



**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**

**DECEMBER 17, 2019**

**9:00 AM**

**AGENDA**

*The Board of County Commissioners asks that all cell phones are turned off or placed on silent (vibrate) mode. Any handouts (information) for distribution to the Commission must be submitted to the Board Secretary (Clerk's Office) or to the County Coordinator on or before the Thursday prior to that Tuesday's meeting. Failure to do so will result in your removal from the agenda or a delay of any action relating to your request until a future meeting.*

**Call to Order**

**Prayer and Pledge**

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Minutes-November 19, 2019
2. Minutes-December 3, 2019

**Payment of County Bills**

3. Bill List for Payment

**Public Comments**

*This is an opportunity for the public to comment on agenda or non-agenda items. When you are recognized to be heard by the Chairman, please sign the speaker's log and adhere to the time limit. An individual will be allowed to speak for three minutes whereas a designated representative of a group or faction will be allowed to speak for five minutes.*

**Mayor Kevin Begos - City of Apalachicola - Comments**

**Department Directors Report**

**Superintendent of Public Works – Howard Nabors**

4. Report

**Action Items**

No Action Items

**Information Items**

- A. Work Performed/Material Hauled Report (Agenda Packet)

**Solid Waste Director – Fonda Davis**

5. Report

**Action Items**

No Action Items

**Information Items**

A. Debris Pickup/Recycle Material Hauled Report (Agenda Packet)

**Emergency Management Director – Pam Brownell**

6. Report

**Action Items**

No Action Items

**Information Items**

A. Franklin County Emergency Management attended the Region 2 Quarterly meeting.

B. Franklin County Emergency Management is diligently working on completing all paperwork for FEMA reimbursement.

C. Franklin County Emergency Management Staff is organizing and compiling care boxes for St James Rehab Center.

D. Franklin County CEMP has been approved and the resolution signed.

E. Franklin County Emergency Management is accepting applications for Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program. Criteria and Applications are available at Franklin Emergency Management's website.

F. FCEM is completing the annual NIMS survey for the state. It is a requirement to ensure the county is eligible for FEMA reimbursement.

G. FCEM is reviewing and rewriting the Local Mitigation Strategy Plan for the county.

**Extension Office Director – Erik Lovestrand**

7. Report

**Action Items**

No Action Items

**Information Items**

General Extension Activities:

A. Extension office assisted clientele with issues related to citrus greening in Franklin County, soil samples, and local gardening.

B. Work continues on end of year reporting, as required by UF/IFAS and Florida Sea Grant each year.

C. Extension Director participated in ACF Stakeholders (Apalachicola Caucus) conference planning call to discuss hosing the next in-person ACFS Governing Board meeting in Apalachicola during January possibly.

D. Staff has begun moving a few things to the new office location. Non-carpeted floor work still being completed.

Sea Grant Extension:

E. Extension Director returned turtle lighting supplies leftover from grant to FWC in Tallahassee.

4-H Youth Development:

F. Registering youth for upcoming 4-H Day at the Capitol in Tallahassee.

Family Consumer Sciences:

G. Family Nutrition Program (FNP) Assistant teaching hands-on cooking skills with pre-K youth to 8th grade with "Kids in the Kitchen" curriculum. Includes kitchen safety, cooking skills, how to follow recipes and, always the favorite part, taste testing.

H. FNP Program Assistant has begun teaching with adult senior group at First Baptist.

### **TDC Administrator – John Solomon – Report**

8. Report

#### **Action Items**

No action items

#### **Information Items**

A. Collections Report: The September (2019) collections were \$90,051.57. This is a \$19,918.75 (27.88%) increase over September (2018).

B. Fiscal Year Collections: The 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Collections are \$1,401,731.72 compared to \$1,304,397.10. Which is a 7.46% increase.

C. Web Site Activity: We had 27,889 web hits in the month of November (2019) an increase of 37% over last November of last year.

D. Visitor Center Numbers: The Visitor Centers welcomed 2,225 visitors in the month of November. The total for January-November of 2019 is 36,646 Visitors that have visited our centers. The total for 2018 calendar year was 31,398.

E. Meetings: The next scheduled board meeting is January 8th, 2020 @ 2:00pm at the Eastpoint Visitor Center

### **Board of Adjustment – Amy Ham-Kelly – Report**

9. Consideration of a request to construct an addition 5 feet into the east side setback on property described as 4402 St. Teresa Avenue, St. Teresa, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Jay McDaniel, agent for Jerry and Nora McDaniel, applicant. ABOA recommended approval by unanimous vote.

**Board Action:** Motion to approve, Table or Deny.

### **Planning and Zoning – Amy Ham-Kelly – Report**

#### **Commercial Site Plan Application**

#### **10. THIS ITEM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN BY THE APPLICANT.**

Consideration of a request for Commercial Site Plan Review of two new aquaculture production buildings on property described as 125 Harbor Circle, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. Property lying in Section 6, Township 7 South, Range 1 West. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, agent for Paul Parker et al. (PZ Commission: 3/1 Vote to approve with John Murphy recusing himself)

*This item was tabled at the November 19, 2019 regular meeting pending a decision on the public hearing that is before the Board today.*

**Recommended Action:** No Action Necessary, This Item Has Been Withdrawn By The Applicant.

#### **Critical Shore Line Applications**

11. Consideration of a request to construct a Multi-Family Dock located at 2832 US Highway 98 East, St. James, Franklin County, Florida. The Dock will be 150' x 4' with an 8' x 16' kayak launch and 8' x 12' terminal platform. This application has all State and Federal Permits. Request submitted by Larry Joe Colson, agent for St. James PUD (Armand Evans), applicant. **(PZ Commission: Unanimous Vote to approve)**

**Board Action:** Motion to Approve, Table or Deny

12. Consideration of a request to modify an existing dock by adding a 4' x 18' finger pier and a 12' x 20' covered boatlift on property described as Lot 4, Block 76, Unit 5, 363 Cook Street, St. George Island, Franklin County, Florida. This item has State Permit will be contingent upon receiving Federal Permits. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for James Slacky and Andree Grogan, applicants. **(PZ Commission: Unanimous Vote to approve)**

**Board Action:** Motion to Approve, Table or Deny.

13. Consideration of a request to construct a Single Family Private Dock on property described as Lot 34 Alligator Point Subdivision, 1617 Alligator Drive, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. The dock will be 359' x 4' and have (2) 12' x 20' boatlifts and a covered 10' x 16' terminal platform. This application will be contingent upon State and Federal Permits. Request submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for Jim Sweat, applicant. (House has been permitted) **(PZ Commission: Unanimous Vote to approve)**

**Board Action:** Motion to Approve, Table or Deny.

#### **Final Plat Application**

14. Consideration of a request for Final Plat approval of a 5 unit subdivision names Black Bear Bayou II a replat of Lots 1 and 7 of Black Bear Bayou, lying in Section 8, Township 7 South, Range 4 West, Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Thurman Roddenberry and Associates, agent for John Johnson, applicant. **(PZ Recommended Approval: Unanimous Vote)**

**Board Action:** Motion to Approve, Table or Deny.

#### **Land Use/Re-Zoning Application**

15. Consideration of a request for a Public Hearing for a Land Use change of 5.88 acre parcel from Residential to Commercial and Re-Zoning from R-1 Single Family Residential to C-4 Mixed Use Residential on property lying in Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 3 West, 2619 US Highway 98 East, Lanark, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Clayton Studstill, The Studstill Law Firm, PLLC, agent for Timothy Saunders and Christina Saunders, applicants. **(PZ Commission: Motion to Deny- Died for a lack of a second. 2nd Motion to Approve- Died for a lack of a second. No Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board)**

**Board Action:** Motion to Approve, Table or Deny Public Hearing Request.

#### **Public Hearing(s) 10:30 am & 11:00 am**

##### **16. THIS ITEM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN BY THE APPLICANT.**

10:30 am - Consideration of a request for a land use change of 1.04 Acres from Commercial Recreation to Commercial Fishing and a re-zoning change from C-3 Commercial Recreation to C-1 Commercial Fishing. Property lying in Section 6, Township 7 South, Range 1 West, 127 Harbor Circle, Alligator Point, Franklin County, Florida. Request submitted by Paul and Stephanie Parker, applicants. The county has received opposition.

*This public hearing is a continuation from the November 19, 2019 regular meeting.*

**Board Action:** No Action Necessary, The Applicant Has Withdrawn The Request

17. 11:00 am (ET) - (First of Two Public Hearings) The Franklin County Local Planning Agency will meet at 11:00 am (ET) to accept public comments on a proposed ordinance to amend the St. George Island Corridor Overlay District by removing the prohibition against single family residential uses on the ground floor for property located within a 2,100-foot radius of the center point of the intersection of Franklin Boulevard and Gulf Beach Drive, on St. George Island, Florida, as described in Plat Book 2, page 7, Franklin County, Florida, excluding the area east of the east boundary of Third Street East and west of the west boundary of Third Street West; providing for exemptions; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

*No vote shall occur at the public hearings held on December 17, 2019.*

18. 11:05 am (ET) - (First of Two Public Hearings) The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will meet at 11:05 am (ET), or as soon thereafter as is possible to accept public comments on a proposed ordinance to amend the St. George Island Corridor Overlay District by removing the prohibition against single family residential uses on the ground floor for property located within a 2,100-foot radius of the center point of the intersection of Franklin Boulevard and Gulf Beach Drive, on St. George Island, Florida, as described in Plat Book 2, page 7, Franklin County, Florida, excluding the area east of the east boundary of Third Street East and west of the west boundary of Third Street West; providing for exemptions; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

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

**RESTORE Coordinator – Alan Pierce – Report**

**Information Items**

19. Alligator Drive rebuilding update- Clay Kennedy and I met with FEMA inspectors on Alligator Point on Dec. 4 to explain the reconstruction project to a new set of inspectors who said they would be writing up the FEMA assessment. The good news is that they did not have any issues with the design we have already bid out. The only bad news is they could not give me a concrete time when FEMA funds would be obligated. The inspectors did have a Dec. 12 date to get their work done so there now appears to be some internal deadlines that someone in FEMA is setting. Based upon what I understand remains to be done in the FEMA system I do believe it is realistic to think Anderson Columbia could begin work by March 1.
20. (Amended)\*\*\* Rep. Shoaf has scheduled a meeting with FDOT, the Federal Highway Safety Administration staff, and FEMA to discuss the ownership of Alligator Drive. Commissioner Boldt and I will attend the meeting and promote the idea of the state taking over the road.

(Addendum added at 8AM, 12-17-2019- The meeting did occur at 3 PM on Dec. 16 at Rep. Shoaf's office in Tallahassee. Commissioner Boldt and I represented Franklin County. At least 15 other people were there representing FDOT, FDEM, and FEMA.

The 3 highlights of the meeting were:

A) The FDOT will not take over Alligator Drive as it does not meet the needs of the state. The best that will happen is that FDOT will research the opportunity for the state to say Alligator Drive meets a definition for the Federal Highway Safety Administration (FHSA) as an evacuation route, and if that happens then Alligator Drive would become eligible

for FHSA funds after a disaster. It seems on the surface that Alligator Drive would meet the definition of an evacuation route as it is the only access for the Point, but FDOT pointed out that there is a specific FHSA definition of what an evacuation route is, and FHSA has to agree with the application. FDOT will report back to Rep. Shoaf on that matter.

B) FEMA staff was asked on the status of the Project Worksheet (PW) for the \$4.7M reconstruction costs, and we were all informed that FEMA has initially found some \$1M of construction costs that they thought would be not be reimbursable. Those costs relate to the stormwater treatment system for the road that was not in place before the storm. FEMA staff said their responsibility is to build the road back to pre-storm conditions, and if there was not a stormwater system in there before the storm then someone else should pay the costs of that improvement. The county and FDEM both said the stormwater was a requirement of FDEP and had to be installed. FEMA staff agreed that if the stormwater system was a requirement then it would be eligible for FEMA reimbursement. FEMA staff, Dewberry, and FDEM staff are going to go over the stormwater system and requirements and get that issue resolved.

C) Rep. Shoaf strongly encouraged the county to expedite additional road protection so that this \$4.7M reconstruction is not damaged as it is so close to the Gulf of Mexico. To that end, I have contacted Dewberry and MRD Associates to see if the county's current \$200K beach renourishment design request to FDEP can be expanded to include design and \$5M of construction funds in 2020. Normally, FDEP authorizes design funds, and then in a following year would provide construction funds. If FDEP will support the inclusion of construction funds, and if Rep. Shoaf is successful in getting legislative funding for the FDEP beach renourishment program so that Franklin County gets funded, then beach renourishment to protect this 1.1 mile segment of Alligator Drive could occur shortly after the road construction is completed. It is possible, then, that it would only be the 2020 hurricane season where the road would not be fully protected. If FDEP does not fund construction funds this year then the road would be exposed to the Gulf of Mexico during the 2020, and 2021 hurricane seasons.

If FDEP does support construction funds this year then the county will need to move expeditiously on the creation of the MSTU so that there is a source of funds to maintain the beach.

There are other untested design ideas that could be used in lieu of beach protection but none of them have the matching funds available for construction that the state provides for beach renourishment. Every structure to hold back the Gulf is going to cost millions of dollars, so if the county and the residents of Alligator Point want to minimize their costs, and again we are talking about millions of dollars, then the most cost effective road protection that can be built is a beach renourishment project that can receive a 50% cost share with the state.)

21. Board discussion of development of potential MSTU for Alligator Point Road Protection project. In 2006, the Board developed an MSTU for a 3-mile-long beach restoration project on Alligator Point by utilizing the services of Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson Law firm, and a planning group called Government Services Group (GSG). We were advised that these two groups, who often worked together, were the experts in developing MSTUs around the state.

In consideration of a new MSTU I have asked Mike Dombrowski, MRD, to lead this effort because the protection of the road through the installation of a beach has not been completely designed, and therefore I imagine there will be some interface between the team designing the beach project, being MRD, and the team developing a funding source for the maintenance of the project, being the law firm and GSG. MRD has provided me with a scope of work that utilizes the Nabors, Giblin law firm and GSG, to develop the

boundaries of an MSTU, and a preliminary millage rate. MRD has worked with both firms on MSTU projects in the past. The proposed fee is not to exceed \$27,500.

I am not asking the Board to enter into this contract at this time but I want to bring up the subject as it was discussed at the last Board meeting. This proposed MSTU has two significant differences from the last one- an evaluation on the number of parcels involved, and an evaluation of whether only one rate is appropriate. I have said publically that this project is designed to protect approximately 1 mile of Alligator Drive, and thus there would only be one rate applied to all those deemed to benefit from the protection of the road. At a minimum there might only be some 400 property owners west of the washout that would meet the legal requirement of needing the road protected, and at a maximum there might be as many as 1400 parcels, if all of Alligator Point and Bald Point met the legal requirement of benefiting from the road protection.

The argument for the larger boundary is that the current fire station and water district office are both west of the washout so everyone benefiting from those two services might have a legal connection to the protection of the road. This is a swing of some 1000 parcels and would have a significant impact on a proposed rate.

In the previous MSTU there were 3 assessment rates depending on a parcel's proximity to the beach, but now I am proposing there only be one rate. The legal basis for utilizing one rate also needs to be researched, as it might be that there is still a benefit to owners in the immediate area that cannot be discounted.

Franklin County is requesting \$200K of design funds from the FDEP Beach Renourishment Program. Our proposal has not yet been ranked by FDEP and of course the legislature has yet to approve any budget. If we get the design funds this year, then Mike Dombrowski and I will recommend the Board begin the process of developing a funding source for maintaining the project, as neither the Board nor FDEP will probably fund a construction project without the maintenance worked out. The earliest construction funds could become available would be after the 2020 legislative session.

I bring all this up now so that the Board and the public are aware of what still needs to happen to protect the road. I realize other funding mechanisms have been discussed, such as parking fees, and those certainly might contribute to the funding of this project, but I believe the creation of an MSTU is fundamental to the maintenance of any road protection. The MSTU is an assessment that would be collected as part of a parcel's property taxes, and all other forms of funding are untested.

22. Board update on TRIUMPH funds. I attended a TRIUMPH staff meeting on Friday, December 6, to hear an update on the expenditure of funds throughout the TRIUMPH area. Chairman Gaetz was at the meeting and encouraged the counties to continue to develop economic development projects. Chairman Gaetz told the meeting that the Governor has informed him that he, the Governor, is directing some \$25M worth of interest generated from unspent TRIUMPH funds to be sent to the Dept. of Emergency Management to help those counties impacted by Hurricane Michael. Along with the funds TRIUMPH staff sent over a list of projects to FDEM that they think should be funded, and one of those projects is the \$1.1M fuel farm and back-up generator for the airport. As the Board is aware, we have spent over six months working and re-working this generator project to get it in line with TRIUMPH guidelines. It is my opinion that the county is better off having FDEM fund the airport project because there will not be any job creation requirements, or any claw-back provisions.

I then spoke with Rep. Shoaf's office and informed them of the funding opportunity coming to FDEM and asked them to promote the airport project with FDEM.

I also advised Rep. Shoaf's office that they should talk to FDEM about also funding the county's new EOC. Rep Shoaf has submitted a bill to fund the county EOC, but if FDEM is getting funding now we would not have to wait for the legislature, or for the risk of a Governor line item veto.

## **County Coordinator – Michael Morón – Report**

### **Action Items**

23. Weems CEO Agreement: At your August 13th meeting the Board authorized an agreement with Pastor David Walker to serve as Weems Hospital Interim Chief Executive Officer for a period of three months, with an option to extend an additional three months on a month to month basis for a salary of \$10,416.67 per month. We are now into the second month of the month to month extension, so I am recommending that the Board renew the agreement with the Interim CEO and guarantee three more months with another three-month option. This would guarantee his position until March 17, 2020. April, May, and June 2020 would be based on a month to month basis.

**Request:** Board action to renew the agreement with Pastor David Walker as Weems CEO from December 17, 2019 to March 17, 2020 along with a three-month extension on a month to month basis (April, May, June 2020).

24. Timber Island Road: Mr. Curenton has received a new SCOP agreement from DOT for repaving Timber Island Road from Highway 98 to the Carrabelle River and building guardrails on the Timber Island Bridge. The total contract for the surveying, design, permitting and construction is \$819,740. The work will have to be completed by June 2021.

**Request:** Board action to approve the resolution that authorizes the chairman's signature on the SCOP agreement.

25. FDOT 2020 Application Cycle: Mr. Mark Curenton was notified yesterday morning that the application cycle for FDOT's Small County Outreach Program (SCOP), Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP), and County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) grants are now open. The application window for these grants closes on March 20, 2020. Franklin County is eligible to apply for three (3) SCOP projects, two (2) SCRAP projects and one (1) CIGP project. The two cities are also eligible to submit a possible CIGP project to the Board of County Commissioners for their decision on which CIGP project to submit to FDOT for consideration. Contact Mr. Curenton as soon as possible to discuss the specifics of these grants as it applies to possible projects in your district.

**Request:** Board discussion.

26. Old Ferry Dock Road: The FWC grant for designing improvements to the Old Ferry Dock Boat Ramp is set to expire on December 31. DEP has asked for a hydrographic analysis before they issue the permit for the boat ramp. This will take several months to accomplish, so Mr. Mark Curenton has asked FWC for a six-month time extension. FWC approved the extension.

**Request:** Board action to authorize the Chairman signature on the necessary documents for the time extension.



27. Buddy Ward Reef: The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has sent the first-time out letter and the initial proffered authorization for the Buddy Ward Memorial Artificial Reef project. This project has been in the works since January 16, 2018 when Mr. Grayson Shepard appeared before the Board seeking approval to create the artificial reef. The first-time out letter states that the Corps has completed the review and evaluation of the permit application and is requiring the applicant to review the terms and conditions prior to the Department of Army's final signature. There are special conditions that apply specifically to this project along with instructions to accept or object to any of the permit terms and conditions. In order to proceed with this project, the Chairman's signature is required on the permit which will be submitted to the Department of Army for the final signature.

**Request:** Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the permit and the submittal to the Department of Army for the final signature.

28. FDOT Beautification Grant: The county received notification from the Florida Department of Transportation that Franklin County has been awarded the Beautification Grant in the amount of \$97,385. At your July 16th meeting the Board authorized Mike and Pat O'Connell of the St. George Island Civic Club to team with Mr. Mark Curenton, County Planner, to apply for this grant. The grant funding will be used to improve the landscape, for the state-owned, land between the exit of Bryant Patton Bridge to Bayshore Drive. Mr. Fonda Davis, Parks and Recreation Director, has also been instrumental with this grant as his department is going to maintain the landscaped area. As with other FDOT grant projects, the County is responsible for the grant and will manage this project.

**Request:** Board action to accept this grant and proceed with the project.

29. CareerSource Agreement Modification: At your last meeting the Board authorized the Chairman's signature on a Modification to Worksite Agreement which allows for the placement of CareerSource workers within different county departments to assist with Hurricane Michael recovery. I indicated that the original agreement expired so to continue the program it was necessary to approve this agreement. What was unknown at the time, due to an oversight at CareerSource, is that the agreement expired on September 30, 2019 so the agreement requires a date prior to the expiration date, not the December 3rd meeting date when it was approved by this Board. The modification extends the agreement to September 30, 2020 unless available funding ends before that date.

**Request:** Board action to authorize September 30, 2019 as the date on the CareerSource Modification to Worksite Agreement. The Chairman's signature was authorized at the December 3rd meeting for this same agreement.

30. 2020 Census: At your December 3rd meeting while informing the Board of the first Census Complete Count Committee meeting, a small advertising and promotional budget was discussed. The Census Bureau states that each person counted brings at least \$14,000 to the county, therefore each local government should contribute \$0.50 (11,000 x .50 = \$5,500) per resident to the Census Committee to assist with awareness and other phases of the 2020 Census. The Census Committee is in the awareness phase of the 2020 Census and would like to order a couple of banners and a tablecloth that would be used during County events to promote the 2020 Census. Mr. Rick Watson, Tax Collector and a member of the Census Committee, will loan the committee a tent during these events. With that in mind, I am asking the Board to consider a budget of up to \$4,500 for the

Census Committee. In addition, the committee is still seeking representatives from the community, in unincorporated Franklin County, to volunteer and assist with reaching those in their neighborhoods that may have questions or need guidance regarding the 2020 Census.

**Request:** Board action to authorize up to \$4,500 for advertising and promotions for the county's 2020 Census CCC. I will authorize all purchases for the CCC.

31. 911 PSAP Agreements: Sheriff Smith forwarded me an email sent to him that based on HB441 each Sheriff is to develop and file with FDLE an inter-local agreement, also known as a Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) agreement by January 1, 2020. "The Sheriff is required to engage all the stakeholders in his/her county to establish the protocols under which each PSAP can directly communicate with all first responder agencies". Since time is of the essence, would the Board consider authorizing Attorney Shuler to work with the Sheriff on creating this inter-local agreement and authorizing the Chairman signature on this agreement after Attorney Shuler has approved it.

**Request:** Board action to authorize Attorney Shuler to work with the Sheriff on creating this document and authorize the Chairman signature once the document is completed and approved by Attorney Shuler.

32. Sheriff's Letter of Support: The Sheriff, in his quest to seek funding for the proposed county's drug rehabilitation center (Bay City Wellness Center), is asking the Board to authorize a letter of support for the project. The Sheriff is seeking Legislative funding for this project and would like to add a letter of support, from the County, to the application.

**Request:** Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on a letter of support for Bay City Wellness Center project.

33. Attorney General Opioid Task Force: The county received a letter from the Attorney General Ashley Moody office stating that she has been appointed as Chair of the Statewide Task Force on Opioid Abuse by Governor DeSantis. As part of the task force's role in developing a statewide strategy to address this crisis, the state is asking for the county's input "on what programs would most effectively abate the opioid crisis in your community". The state is trying to develop a strategy in advance of any settlement of the ongoing negotiations in the opioid litigation. With that said, Attorney General Moody is hosting a meeting on January 13, 2020 from 9-11 AM (EST) for an open-table discussion to identify each community's input. There are space limitations, so they are asking the county to send only one representative.

**Request:** Board discussion and action on sending a county representative to the Task Force on Opioid meeting.

34. DACS Aquaculture Use Zone: Mrs. Portia Sapp, Director at the Division of Aquaculture, has sent a package for your review for a new Aquaculture Use Zone. After reviewing the package, the County has until January 11, 2020 to comment on and or to concur with or object to the proposed project. Your comments will be used in the department's evaluation of the proposed Aquaculture Use Zone and activities. The department will consider the following preferences when issuing leases: applicants that are Franklin County residents, applicants that have attended a pre-application meeting (which will be held in Franklin County to provide an overview of the aquaculture leasing process and requirements), applicants that have not previously held a 10-year renewable aquaculture submerged land lease, applicants that have held a Saltwater Products License (SPL) for at least three of the last five years, and applicants that have held a SPL

with an oyster endorsement for at least three of the last 10 years. I sent the package to Mr. Josh Adams (ARPC) to verify that there are no conflicts with the Franklin 98 Living Shoreline project. He verified that there are no conflicts. You may send your comments to me or to Mrs. Sapp (*Portia.Sapp@fdacs.gov*) directly.

**Request:** Board discussion regarding the preferences and overall project.

### **Information Items**

35. P&Z Office Christmas Week Schedule: The Planning and Zoning Office schedule will deviate slightly from the other County Offices during the week of Christmas. To better serve the contractors, our office will be open on Monday, December 23rd and Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) and will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, Thursday, December 26th, and Friday, December 27th with the exception of the Building Official. He will do inspections on Monday (12/24) and Friday (12/27). Staff will recommend to all contractors/builders (website and media advertising) that if construction project inspections are needed that week, to schedule the inspections on Monday or Tuesday so the Building Official can do them on Friday, December 27th.
36. FAC 2020 Legislative Day: Remind the Board that Wednesday, January 29, 2020 is the Florida Association of Counties Legislative Day. This will be an opportunity to discuss some of the priorities that affect Franklin County as well as all Florida counties. FAC, in an effort to centralize the day's activities will try and schedule most of the events at the Challenger Learning Center which is steps away from the Capitol Building. Contact Cheyenne as soon as possible about any arrangements for that day.

### **County Attorney - Michael Shuler - Report**

### **Commissioners' Comments**

### **Adjournment**