

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
JULY 16, 2014
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Cheryl Sanders – Chairman, William Massey – Vice Chairman, Pinki Jackel, Noah Lockley, and Joseph Parrish

Others Present: Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Courts, Mark Curenton – Assistant County Planner, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Michael Morón – Deputy Clerk to the Board

Call to Order (9:00 AM)

Chairman Sanders called the Meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge (9:01 AM)

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Jackel gave an update on the NACO Conference she recently attended. Chairman Sanders provided additional information regarding the newly elected president of NACO.

Approval of Minutes (9:03 AM)

Commissioner Jackel asked that the motion regarding the soccer field is re-worded.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Lockley, to approve Minutes of the July 1, 2014 Regular Meeting, with Jackel's requests for re-wording motion for soccer field, and the July 1, 2014 Public Hearing; Motion carried 5-0.

Payment of County Bills (9:05 AM)

Motion by Massey, seconded by Parrish, to approve the payment of the County's Bills as presented; Motion carried 5-0.

Department Supervisors Report

Howard Nabors – Superintendent of Public Work (9:06 AM)

Mr. Nabors updated the Board on the easements for a ditch in Carrabelle.

Chairman Sanders and Commissioner Massey discussed several other issues in Carrabelle that need attention.

Chairman Sanders and Clay Kennedy, of Preble-Rish, discussed a problem with a driveway along the new multi-use path at Carrabelle Beach. Mr. Kennedy stated that he will look into this matter.

Commissioner Jackel asked Mr. Kennedy about the expense of moving any mailboxes during the re-paving project on South and North Bayshore Drives in Eastpoint.

Commissioner Jackel suggested an informational flyer for new paving projects to keep the public informed. Mr. Kennedy stated that this project will take about 5 months.

Chairman Sanders and Mr. Kennedy discussed the Oak Street project.

Commissioner Lockley and Mr. Nabors discussed a problem on Earl King and Jacoby Street in Apalachicola.

Fonda Davis – Solid Waste Director (9:13 AM)

Mr. Davis presented his activity report but had no action items for Board approval.

Nikki Millender – Parks & Recreation (9:14 AM)

Mrs. Millender updated the Board on the Dixie Belles softball team moving on to the Nationals and provided information on the expenses for that trip. She mentioned all of the other teams who have been involved in the tournaments.

Mrs. Millender stated that a lot of work is needed at the facilities on Carrabelle Beach. She discussed this item further.

Chairman Sanders and Mrs. Millender discussed picnic tables at Carrabelle Beach Park.

Commissioner Lockley and Mrs. Millender discussed the public safety aspect regarding the beach facilities.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to start the process for quotes and project plans for Carrabelle Beach facilities and the bathrooms on St. George Island beach; Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Millender discussed the soccer field/basketball court proposal at D. W. Wilson. She explained another possible cost that wasn't included in the original proposal, such as labor,

power, and installation. She stated that inmate labor will be needed, which will require a request to the prison from the Board.

Commissioner Parrish stated that the project should be funded from capital outlay.

Commissioner Jackel stated that she is for the project but wasn't in favor of funding this project from County tax dollars. She explained that these types of projects should be funded by grants but realized it was too late to have it completed in time this year. She explained the process of how she would like to see this project funded and believes that it would be approved under the FRDAP.

Betty Sasnett, President of Franklin County Youth Soccer League (FCYSL), stated that she wants to see this project completed and not put off, as has been done in the past.

The Board and Mrs. Sasnett discussed the cost, quality and, implementation of the project.

Commissioner Lockley stated that even if we started the process now, the funds won't be spent before the end of this fiscal year.

Scotty Lolley, of the FCYSL, stated that the County needs to invest in children of the County and not continue to wait on grants.

Chairman Sanders and Commissioner Jackel responded to his comments, explaining some of the other ways the Board has invested and supported youth sports in the County.

The Board and Mrs. Millender discussed saving some money by using inmate labor for this project.

Chairman Sanders recommended bidding the project and then addressing the funding.

The Board discussed this further.

Carla Cates agreed that budgets are important but the fields are not safe and the kids are getting hurt. She explained that constant maintenance is needed to keep the fields in good shape.

Mark Curenton explained the bidding process and possible timetables.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, (amended) to start project, but only commit \$57,000 from the Capital Outlay funds; (Motion was rescinded by Lockley and Parrish)

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Parrish, to begin the process of bidding the entire soccer field/basketball court project; Motion carried 5-0.

Pam Brownell – Emergency Management (9:55 AM)

Mrs. Brownell presented her report to the Board.

Action Items:

1. *Asking for the Boards direction regarding Tipping Fees for the 2 local municipalities. If we get a storm this year we don't need to lose money because we don't charge the 2 cities and VMS again. **We cannot get reimbursed from FEMA for final disposal of their debris if we don't charge them a tipping fee on a regular basis per FEMA.** We need something in place or the \$24,000 we lost with Debbie will be minimal compared to what we would stand to lose in a major storm. The cities I believe have their own debris contractors and the tipping fees are a reimbursable charge for them, so they don't lose*

money but we don't either. Also with charging the tipping fees on a regular basis that money could help offset the cost of equipment replacement for solid waste.

The Board and Mrs. Brownell discussed having the cities pay the tipping fees.

The Board suggested that Mrs. Brownell discuss this issue with both cities, along with Fonda Davis, and come back with a recommendation.

Commissioner Lockley suggested that we require the State and Transfield Services to pay their tipping fees.

Mrs. Brownell stated that she will speak with Transfield Services regarding this matter.

- 2. Asking for the Boards approval and signing of the contract for Debris Monitor with Thompson Consulting Services as the standby Debris Monitor.*

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to approve Chairman's signature on the contract for Thompson Consulting Services as a standby Debris Monitor; Motion carried 5-0.

Information Items:

- 1. Wednesday July 2nd, Pam Brownell did the Final Inspection on the HMPG 1831-11-R Final Closeout on Small Drainage Project. We are waiting on the close out letter from the State.*
- 2. 07/09/14 to 07/11/14 EOC will be attending the Gadsden County Summit.*
- 3. On 07/17/14, the Property Appraisers office, Emergency Management and the local Damage Assessment Team will be attending an IDAM training at the EOC office.*
- 4. 07/21/14 – 07/23/14 EOC will be holding the G386 Mass Fatality Class at the Franklin County EOC.*

Eric Lovestrand – Extension Agent (10:04 AM)

Mr. Lovestrand had no action items for Board approval.

Chairman Sanders asked for an update on the office manager position for his office. Mr. Lovestrand stated that he has almost completed the interviewing process.

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

General Extension Activities:

- Staff continued to move forward with filling vacant Extension Office Mgr. / Program Assistant position. Interviews took place on July 11 and 14 and a selection will likely have been made prior to this meeting. However, due to this report submission date prior*

to the completion of interviews the selection is not known at the time of this writing. The selection will be made known in the subsequent BOCC report from the Extension office. The office received 18 applications for the position and interviewed 6 applicants.

- *Erik Lovestrand participated in the Estuarine Research Reserve's 5-year Review that is conducted by NOAA. A conference call regarding the Reserve's education and outreach efforts took place on July 1.*
- *Erik Lovestrand is enrolled and participating in the UF/IFAS online course titled: Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Extension.*
- *Erik Lovestrand drafted several short articles on various topics that may be used in various media outlets. One article is attached for reference as it pertains to a proposed rule change that would ease restrictions in California's importation of Gulf Oysters.*

Sea Grant Extension

- *Coordinated with FDACS staff to finish up last two days of required oystermen training prior to penalty fee deadline. Overall license sales this year were approximately 1,270 with over 400 occurring on the last two days. Extension staff provided educational support by showing the FDA required 20 minute training video throughout the last two weeks of the pre-penalty period. This also provided an opportunity to distribute free Extension literature and other items to the participating harvesters, including calendars, ink pens, fish measurement stickers, book marks, etc. This was also a great opportunity for the new Extension Director to meet people involved in the oyster industry.*
- *Scott Jackson (Sea Grant/Bay Co.) and Erik Lovestrand spent time working with FWC on logistics for sea turtle lighting grant. This grant will provide funds for coastal residents and rental companies to replace lighting that is out of compliance with the Franklin County ordinance. It will fund on temporary position that will be hired under the County Parks and Recreation Department.*
- *Erik Lovestrand met with Gulf County Extension Director Roy Lee Carter to visit a shrimp aquaculture operation for a tour with the operator.*

4-H Youth and Volunteer Development:

- *4-H Summer Camp session for Franklin County children takes place July 7-11 at Camp Timpooshee in Niceville. This year there are 8 campers from Franklin County. Extension Director, Erik Lovestrand, spent a day with the children and other Extension faculty at the camp facility to become familiar with the annual routine.*

Anne Birchwell – Library Director (10:06 AM)

Ms. Birchwell had no action items for Board approval. She updated the Board on the summer events at the Library.

Ms. Birchwell brought some kids to tell the Board what they like about the Library's summer reading programs.

Kim Bodine – Presentation of Gulf Coast Workforce Budget (10:09 AM)

Ms. Bodine presented items that required Board action.

The Board and Ms. Bodine discussed funding for the Literacy program. Ms. Bodine stated that there will be Literacy programs offered throughout the County, even though Franklin County Literacy program is closing. She explained that before she got the notification of the Literacy Program closing, there was a contract in place to assist them with funding.

Commissioner Lockley and Ms. Bodine discussed the Workforce's role with the re-shelling program and the eligibility for those funds, including the Tropical Storm Debbie funding, and the training phase of their funding.

Commissioner Massey also commented on this item.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to approve the extension for direct services, the budget and waiver as presented; Motion carried 5-0.

Pam Shiver – Franklin County School Board – Request for Authorization for Ballot Referendum (10:21 AM)

Liz Sisung presented the request as Mrs. Shiver wasn't able to attend the Meeting.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Massey, to approve the request for authorization for ballot referendum; Motion carried 4-1, Lockley opposed.

Recess (10:24 AM)

Chairman Sanders called for a recess.

Reconvene (10:36 AM)

Chairman Sanders reconvened the Meeting.

Planning & Zoning Consent Agenda (10:36 AM)

Mr. Curenton presented the items for Board approval.

1-Approved by P&Z - A request to construct a single family dock located at McIntyre Road in Section 10, Township 6 South, Range 3 West, east of Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. Dock will be 32x12 with a 16x4 access walkway and an upland deck of 40x8. Request submitted by GEA, Inc., agent for Loansome Partnership.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to approve request to construct a single family dock located at McIntyre Road in Section 10, Township 6 South, Range 3 West, east of Carrabelle; Motion carried 5-0.

2-Approved by P&Z - A request to construct a single family pier at Lot 16, Bay Palm Village, 1415 Evodia Ct., St. George Island. The pier will be 295x4 with a terminus of 20x6. Request submitted by GEA, Inc., agent for Lenny Moniz.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to approve request to construct a single family pier at Lot 16, Bay Palm Village, 1415 Evodia Ct., St. George Island; Motion carried 5-0.

3-Approved by P&Z - A request to construct a single family dock at 153 Harbor Circle, Alligator Point, Florida. The access walk will be 250x4 with a terminus platform of 20x8 and 11x12 boatlift. Request submitted by Larry Joe Colson, agent for James and Dora Landsberg.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to approve request to construct a single family dock at 153 Harbor Circle, Alligator Point; Motion carried 5-0.

4-Approved by P&Z (3/1 vote) - A commercial site plan for a request to consider a ten slip commercial dock as a principal use in the C-1 District on property located 530 US Highway 98, Eastpoint, FL. Request submitted by GEA, Inc., agent for Steve's Dockside.

Mr. Curenton presented a site plan for this request and discussed it further with the Board. Commissioner Jackel asked for additional information on this matter. Dan Garlick responded to Commissioner Jackel's questions and provided additional information on the project.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to approve commercial site plan for a request to consider a ten slip commercial dock as a principal use in the C-1 District on property located 530 US Highway 98, Eastpoint; Motion carried 5-0.

5-Approved by P&Z - A sketch plat for a three lot subdivision named Pine View Cove 2, the lots will access off of Mary's Beach Lane is accesses off of Highway 98. Request submitted by Thurman Roddenberry, agent for Willis Timber Limited Partnership.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to approve sketch plat for a three lot subdivision named Pine View Cove 2 off of Mary's Beach Lane; Motion carried 5-0.

6-P&Z Approved and concurred with the Advisory Board of Adjustment - A request for a Special Exception to locate a telecommunication tower on a 100x100 sq, ft parcel located at 3567 US Highway 98, Summer Camp, St. Teresa, FL. Request submitted by Blackwater Group, agent for AT&T.

Commissioner Parrish verified that the County will be able to co-locate repeaters on this tower. Chairman Sanders verified that the tower will be far enough off of the road that if it falls it wouldn't fall on Highway 98.

Megan Roberts, of AT&T, explained that the towers are designed to collapse inward rather than fall forward. She also verified that the County could co-locate on the tower and that there are no other towers in that area.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Massey, to approve request for a Special Exception to locate a telecommunication tower on a 100x100 sq, ft parcel located at 3567 US Highway 98, Summer Camp, St. Teresa; Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jackel and Mr. Curenton discussed problems with being able to have a meeting quorum at the Planning & Zoning Board.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to direct Staff to send a letter to current members of the Planning & Zoning Board thanking them for their service and remind them of the importance of attending meetings; Motion carried 5-0.

Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Courts – Report (10:52 AM)

Mrs. Johnson discussed an item regarding the State asking for the County to sign a lease for network printers or copiers.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Lockley, to authorize Chairman’s signature on copier lease, if it becomes necessary; Motion carried 5-0.

The Board and Mrs. Johnson discussed Thursday and Friday’s budget workshop schedule.

Mark Curenton – Assistant County Planner – Report (10:55 AM)

Mr. Curenton presented his report to the Board.

1 – We have received the grant agreement from the Division of Emergency Management for the reroofing of the jail. The grant is for \$582,528.00. The County’s match is \$194,176.00. The finance office has the match budgeted in the fine and forfeiture fund. Board action to sign the grant agreement.

The Board and Mr. Curenton discussed the type of roof being installed.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Parrish, to approve Chairman’s signature on grant agreement for roof on the jail; Motion carried 5-0.

2 – We have received the grant agreement from the Department of Environmental Protection for improvements at Vrooman Park, which include relocating the T-ball field, expanding the children’s playground and providing netting to catch foul balls. The grant is for \$50,000. Board action to sign the grant agreement.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to approve Chairman's signature on grant agreement with DEP; Motion carried 5-0.

3 – FDOT has found \$122,000 to pay for the box culvert on Bluff Road. This will only cover a portion of the replacement. The total cost of installing the box culvert is \$195,313.10. The Board has previously approved taking the additional \$73,313.10 needed to pay for the box culvert from Commissioner Parrish's road paving funds. Board action to approve the resolution approving the Supplemental Agreement No. 3 and authorizing the chairman to sign the supplemental agreement.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Massey, to approve resolution approving Supplemental Agreement No. 3 and authorize Chairman's signature on agreement; Motion carried 5-0.

4 – Board action to approve Change Order No. 2 for C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. to add \$195,313.10 to their contract for Bluff Road to install the box culvert.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Parrish, to approve Change Order No. 2 for C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. to add \$195,313.10 to their contract for Bluff Road to install the box culvert; Motion carried 5-0.

5 – Board action to approve a memorandum of understanding between the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Franklin County relating to mosquito control. This MOU allows the County to trap mosquitoes and the Dept. of Agriculture to pay for the identification of the mosquitoes.

Motion by Massey, seconded by Jackel, to approve memorandum of understanding between the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Franklin County relating to mosquito control; Motion carried 5-0.

6 – Recommend awarding the contract for building the docks at the Abercrombie Boat Ramp to the low bidder, H. G. Harder & Son, Inc. in the amount of \$94,495.00. Board action to award the contract.

Commissioner Parrish stated that this project has been 2 years in the works.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Lockley, to approve awarding the contract for building the docks at the Abercrombie Boat Ramp to the low bidder, H. G. Harder & Son, Inc. in the amount of \$94,495.00; Motion carried 5-0.

7 – The staff at the Florida Communities Trust has gone over the County's request for funding and has disallowed some items as not reimbursable, such as recording and transfer charges, property taxes and settlement and closing fees. The amended amount Franklin County can expect from the Eastpoint Working Waterfront grant is \$317,540.00.

In addition the attorney at the FCT has informed me that the deeds for the Eastpoint property do not contain the necessary reverter clause required by Florida Statutes. Likewise a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants will need to be recorded on the property. These covenants basically say the property must be used in accordance with the Eastpoint Working Waterfront Management Plan which the Board has previously approved. Board action to authorize the chairman to sign the revised deeds and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants when they are reviewed and approved by the County Attorney.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to approve Chairman's signature on the revised deeds and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants once reviewed and approved by the County Attorney; Motion carried 5-0.

8 – There will be a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for Phase 1 of the Carrabelle Beach Multi-Use Path next week on Wednesday, July 23, at 11 a.m. The event will start with a ribbon cutting at the Carrabelle Beach RV Resort, followed by a walk or bicycle ride to the Crooked River Lighthouse for refreshments.

The Board commended Mr. Curenton on a job well done while Mr. Pierce has been on vacation.

Michael Shuler – County Attorney – Report (11:04 AM)

Attorney Shuler discussed the Ballot language for the Franklin County Tourist Development Council's proposed 2% increase.

Commissioner Jackel commented on both versions of the ballot language. She stated that the TDC board recommended the language that dedicates 1% to national advertising, so she was supporting that language.

Commissioners Lockley, Parrish, Massey and Sanders were in favor of the language that doesn't support dedicating the 1% to national advertising, as that funding could be used for other items throughout the County.

Motion by Jackel, to recommend version #2 of the ballot language; Motion dies for lack of second.

Attorney Shuler explained the language in version #1 of the Ballot, which doesn't dedicate the 1% to national advertising and stated that this is the version he recommends.

The Board discussed this matter further.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Massey, to recommended version #1 of the Ballot language; Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Sanders and Attorney Shuler discussed Sacred Heart Hospital's request to meet with him.

Commissioners and Public Comments (11:15 AM)

Commissioner Jackel discussed an email she received which included a Resolution regarding Courthouses being able to post an "In God We Trust" message.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Jackel, to start discussion to create a fire inspector/code enforcement position for the County; Motion carried 4-1, Parrish opposed.

Commissioner Parrish asked for Board action to have the Weather Channel restart the daily weather reports for Franklin County locations.

Motion by Parrish, seconded by Jackel, to direct Staff to send letter to Weather Channel requesting a restart for weather reports for Franklin County locations; Motion carried 5-0.

George Floyd Kirvin updated the Board on his efforts with the DEP and a snagging permit Resolution. He provided an informational handout on this matter.

Mr. Kirvin also informed the Board of a proposed dredging project on St. George Island and asked the Board for a Resolution of Support for this project.

Commissioner Parrish and Mr. Kirvin discussed why he changed his request from a partnership to a Resolution of Support.

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Massey, to authorize Resolution of Support; Motion was rescinded.

Attorney Shuler asked that the Board give him the opportunity to look at this matter further before any action is taken.

Adjourn (11:30 AM)

There being no further business, Chairman Sanders adjourned the Meeting.

Cheryl Sanders, Chairman – FCBOCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts