an alternate Board member further with my departure as Chairman of the AOED the Board unanimously recommend George Wilkerson to Chairman effective 11/01/24.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the AEOD Board members as follows:

- Ted Mosteller as a Board member effective 11/01/24.
- Edward Golson of Carrabelle as a Board member.
- Donny Maddox of Carrabelle as an alternate Board member.

- Donald Deveau of Eastpoint as an alternate Board member further with my departure as Chairman of the AOED the Board unanimously recommend George Wilkerson to Chairman effective 10/01/24.

Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Kirschenbaum gave the following information to the Board regarding the proposed budget for the upcoming fly-in event.

Budget for Veterans Day Fly in

Marketing and advertising:

- \$900.00...Three 12ft banners
- \$600.00...Two weeks radio both local stations 7x daily 11/01-11/18
- \$260.00...Twenty Stabbers some directional with arrows
- \$300.00...social media paid posts two weeks out to event
- \$1,000.00...250 posters and VIP invitations to event
- \$20.00...VIP wristbands for event
- \$400.00...Videographer and social media coordinator for event
- \$1,100.00...Mailer invites zip code 32320

Site Logistics and Entertainment

- \$400.00...Live music for event
- \$1,500.00...Temporary fencing 1,000 ft and posts for event
- \$2,000.00...Food and drink budget for all VIPs with wristband
- \$3,500.00...Refundable up-front fee for Huey crew (includes per diem and hotel)
- \$2,100.00...Twelve Porto potties
- \$0...Dumpster and Twelve trash receptacles (from Fonda solid waste)
- \$0... Military static displays
- \$0...Car show
- \$500.00 Kids play zone

\$14,580.00...Total Budget

\$1,420 Contingency monies

Mr. Kirschenbaum noted that they are setting aside an area to conduct the county auction at the event also.

He noted that he has filed the paperwork with the DOD to try to get military support. He noted that the TDC approved the \$2K request. Commissioner Ward inquired about when the event was going to be held. Mr. Kirschenbaum noted the event is scheduled for Saturday, November 16th. Mr. Kirschenbaum asked how will he tap into the funds, as some will require deposits? Mr. Moron noted that he will just need to get in touch with Mrs. Griffith for this. Mr. Kirschenbaum noted that they are trying to decide on a name for the event and asked the Board if they had a preference out of Forgotten Coast Freedom Festival or Franklin County Freedom Festival. Chairman Jones noted that either one is good with him.

The Board moved back to Mr. Barkus at this time.

Presentations/Updates/Requests

9. Jason Timbert -- SGI VFD Fire Chief -- Introduction

Item addressed earlier in the meeting.

10. Kim Bodine -- CareerSource -- Subgrant Approval

Mr. Moron noted that he would recommend the Board approve contingent upon Attorney Shuler's review.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the Subgrant Agreement with the Department of Commerce contingent upon Attorney Shuler's review. Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Bodine announced the job fair being held at Eastern Shipbuilding scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th.

The Board moved back to Mr. Kirschenbaum's report at this time.

11. Ryan Bartkus -- Florida Development Finance Corp. -- C-Pace Discussion

Mr. Bartkus gave a brief overview of the program as provided in his written report.

The Florida Development Finance Corporation's (FDFC) Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program offers Franklin County substantial benefits, including stimulating economic development, improving building sustainability, and promoting energy and water conservation. Below are keyways C-PACE can positively impact Franklin County:

1. Promotes Economic Development:

- **Job Creation:** C-PACE-funded projects often require extensive construction and renovation, generating jobs within the local economy.
- **Attracts Investment:** By providing an innovative financing option, the program allows commercial property owners to enhance or expand their properties at a lower cost of capital. This can attract further investment into the community, revitalizing blighted areas and promoting economic growth.

2. Improves Buildings and Property Values:

- **Historic and Coastal Communities:** C-PACE helps preserve historic and coastal properties by modernizing them while maintaining their character and improving energy and resilience standards. In coastal areas, C-PACE-funded upgrades include storm-hardening, flood prevention, and other measures to protect against storm surge and severe weather, safeguarding the county's heritage and reducing disaster recovery costs.
- **Building Modernization:** C-PACE enables the upgrading of older building stock, making them more energy-efficient, resilient, and aesthetically pleasing.
- **Increased Property Values:** Sustainable and energy-efficient upgrades often boost property values, leading to higher property tax revenues for the county.

3. Promotes Energy and Water Conservation:

- **Energy Efficiency:** C-PACE financing allows commercial property owners to invest in energy-efficient upgrades, such as solar panels, improved insulation, and modern HVAC systems. These improvements reduce energy consumption.
 - **Water Conservation:** C-PACE can also fund water-saving projects, contributing to better resource management and sustainability in the region.
4. **Risk-Free for the County:**
- **No Public Funds Required:** C-PACE projects are financed through private capital, eliminating any financial risk to the county’s budget. Repayment is made via a voluntary special assessment added to the commercial property owner’s tax bill.
 - **Encourages Private Sector Participation:** By facilitating access to private financing for qualified improvements, the county enables private capital to support public policy goals without allocating public funds.
5. **Turn-key Program:**
- **Program Administration:** The C-PACE program is fully administered by the FDFC, providing seamless oversight and management.
 - **Assessment Administration:** FDFC, in partnership with the Florida Resiliency and Energy District (FRED), facilitates the levy and collection of C- PACE assessments through service agreements with the county tax collector and, if required, the property appraiser. This streamlined process ensures efficient implementation without placing any burden on county resources.

In summary, if approved by the County Commission, the FDFC C-PACE program could serve as a powerful tool to boost economic growth, fortify new and existing buildings against natural disasters, enhance property values, and help Franklin County reduce energy and water consumption—all without posing any financial risk or administrative burden on the County.

Chairman Jones said the Tax Collector has asked the Board not to act today, noting it would include a non-ad valorem tax that would run through the tax collector’s office. Mr. Bartkus noted that he is happy to speak with the Tax Collector. He noted that typically he comes before the Board first, and then presents to the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser. He is happy to have that conversation with them.

Mrs. Griffith asked about the commercial aspect, what type of improvements would the property owners finance. Mr. Bartkus noted that it could be things like hardening of windows, doors, roofing, renewable energy, new to what change in the statute. We hire professional engineers, they go through the construction documents of a building, and let us know what can be included. Mrs. Griffith noted that she will have to dig a little deeper. Mr. Bartkus noted that he will send some additional information as well. Chairman Jones again noted that our constitutional officer wanted to be included in the conversation.

The Board recessed at 10:00 am and reconvened at 10:19 am.

Planning and Zoning Adjustment Board Report

12. Sketch Plat Approval

a. 496 Avenue A

Chairman Jones asked if the new owners had the same intentions as the previous owners. Mrs. Lolley noted that it is under new ownership, and she has not spoken with the new owners. That was the intention of the past owners, they were planning on taking the kitchen out. Chairman Jones asked were they wanting to keep this as a livable space. Mrs. Lolley noted that the plan was to remain a heated and cooled place but not a house. Chairman Jones noted the discussion at the P&Z meeting, was that it was going to be made an accessory unit. The Chairman suggested if approved today, the Board make a motion to direct that this structure will not be lived in or rented, etc. Chairman Jones said I would assume this come up at P&Z that it was not going to be a structure as presented. Attorney Shuler noted that the discussion he remembers was that one of the properties would have two buildings, but that the kitchen would be removed. Attorney Shuler noted that this is the way the Board has done things in the past, and we have not changed our policy yet. Chairman Joens said if that is the case, there should not be a problem to say it is an accessory and not a dwelling space. Mr. Still spoke noting he had a chance to speak with the applicant, and they would like to continue with the application of prior owner. The plan to remove the oven and oven wiring. It would only be an accessory structure; in that they are proposing to use it as a game room. I believe this would fall under your definition as an accessory structure. Chairman Jones noted that there are many ways you can cook without an oven. Just wanted to make sure there was discussion. Commissioner Ward asked if they need to add language to the motion that they are approving as an accessory structure and not as livable space. **On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders contingent that it is only to be used as an accessory structure such as game room but not as livable space. Motion carried 5-0.**

RFP/RFQ/Bid Opening

13. Sealed Bids: Franklin County District 2 Striping

Project is located in Franklin County, Florida and consists of restriping an approximately 4.64-mile section of Alligator Drive from the intersection of Gulfshore Blvd and Alligator Drive to the end of Alligator Drive. The project will exclude the portion of Alligator Drive that was recently rebuilt between Tom Roberts Rd and George Vausell Rd. Emerald Coast Striping, 1901 N East Avenue, Panama City, FL 32405

Company: Emerald Coast Striping, 1901 N East Avenue, Panama City, FL 32405

Bid: \$44,960.00

Alternate: \$4,148

On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized turning over bid to Dewberry for their review and recommendation. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Sealed Bids: Franklin County District 3 Striping

Project is located in Franklin County, Florida and consists of restriping approximately 38 county road sections around the City of Apalachicola area. This is a Franklin County project for the district

3 area.

Company: Emerald Coast Striping, 1901 N East Avenue, Panama City, FL 32405

Bid: \$149,439

Alternate: N/A

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Croom, to turn over bid to Dewberry for their review and recommendation. Commissioner Ward noted that she has looked at striping machines online, suggested we buy our own machine. Commissioner Sanders suggested speaking with CW Roberts and see if we could do a change order. Mrs. Griffith noted that we could ask them since they are currently working on CR 67. We could ask them for a quote. With Roberts and Roberts, they actually used a sub-contractor to do the striping. **Motion carried 5-0.** Chairman Jones asked if we need a motion and vote to direct Mrs. Griffith to speak with current contractor to see what the pricing would be for them to do a change order. **On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized staff to contact CW Roberts to obtain a quote for a change order to add this restriping. Motion carried 5-0.**

County Staff & Attorney Reports

15. Cortni Bankston -- Broadband Conference Update

Mrs. Bankston gave an update to the Board on the conference/summit she attends which was paid for by them, noting it was very informational. She noted that her main purpose was to network, network, network. She noted there are other counties who have been through similar situations as us and she is collaborating with them. She noted that she connected with Sondra Guffey who is the Economic Development Director for DeSoto County. She introduced her to several consultants and companies that she feels can be a great asset to Franklin County. She said she took advantage of a closed LTPT round table discussion where she was able to hear issues from other counties. She noted that she also voiced the issues and pushbacks we get from our local ISP's. That opened the door to connect with other counties who have been able to find ways to get past similar pushbacks. She said she will be working closely with DeSoto county on ways we can close those gaps and dead zone areas (65 & 67) because it is not just about having internet in these areas, it is about safety. We need those dead areas taken care of for EMS and Fire Department in cases of emergencies. The goal is not just to find the right ISP to get internet access to these dead areas, it is also about finding the right company to maintain it whether it is fiber or something similar. By partnering with other counties to help I think we can find a sustainable solution that will benefit Franklin County. Chairman Jones noted that we must get a recommendation from advisory group before county commission can act on this.

16. Erin Griffith – Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator

1.BOARD ACTION: CR67 PHASE II NO COST TIME-EXTENSION CHANGE ORDER & STRIPING DECISION

Engineers have submitted an additional no-cost time extension for the CR67 Phase II Project (widening and resurfacing approximately 2.00 miles of CR67 from the Crooked Creek Bridge to SFR166). This project would have been complete, however, when contractor Roberts & Roberts striped the road, they unfortunately striped the side lines of the road in the same place that they were previously. Part of the project was to widen the travel lanes from 10' to the new FDOT standard of 12' and Commissioner Sanders had also pledged some of her paving funds to provide an additional 1' of paved shoulder beyond the widened lane. The county has checked with FDOT, the CEI engineers (Southeastern) and the original design engineers (Dewberry) for the project and all have said although the road is now not completed as originally designed, it is up to the county to either leave the striping on the widened road in the same spot that it has been for the past fifty years or to go ahead and require a correction. Unfortunately, as this is roadway striping on new asphalt, there is no good way to remedy the mistake. If the line is 'sanded/scraped' off the new pavement, the pavement will be scarred in the area of removal, and if the line is painted over with black paint and another white sideline added, likely the covered line will align with the position of vehicle tires and the black paint would quickly wear through to show the marred white line.

Commissioner Sanders noted she was not happy with the job done. She noted that District 2 putting \$95K into this project. I think something needs to be done about it. This road is going to have to last us awhile.

Commissioner Sanders noted that we have given them two other change orders to straighten things out. She asked what funds were remaining on the contract. Mrs. Griffith noted that there are around \$172K remaining on the contract. Commissioner Sanders asked to hold this back. Mrs. Griffith noted that at this time, they have not submitted for payment of that. I would go ahead and remit the payment approved earlier in the meeting because that is for prior work completed. Commissioner Sanders said if the work does not meet the design how can it be completed. Mrs. Griffith noted that they have definitely widened the road, but the issue is with the striping.

- A. Board action to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached change order #3 for CR67 Phase II to extend the project completion due date for an additional 30 days to allow for the county's decision on the striping issue above.

On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the attached change order #3 for CR67 Phase II to extend the project completion due date for an additional 30 days to allow for the county's decision on the striping issue above. Commissioner Sanders expressed desire to hold funds until the job is complete. Clerk Maxwell noted that the check approved on today's bill run has already been processed and was for work already completed. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- B. Board action to approve leaving the striping in place with the existing 10' travel lane on a widened

road which now has 3' paved shoulders.

Attorney Shuler noted that by accepting Item A, it makes Item B mute because you just gave yourself 30 days to decide what to do. Commissioner Sanders said she is going to make a motion to hold the \$175K check until we decide what to do. They have not communicated with me. She noted that they do not need to request any of the \$175k because it is not going to be approved. **Commissioner Sanders made a motion to write a letter to Roberts and Roberts regarding the issue with the striping. Seconded by Commissioner Amison. Motion carried 5-0.**

2. BOARD ACTION: MECHANIC II CLASSIFICATION AND PAVEMENT MARKING SUPERVISOR POSITIONS

At the budget workshops, the Board authorized staff to request the creation of new job classifications for Mechanic II and Sign Coordinator (Evergreen called this position a Pavement Marking Supervisor) positions. Attached are the two draft job descriptions and classifications as prepared by Evergreen Solutions. Employees Jonathan Kelly (Solid Waste, Mechanic II) and Justin Higgenbotham (Sign Coordinator, Road Department) will be placed into the respective new classifications effective October 1st. Board action to approve the new pay classifications and authorize the changes above for the two employees effective October 1st.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the new pay classifications and authorize the changes above for the two employees effective October 1st. Chairman Jones noted that the last discussion he had was Mr. Higgenbotham moving to small engines, but he is sticking with signs. Mrs. Griffith noted that is what she understands. **Motion carried 5-0.**

3. BOARD ACTION: MATERIAL QUOTES SGI FISHING PIER REPAIRS

At the July 2 meeting, the county approved sending a funding assistance request to the TDC for the repair and full replacement of the decking on the wooden section (approximately 15' wide by 160' long section) of the SGI Fishing Pier. At that time, it was noted that the county would direct purchase the special-order 3" thick pressure treated lumber and stainless-steel fasteners estimated to cost less than \$20,000. Three quotes have now been received and the lowest priced quote is through South Bay Lumber in the amount of \$17,118.72. MKM Construction submitted a quote for the labor to complete the repairs of \$9,990. Funding repairs to fishing piers is an authorized use of TDC sales tax proceeds per Florida Statute 125.0104 and the TDC board has since approved funding the request as the pier is a popular tourist attraction. Board action to approve ordering the materials from South Bay Lumber \$17,118.72 and formally approve the quote from MKM quality construction \$9,990 to begin the repairs as soon as the material is on hand.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved

ordering the materials from South Bay Lumber \$17,118.72 and formally approved the quote from MKM quality construction \$9,990 to begin the repairs as soon as the material is on hand. Commissioner Ward asked if we needed to close this portion of the pier. Mrs. Griffith noted that it would need to be closed once construction commences. Right now, she does not believe it is dangerous, but it is getting close. **Motion carried 5-0.**

4. BOARD INFORMATION: REMINDER - FINAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNTY BUDGET, TONIGHT AT 5:15

The FINAL public hearing for the county budget is scheduled for tonight at 5:15 p.m., at that meeting the Board will adopt and approve a FINAL millage rate and FINAL budget.

The current proposed millage rate (5.4546 mills) that appeared on the TRIM notices is the maximum rate for the upcoming fiscal year. 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 current tentative budget, the preliminary millage rate of 5.4546 will generate \$18,885,873. The tentative budget narrative with the summarized increases and decreases is attached to this report for reference.

CHANGE PENDING APPROVAL AT PUBLIC HEARING TONIGHT: At this time, as both cities have approved a change in the interlocal agreements to allow for the \$764,252 budget for the ambulance subsidy to be funded by the health care trust fund (the 1% discretionary sales surtax) - it is anticipated that the change in funding would reduce the proposed ad valorem proceeds in the upcoming budget from \$18,885,873 to \$18,081,346, effectively reducing the proposed millage rate from 5.4546 to 5.2222 mills, a rate which was 10.77% over the rolled-back rate to 6.05% over the rolled back rate.

5. BOARD INFORMATION: MISCELLANEOUS PROJECT UPDATES

Chairman Jones noted that he has had some talks with Eastpoint Water and Sewer. As we begin work on Hickory Dip Road, they should be giving us some type of standard that lets us know whether the culverts need to be replaced. If those culverts do need to be replaced, please let me know so that I can request a change order and bring before the Board.

6. LATE ADD: BOARD ACTION: DONATION OF ROAD DEPARTMENT OLD MOWERS

The Franklin County Road Department has submitted the attached request to donate two mowers which are no longer reliable for the department to the Franklin Correctional Institute in Carrabelle. The inventory detail for the mowers is as follows: 2013 Hustler X-One Mower 60", Property Tag #A005136, serial #13050512 and 2015 Hustler X-One Mower 54", Property Tag # A005196. Serial #15077489. Board action to approve the donation of the two mowers to Franklin CI and remove the items from inventory.

Chairman Jones called for public comments at this time and there were none. **On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the donation of the two mowers to Franklin CI and removal of the items from inventory.** Commissioner Croom asked if there is any way that we can do an exchange and get two of their inmates for the road department. Chairman Jones noted that I do believe it opens up the door for discussion. The work they are doing for the state cleaning the roads, they are helping the residents as well. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Ward noted that she asked for a light on Timber Island Road at the boat ramp. I do not think that it has been lit up yet. Mrs. Griffith noted that she has not seen any invoices come in for this. Mr. Moron said he will follow up it. Commissioner Ward noted that she had asked for signage and lighting. The road department quickly put the signs up. Commissioner Croom noted that Michael Ward is in the county today because he is looking at lighting for District 3. Chairman Jones noted that Mr. Billy Fuentes has been authorized by his board to contact you about CDBG grants. Just make sure you are aware of that. Mrs. Griffith noted that the new mobile homes for the CDBG grant have been delivered and set up. We have one home that is being remodeled and refurbished and it is still in the works.

17. Michael Morón – County Coordinator

Mr. Moron presented a program which we already currently pay for, that can store our ordinances for public view. Mr. Moron said he did this to show to the Board and see if the Board is good for this as a way for the public to view the ordinances in a raw form. Mr. Moron said he is going to send all of the Board a link to let them view the site and then give feedback.

The Board moved to the public hearing scheduled for 11:00 a.m. at this time.

5. PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance to amend Litter Control Ordinance

Attached is the draft ordinance amending the Litter Control Ordinance to clarify what yard trash will and will not be picked up by Franklin County. Litter Control Ordinance 2016-6 is also attached for convenient review. Board Action Requested: Motion to approve the amendment to the litter control ordinance.

Attorney Shuler presented the proposed ordinance language to the Board at this time. Chairman Jones called for public comments. There were none. **Commissioner Ward said she is okay with the new draft and made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Croom.** Chairman Jones said he wanted to clarify so that everyone understands. We currently have amnesty day, and we also have any Monday homeowners can come on Mondays to bring in yard trash. Chairman Jones said he thought we were going to really get tagged for debris on the side after Hurricane Michael, anything to tighten that up I am in favor of. **Motion carried 5-0.** Commissioner Ward said we need to make sure that the solid waste website is reflective of this change. Chairman Jones said if you see someone who is a commercial contracting dumping on the side of the road, you need to let someone do. The public hearing concluded at this time.

1. Discussion/Action Item: Garden Club Senior Activity Center

At your last meeting, I presented a draft advertisement seeking proposals to manage the Garden Club Senior Activity Center located in Carrabelle. Since then, I have conferred with Mrs. Lisa Bretz (Area Agency on Aging) and met with Liberty County Senior Citizens Center representatives. Based on those discussions, I would like to discuss a different approach to managing the Center. Instead of advertising for a group or non-profit, consider an individual that would be contracted as an Activity Coordinator. This individual would be responsible for managing the Center, coordinating meals, activities, and events. Also, enlisting volunteers that would assist with the seniors and other day to day responsibilities. If the Board agrees, the advertisement would be updated to reflect today's discussion. Board discussion and action regarding the advertisement for the Garden Club Senior Activity Center.

Commissioner Ward asked we could include the language nonprofit and/or individual. She would like to widen that net. She said she does not want to limit the ad to individuals only. Commissioner Sanders said you just need someone there to be able to coordinate everything. She noted the need for a place for the seniors to gather. She noted that once we get this place opened up there will be some people volunteer.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward to advertise based on discussion, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved advertisement for the Garden Club Senior Activity Center. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Action Item: APFD Communications

As the Board is aware, the Alligator Point Volunteer Fire Department is experiencing communications issues. One of the main issues is damage to the communication tower's guide wire, located on Bay North.

It was determined by the department that moving the repeater to a nearby communication tower owned by SBA Towers III LLC. would be a better option than trying to repair the damage tower and guide wires. Attached to my report is an SBA Towers lease and MOA for Attorney Shuler's review. At your next meeting, I will have a cost summary that should include tower and building rental, and other associated costs for this project. The Alligator Point Volunteer Fire Department would like the Board to consider assisting with the cost. They would also like to be on the ballot for an MSBU increase like the other county volunteer fire departments. Board action to authorize Attorney Shuler to review the SBA Tower lease and MOA for the Alligator Point Volunteer Fire Department.

Commissioner Sanders noted that Bay North donated two acres of land for this tower. The SBA tower is located where? It is about 4.4 north of Bay North site. On state land. The two acres for the tower site, in the property appraiser's website it still shows as the Bay North. The Board discussed further. **On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized Attorney Shuler to review the SBA Tower lease and MOA for the Alligator Point Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Ward noted that the tower is not located very far away and there will not be any communication delay. Motion carried 5-0.**

3. Action Item: Airport Task Orders

Attached to my report are two AVCON task orders for Airport projects. The first is Task Order No. 15 for professional design, bidding, and construction phase services for hangar roof upgrades for the total sum of \$44,430.00. The second is Task Order No 16 for professional design, bidding, and construction phase services for hangar generator improvements for the total sum of \$19,900.00. Board action to approve Task Order No. 15 for \$44,430.00 and Task Order No. 16 for \$19,900 for projects described above.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the Task Order No. 15 for \$44,430.00 and Task Order No. 16 for \$19,900 for projects described above. Commissioner Ward noted that this money is funded by grant funds. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Action Item: New Phone System

The County contracted with the State's Department of Management Services to provide for a much-needed new phone system for the courthouse. This will be a Voice over Internet Protocol phone system, using the internet instead of older style standard "copper" lines. These VoIP systems are less expensive and offer more options and advantages than the previous style phone systems. Most of your county departments and some of the Constitutional Offices will be on this new system. Therefore, someone in the courthouse could speak to someone at Solid Waste by selecting that extension. Because of a lack of network infrastructure and other internet issues, an Information Technology vendor is needed to update the County's network and internet infrastructure to accommodate the new phone system. Based on his experience with other local government agencies, I recommend Mr. Kevin Ward's company, Eagle Tree Technologies, for this project. They will work on behalf of the County, with the State's contractor, to complete the installation of the new phone system. ETT hourly cost is \$75 per hour with a \$10,000 cap. Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on an agreement with Eagle Tree Technologies at a rate of \$75 per hour up to \$10,000 for the installation of a new phone system for County departments and Constitutional offices contingent on Attorney Shuler's review.'

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the Chairman's signature on an agreement with Eagle Tree Technologies at a rate of \$75 per hour up to \$10,000 for the installation of a new phone system for County departments and Constitutional offices contingent on Attorney Shuler's review. Commissioner Ward noted that the reason we do not have to go out for bids is because it is below the \$15k threshold. Mr. Moron noted yes, and we are also working with state contracting. Commissioner Ward noted that she is no relation to Mr. Ward. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Action Item: Request for Proposals – IT Maintenance Service Contract

Related to my previous report item, I suggest that the County advertise for an IT Maintenance Service contract. As the Board is aware, the County currently does not have an IT department or vendor. County internet, network, or other related matters and issues are handled by me, or a vendor (when available), or not addressed. As we depend more on technology for the day-to-day

services, the needs have outgrown my ability to address these issues or maintain the systems as they should be. If approved, a Request for Proposal will be presented for your review and approval before it is advertised. Board action to authorize the creation of an RFP for an Information Technology Maintenance Service Contract.

On a motion by Commissioner Croom, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board the creation of an RFP for an Information Technology Maintenance Service Contract. Commissioner Croom noted that we are opening ourselves up for a lot of cyber security. We definitely need to tackle the yahoo and Gmail issue. Retention is one of the issues. Commissioner Ward asked how many hours in a day does Mr. Moron work on IT. Mr. Moron noted that generally he lets staff know that Fridays are his IT days. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Informational Item: Job Fair

Eastern Shipbuilding Group scheduled a job fair tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (ET) at the Port St. Joe Shipyard, located at 432 Howard Road in Port. St. Joe. Onsite Interviews will be conducted for 59 permanent full-time positions, that includes but is not limited to general laborers, carpenters, electricians, mechanics, etc. For more information including position details, minimum requirements, and to apply in advance of the hiring event, visit EmployFlorida.com and search the respective job order numbers indicated on the attached flyer.

7. Informational Item: Final Budget Public Hearing FY 24-25

The Final Budget Public Hearing is scheduled today at 5:15 p.m. (ET). The final millage levy and final budget for FY24-25 will be adopted at this Public Hearing.

8. Informational Item: Public Hearing Budget Amendments FY 23-24

A public hearing is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. (ET), or as soon after as possible, upon the conclusion of the FY 24-25 Budget Hearing. This public hearing is required by Florida Statute 129.06 for FY 23-24 budget amendments.

9. Informational Item: Next Meeting Date

Your next regular meeting date is scheduled on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. (ET).

Commissioner Sanders asked if we are going to still need an end of the year meeting. Clerk Maxwell said she spoke with staff yesterday and she was hoping to be able to present this at the October 1st meeting and ask for retroactive board approval. She noted that she conferred with Attorney Shuler. Attorney Shuler noted that we do a lot of things retroactive.

Mr. Jared Paterson spoke to the Board notifying them he has resigned as the Assistant State Attorney for Franklin County and will be transferring to Chief Prosecutor in Gulf County. He noted that he loves and cares about the people of Franklin County noting what a wonderful, blessed community it is. He noted that he has served in this position for sixteen years but noted it was best for him to move closer to home. Commissioner Croom noted that he has worked with him over the past sixteen years. He understands the sacrifice you make to be with your family. Clerk Maxwell thanked Mr. Paterson for his service to Franklin County.

Chairman Jones asked Mrs. Griffith since the cities have agreed to amend the interlocal agreement will she have the new numbers available tonight. Is there anywhere in the budget that you will have those numbers for tonight's meeting? Mrs. Griffith noted that she will have that information ready.

Commissioner Ward said what she would like is another legislative appropriation for a new building for the constitutional officers. All of the constitutional officers would like to move out of the courthouse, we cannot move the courthouse because the Clerk does not agree with it, and it is our county seat. It would help the Clerk have more room. It would be a one stop shop at the Eastpoint EOC. I know a lot of people are for a centrally located building. Each office is going to need about 3000-4000 square feet of space. That is my vision is at the new EOC, with build outs for the constitutionals. My hope is moving everything to new EOC since that is what they have requested.

Chairman Jones noted that as the Board chair, he has already spoke to Capital City consulting as to what they would like as a legislative appropriation. He noted that Clerk Maxwell and Clerk Johnson have expressed to him that the Chief Judge has the final say of the courthouse. He could make us move out at any time. Commissioner Ward said she wanted to make sure that the commissioner sitting in the seat after her does not have to deal with the same issues that we have been dealing with for years. I want to prepare for the future. We need to make sure that we have space for each of these constitutional officers. Commissioner Croom noted that he too received videos and calls. He noted that he just wanted to make sure the other constitutional officers are good with this. He noted that the sheriff has his own place over there but do not think he does not want a new building. Mr. Moron noted that Shane was here until 4:30 this morning. Synergy had someone here within two and a half hours. Shane was here, he took a picture. The windows are still in place where the built the addition, they built the walls around it. Commissioner Ward noted that Shane and courthouse maintenance staff can only do so much. Commissioner Ward spoke about the rain and flooding residents. Not sure if there is a grant, we can go out for people who do not have culverts. There is a way we can help mitigate this. I know it is a huge ask and a huge task. WE live on a swamp. I feel like there is something that can be done for water retention. Moving forward I think we need to look into this. Commissioner Sanders spoke about the flooding in Carrabelle. Noted St Joe is clear cutting causing flooding. She is going to go to Panama City to speak with St Joe Company. She noted that she is going to have a survey done. Commissioner Ward noted that clear cutting causes water issues because the water has nowhere to go. Chairman Jones noted that it does not make any sense that stormwater does not go into the bay? Does the rainwater not go into the bay? On SGI we are going to have to request permits from DEP to run stormwater to the bay, there is nowhere else for it to go. Commissioner Sanders said she believes they are doing too much clear cutting and removing too much thatch.

18. Michael Shuler – County Attorney

Action Item Added: Ambulance Funding

Both cities voted unanimously to approve amending the MOU with Franklin County.

Chairman Jones called for public comment. Mr. John Berry spoke to the Board. One question, after looking at the budget amendment. Why didn't we keep the funding for other projects? I do not understand the mechanism why the county did not redirect those funds to other projects. Chairman

Jones said we were trying to get them to amend the interlocal agreement. The selling point is that all residents would go down another quarter mill. Mr. Barry said he does not understand the relationship of how we the county have to go back to get permission for something that we did not vote on in the first place. Commissioner Ward noted that the referendum specifically states that we have to go back for a vote in order for these funds to be used for specifically stating these funds will be used for roads, etc. Attorney Shuler noted that is correct.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved amending the MOU with the City of Carrabelle and the City of Apalachicola regarding ambulance funding. Motion carried 5-0.

Action Items

1. Stop Sign Request

Commissioner Amison has requested that stop signs be placed at the intersection of Bayview and Brownsville Road, Apalachicola, Florida. Once the stop signs are in place, traffic will stop in both directions along Brownsville Road where it intersects with Bayview Road. Board Action Requested: Board approval to place two new stop signs at the intersection of Bayview and Brownsville Road.

On a motion by Commissioner Croom, seconded by Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved placing two new stop signs at the intersection of Bayview and Brownsville Road. Commissioner Amison noted that the stop sign is the new speed bump. We reduced the speed limit however we cannot have an officer sitting there constantly. Commissioner Croom noted that it is a traffic control device. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Duke Energy Property Exchange Agreement

The agreement for Franklin County and Duke Energy to exchange real property is attached. In short, the county will exchange one city lot (80' x 30') for slightly less than five acres of land located in unincorporated Franklin County a couple of hundred feet west of the west boundary of the City of Apalachicola. Board Action Requested: Motion to approve the agreement and authorize the chairman to sign it.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by a unanimous vote of the board present, the Board approved the agreement and authorized the Chairman to sign it. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Barnacle Parking Contract

Barnacle Parking has agreed to all requested changes to their agreement, except for paragraph 9.4. A redline copy is attached hereto.

Paragraph 9.4 reads as follows: "Except for any claim or action arising out of or relating to customer fraud, gross negligence, or willful misconduct ("Exceptions"), Customer's total liability hereunder any theory of liability and in aggregate limited to \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars).

Barnacle states that their insurance carrier prevents them from limiting county's potential liability to Barnacle for losses stemming from fraud, gross negligence, or willful misconduct by Franklin County. I do not recommend accepting the potential unlimited liability set forth in paragraph 9.4. Board Action Requested: Motion to reject the Barnacle parking contract.

On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board rejected the Barnacle parking contract. Commissioner Ward noted that she does not understand why it is so difficult. She noted that we still have a parking issue that we are going to have to address. Obviously done everything you can do, and the ball is in their court. Attorney Shuler noted there were multiple calls back and forth. Commissioner Croom asked if Attorney Shuler contact the Sheriff's office and let them know. Attorney Shuler noted that he has not corresponded directly with the Sheriff or his office. This mainly was an interaction with me and the attorney with Barnacle. Commissioner Ward said she does agree, and Attorney Shuler should contact Sheriff Smith since his office presented the contract. Commissioner Amison said he also would like this communicated to the Sheriff to keep the communication. **Motion carried 5-0.**

4. Eastpoint Library Lease

The proposed lease for the library in Eastpoint is attached. In sum, the county will pay all mortgage payments directly to USDA and provide insurance coverage. Once the mortgage is paid in full, the property will be deeded to Franklin County for \$1.00. This lease is a fallback tactic since the county has been unable to get USDA to allow Franklin County to assume the current mortgages (two) presently on the property. Board Action Requested: Motion to approve the lease and authorize the chairman to sign it and to send letter to USDA to approve county assumption of existing two USDA mortgages as reflected on Exhibit A of the lease.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved the lease and authorized the Chairman to sign it and to send letter to USDA to approve county assumption of existing two USDA mortgages as reflected on Exhibit A of the lease. Motion carried 5-0.

5. PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance to amend Litter Control Ordinance

Attached is the draft ordinance amending the Litter Control Ordinance to clarify what yard trash will and will not be picked up by Franklin County. Litter Control Ordinance 2016-6 is also attached for convenient review. Board Action Requested: Motion to approve the amendment to the litter control ordinance.

Item addressed earlier in the meeting

6. Plat Dedication Affidavit

The surveyor omitted the dedication from the plat of Casa Del Mar Phase II. Attached is the affidavit prepared by attorney Christopher Montalbano of Pilgrim Title Company. They have requested that Franklin County consent to the plat dedication affidavit. I have no objection to their request as the county would have consented to the dedication anyway, as it does for all other plats. Franklin County will have no responsibility. All of the streets, roads, alleys, etc. are private and are not dedicated to the county. Board Action Requested: Motion consenting to the plat dedication

affidavit and authorizing the chairman to sign it.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison consenting to the plat dedication affidavit and authorizing the chairman to sign. Attorney Shuler read the affidavit into the record.

PLAT DEDICATION AFFIDAVIT

EFIOF II SAINT GEORGE ISLAND PROPERTY LLC, a Florida limited liability company, the owner ("Owner") of the land shown on that certain Plat entitled CASA DEL MAR PHASE II said plat being recorded in Plat Book 11, Page (s) 26 through 29, inclusive, of the Public Records of Frankling County Florida, (the "Plat") hereby on oath deposes and says as follows:

1) The Plat as recorded, through inadvertence, neglected to include the complete Dedication section thereon

2) The following should have been included after the legal description set forth in the Dedication Section:

Have caused said lands to be divided and subdivided as shown hereon. All roads, streets, alleys, rights-of-way, common areas, utility, drainage, and other easements shall be maintained, by EFIOF II Saint George Island Property LLC until such time as the maintenance obligations therefore are assumed by one or more of the homeowners' associations as will be provided in the declaration of covenants, conditions, and restrictions for Casa Del Mar Phase II subdivision; and Franklin County shall in no way be responsible for the maintenance of the above. The common areas, roads, alleys, right-of-way, and streets are dedicated to the owners of the property in the subdivision and may be subsequently further dedicated to member of the homeowners' association as will be provided in the declaration of covenants, conditions, and restrictions for Casa Del Mar Phase II subdivision.

3) The Owner does hereby make the Dedication set forth in Paragraph 3 above.

4) This dedication relates back to the recording of the Plat.

Commissioner Croom seconded the motion. Chairman Jones noted that they are putting things closer to the water's edge than they are supposed to in Casa Del Mar. He noted that there are other issues he will bring up. It has nothing to do with putting roads in there but there are issues.

Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Jones said it has come to his attention from several different sources that there are people who live in the plantation saying the beaches belong to them. They are saying that the beach that eroded is public property, and the remaining beach is their private property. He noted that he believes this is a misinterpretation of the law. He wanted to make sure Attorney Shuler was aware of this should issues arise in the future.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Ward said we have had our first meeting with the One Franklin. Our next meeting is on the 24th. We invite anyone who has any economic experience or anything like that. Commissioner Sanders thanked Commissioner Ward for serving on this. Chairman Jones said that he would like to see the county put in a million-dollar request for horizontal infrastructure. He noted that Representative Shoaf has indicted that he would support this.

Adjournment

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

Ricky Jones – Chairman

Attest:

Michele Maxwell – Clerk of Courts

The audio is available upon request. Please e-mail 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.