

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
JUNE 2, 2020  
9:00 A.M.  
MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present: Noah Lockley – Chairman, Ricky Jones-Vice-Chairman, Joseph Parrish, William Massey, Bert B. Boldt, II**

**Others Present: Marcia M. Johnson-Clerk of Court, Erin Griffith-Assistant Finance Director, Michael Moron-County Coordinator, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Lori P. Hines-Deputy Clerk to the Board.**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Lockley called the meeting to Order.

- 1. To comply with CDC and Government social distancing requirements, the general public will not be allowed in the commission meeting room for this meeting; therefore, this Board of County Commission regular meeting will be conducted via livestream and conference call. Those wanting to view the meeting can use the livestream link (<https://www.youtube.com/user/SGIBeachLife>) or go to Forgotten Coast TV's YouTube Page. The livestream feed will promptly start 5 minutes before the meeting commences. Those wanting to participate during "Public Comments" on the agenda should use the conference call system by dialing 1-844-844-0014 and when prompted enter 540166#. Once the "Public Comments" agenda item is completed, the conference call will be disconnected. Any person who wishes to appeal a decision made by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, must have a record of the proceedings. He or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.*

**Prayer and Pledge**

There was a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

2. Approval of April 30th 2020 Minutes
3. Approval of May 8th 2020 Minutes

**On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the minutes from the meetings held on April 30, 2020 and May 8, 2020.**

## Payment of County Bills

### 4. Bill List for Payment Approval

**Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment of the County's bills. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion.** Chairman Lockley inquired about the payment to the Leon County Board of County Commissioners. Mrs. Griffith said she will answer when her laptop connects.  
**Motion carried; 5-0.**

## Public Comments

Mr. Moron instructed the public to indicate on the phone if they wish to speak. Mr. Moron advised the public once public comment are finished he will disconnect the call because the equipment will be needed for 2 other calls during the meeting. He explained the conference system will only be used for public comments and then people will need to go to the livestream of the meeting. He said if livestream goes down they will reactivate the conference system. There were no public comments.

## Department Directors Report

### Superintendent of Public Works – Howard Nabors

#### 5. Road Department BOCC Report

Mr. Nabors said the grass along the road is grown up in some places and they have not been cutting the area because of the inmate shortage. He reported they used to maintain the state right-of-way along Franklin Blvd. but they are not cutting it either because of the lack of inmates. Mr. Nabors stated he notified the state they would not be cutting this area until the inmates are back. Chairman Lockley asked if the county is supposed to cut the property. Mr. Nabors answered they have cut the property for years but are shorthanded now. He said he contacted the prison but they do not know when the inmates will be available to work. Chairman Lockley reported they will probably not let them work while COVID-19 is still here. Commissioner Boldt questioned if this is an even financial exchange where they use the state prisoners as free labor for the work the county does on state right-of-ways. Mr. Nabors answered no, the state pays the county for this service. Commissioner Jones questioned if their department should go to a temporary 5 day work if this is going to stay this way. Mr. Nabors stated that will still cut off 2 hours each day.

### Solid Waste Director – Fonda Davis

#### 6. Solid Waste Directors BOCC Report

#### 7. Apalachicola Dixie Youth League

Mr. Davis did not have any action items. He reported he received information from the Dixie League that they are ready to start playing ball but the decision is up to the Board. Chairman Lockley asked if they have a plan. Mr. Davis replied yes. Mr. Moron said they asked for a waiver and Mr. Gleason said he had one but it is not in the package. He reported they need a waiver on file for each child that is

participating. He suggested they can get the waiver from Mr. Gleason or have Attorney Shuler provide a waiver. Commissioner Jones reported he has seen the waivers online that counties down south are using and they include COVID-19. Mr. Davis stated they will not travel outside the county and no one will travel in. Mr. Moron explained Mr. Gleason mentioned all the cities traveling to one city on a weekend and playing as a fundraiser but he does not know if the county is comfortable with that. Chairman Lockley asked if they will just play each other right now. Mr. Moron agreed they will just play inside the county. Mr. Davis confirmed that is correct. **On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the plan for playing ball inside the county.** Chairman Lockley asked for some clarification. Commissioner Jones explained they can play each other locally but the plan they submitted did not include playing out of town. Attorney Shuler recommended the Board also authorize Mr. Davis to place a sign stating by entering into the park they waive the right to sue the county. He reported they are doing this at other places so when you enter the park you will waive liability against the county. **On motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Parrish, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize Mr. Davis to place the sign.** Chairman Lockley asked how many games there will be. Commissioner Jones said they wanted to play 12 but he does not think there is a restriction on the number of games. Mr. Moron and Commissioner Jones both felt there may be a problem with participation. Chairman Lockley asked about the guidelines for cleaning the bathrooms. Mr. Davis said the cleaning is included and the league will take care of this item. He stated the county will do their normal routine. Chairman Lockley reported the county does not clean at the games so it is up to the league. He questioned if someone will be checking up on this. Mr. Davis reported they can check if that is what the Board wants them to do. Chairman Lockley explained they will need someone at every game to make sure this is done. He said right now the county crew is not required to be at the games. Mr. Davis agreed that is correct. Commissioner Jones suggested this could be accomplished by having someone randomly check without being there the whole time. Mr. Davis said with no tournaments the department can afford to pay a little overtime. Chairman Lockley stated they should be paid because he does not like to send someone on their time off. Mr. Moron reported it is a good idea to have a staff member at every game to monitor the situation. He said the concessions are not the county's responsibility but the bathrooms are. Mr. Moron stated there is also an option for parents that do not want their children to play and they receive their shirt, a hat and a voucher for next year. Chairman Lockley said they also have to monitor people for social distancing. He reported the county employee would be there to make sure they go by all the guidelines. Commissioner Boldt stated having a member of the county staff present shows the county intends to do everything right. Chairman Lockley said once they know the county is checking they may do it right. Commissioner Jones stated they will need 3 employees because they play in 3 places at the same time. Chairman Lockley asked how long the games will be. Commissioner Jones said they can go for 1-3 hours. Chairman Lockley said that will only be half a day for 3 men. Mr. Davis agreed they can make this work. Mr. Moron reported the coaches and district administration are responsible and will self-regulate. He said they do not want someone to get sick and trace it back to one of the games. Chairman Lockley stated tell them to have fun and be careful.

Mr. Davis said in relation to the dune walkovers at Alligator Point there is one that may be on private property but there is no survey and they need to confirm the location. Commissioner Boldt asked Attorney Shuler to look at the plat to determine if it is on private property. Attorney Shuler said he will work with Mr. Davis on this matter. Commissioner Boldt asked when the other dune walkovers will be

removed. Mr. Davis replied hopefully they will start tomorrow on Bald Point. Commissioner Boldt explained they are dismantling them because they are unsafe but a FEMA reimbursement is pending for re-building the walkovers. Mr. Davis reported they will rope off the same width of the dune walkover. Chairman Lockley asked if they got a permit to go on the private land in the beginning. Mr. Pierce explained when the dune walkovers were built they made an assumption on the property line and it was at an angle so the tip of the dune walkover was built on private property. Attorney Shuler reported if there is not an existing survey showing the location of the dune walkover on the property, he would have to order a survey showing the location before he can advise the Board on whether or not it is on private property. He stated if the dune walkover is on private property they cannot remove it until they receive permission from the landowner. **Commissioner Boldt made a motion to get a survey of the dune walkover at Alligator Point if there is not an existing survey. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Commissioner Massey suggested if may be cheaper to ask permission from the landowner to remove the dune walkover instead of paying for a survey. Attorney Shuler said he will also explore that option. Commissioner Massey reported it will cost a lot to get a survey. Attorney Shuler said the last survey he ordered was \$450. Commissioner Jones explained they will need a survey when they rebuild the dune walkover to determine where to put it. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Mr. Davis reminded the Board the tipping fee for yard trash is \$45 per ton but everything else is \$65 per ton. He reported they are overwhelmed with yard trash debris. Mr. Davis stated he appreciates the Board voting to get the incinerator repaired. He said the tub grinder costs a lot to operate so they may need to think about it. Mr. Davis reported they have let the residents dump yard trash free for 2 years and he asked if they want to continue to allow that or go back to charging. Commissioner Jones said that has lapsed because they put a time limit on it when they originally voted on it. He asked if it is cheaper to pick the yard trash up on the side of the road or have the residents bring the yard trash to them. Mr. Davis explained the debris has not slowed down but white goods and construction debris have slowed down. He said some debris is coming in from land clearing. Commissioner Massey questioned what other counties are charging for yard debris. Mr. Davis said either they are not taking it or it is more than Franklin County charges because they think debris is coming in from other counties. Commissioner Massey explained Wakulla County does not have a dump so they are bringing their debris into Alligator Point and dumping it. Chairman Lockley asked if they can charge people from out of the county more than residents of the county for dumping their yard trash. Attorney Shuler said he has not seen this happen in other counties but he would need to research this matter. Chairman Lockley stated these people are helping to fill up the landfill but they are not residents so the fee should be more. Attorney Shuler questioned how county staff can enforce this and how they would determine the debris came from another county. He said the only time he has heard of a different fee schedule for out of county was in reference to the beach driving permit in Gulf County. He explained he has never seen this applied to garbage and they would get into interstate commerce and federal regulations. Attorney Shuler said he is not sure how much money would be generated or how this would be enforced but he will look into it if that is the direction of the Board. Commissioner Massey stated there is no way to tell where the debris comes from. Chairman Lockley said he was just thinking about it. Commissioner Boldt reported it was a good thought because the landfill has a limited life and they must plan to expand it at some point. He stated the \$20 difference in some items being placed there is something the Board should consider. Commissioner Boldt said maybe everything needs to be \$65 per ton. **Commissioner Jones made a motion to table this item until the next meeting so Mr. Davis can bring his recommendation. Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion.** Chairman

Lockley reported they can track the debris because they can track the permits issued. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

Commissioner Boldt stated in the past there was a central location in Lanark Village for yard debris and everyone took their yard trash there. He asked if this is realistic and could be put back in place again. Commissioner Massey explained they had a central location but people dumped everything including household garbage. He said Mr. Davis spent days cleaning up the area. Commissioner Massey stated if people would abide by the rules it would work but they will not.

Commissioner Boldt thanked Mr. Davis for the trash collection at the designated beach accesses on Alligator Point. Mr. Davis stated he received some calls on the Leave No Trace Ordinance and they were a little behind but they are back on track now.

Commissioner Boldt inquired if the incinerator has been overhauled. Mr. Davis stated they are still working on it.

Sheriff - A. J. Smith - Proposal

#### 10. Sheriff A.J. Smith Parking Enforcement Officer Proposal

Sheriff Smith said he has been handling these parking situations in the summer since he has been Sheriff. He reported the parking situation at Alligator Point is pretty extreme and recently more on St. George Island. He stated he sent a proposal for a part time enforcement person (not law enforcement) to address the parking issues. Sheriff Smith said the biggest thing is where the money is coming from for this position. Sheriff Smith stated the deputies do not have time to do their law enforcement jobs because they are parking attendants. He said the traffic issue is huge on the weekend and is taking a lot of time and resources. Sheriff Smith reported they are looking for suggestions and ideas on how to address this issue. He said the only time parking is an issue is on weekends and in the summer. Sheriff Smith commented a lot of communities have a person that does strictly parking and law enforcement does not have to address it. Chairman Lockley asked how many people he is suggesting. Sheriff Smith recommended a person at Alligator Point and a person at St. George Island on Saturday and Sunday. He suggested this position could be during the day with an hourly wage and no benefits. He reported this person would write tickets and help with cars that need to be towed. Sheriff Smith said having the wreckers roam on Alligator Point has been a big help but has not solved the issue. Sheriff Smith explained he has been communicating with the residents at the beach and there are law enforcement issues with people on the beach and they are littering and indecent exposure. He reported the deputies are going to have to get on the beach to address these issues. Commissioner Massey questioned how much this position would pay an hour. Sheriff Smith replied \$10-\$15 per hour. Commissioner Jones said if the person is non law enforcement how does it help with the other issues. Sheriff Smith explained it will allow the deputies to devote their time to these issues. Commissioner Boldt discussed using off duty officers that would like extra work before they consider other individuals. Sheriff Smith reported time and half is more expensive than a part time position. Commissioner Massey agreed it is cheaper to hire other people. Chairman Lockley agreed they need to separate the parking and let the deputies address the law enforcement issues. Commissioner Boldt inquired if there is money to do this. Commissioner Jones pointed out if they are talking about a supplemental budget then it must be advertised and public hearings held. Sheriff Smith reported he

does not care who the person works for. He reported golf carts are also an issue on St. George Island and those complaints have to wait if the officers are busy writing parking tickets. Commissioner Boldt stated this is a long historic problem. Chairman Lockley said this is not going to get better so they have to do something. He asked if the person would have to work for the Sheriff to be able to write a ticket. Sheriff Smith stated Attorney Shuler could tell them but he thinks as long as they are under a government entity they could write the tickets. Chairman Lockley stated Florida is a tourist state and they are bringing in people with no conditions. Sheriff Smith agreed it is not the local people that are creating this problem. Commissioner Boldt reported the local people are exhausted with this issue as he heard at Alligator Point and Bald Point. Chairman Lockley stated the people that are bringing in the people and renting the houses are not contributing. He questioned if the Tourist Development Council (TDC) should also be contributing. Chairman Lockley stated they need to look at this issue because it is not going to stop. Commissioner Jones reported the use of TDC funds for an officer is not allowed. Chairman Lockley said this needs to be re-written because TDC is bringing the people in and needs to contribute. **Commissioner Jones made a motion to go out for an Attorney General's opinion on whether they can do this or not with the money.** Commissioner Jones stated since the Chairman would like to know he wants the opinion. **Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion.** Attorney Shuler explained in order to seek an Attorney General opinion he must first write a legal opinion on behalf of the county and in his opinion using TDC funds for law enforcement is not something they can do. **Commissioner Jones withdrew his motion. Commissioner Parrish withdrew his second.** Chairman Lockley asked who is supposed to pay for this. Attorney Shuler reported law enforcement is a general revenue obligation of the county and paid for out of ad valorem taxes which is part of the annual budgeting process. Commissioner Jones stated that comes back to doing a supplemental budget. Commissioner Massey reported they can add another penny tax. Attorney Shuler reported he has been asked and is presently looking into a proposal for a one penny increase in the TDC tax and the potential uses but he is not ready to report on this matter today. Chairman Lockley questioned why TDC is receiving the money if they are not going to pay for this item. Commissioner Jones said because they are promoting and advertising like the Board wants. Chairman Lockley questioned why they are putting up the tax for TDC if it is not going to accomplish what they are doing. Mr. Pierce stated they may be able to do this because TDC funds can be used to build improvements to serve the tourists such as parking lots and structures. Mrs. Griffith said it is unfair that they are spending so much to bring people here and then there is not proper parking. She reported they probably need to look for a long term solution. Chairman Lockley said TDC is advertising every day but the county does not have the infrastructure. Mr. Moron reported the money is being spent correctly in advertising but the county does not have the infrastructure to support the amount of tourists that are coming in. He said they must find a way to use the increase in TDC funds to create infrastructure. Mr. Moron explained this will not happen in a year or two but they need a long term plan. He stated maybe they can plan with input from the Sheriff on what helps to ease the role of the deputies. Mr. Moron stated it will require long term planning and the willingness of the Board to add another cent that the tourists pay to increase the infrastructure so the cost does not fall on the citizens. Mr. Moron said Commissioner Parrish has said it and it is true no one wants to pay any more taxes. He stated TDC is doing an excellent job of advertising but the lack of infrastructure is causing a problem. Commissioner Parrish reported over the years he has repeated and got no response to TDC monies being spent on infrastructure. He stated for years they did not have a public restroom in Apalachicola but now they do. Commissioner Parrish reported parking is still an issue not only at Alligator Point and St. George Island but also in Apalachicola. He stated this has been brought up many times but it did not go

anywhere and they are discussing it again today. Chairman Lockley reported he is not ready to have an extra penny for TDC until they rewrite the rules. He stated the citizens are not bringing the people in so they should not have to pay the taxes but they must accommodate the people they are bringing in. Sheriff Smith agreed building the infrastructure is a great way to alleviate the problem but he was asking for a short term solution. He estimated it would cost \$8,000-\$10,000 to have someone do this job at both places for the summer on weekends. Sheriff Smith stated they are seeing record crowds on the weekends. He explained there have been a lot of complaints about traffic and he could use everyone on the day shift to work traffic because of the volume. Commissioner Massey said Alligator Point does not want the people down there and they are going to continue to call the Sheriff. He reported St. George Island is inviting them there. Chairman Lockley said they need a parking lot and if there is no additional property they can go up. He reported they also need additional parking at the Courthouse. He stated they need a study on the number of people coming into the county every day.

**Commissioner Boldt made a motion that for the short term they give the Sheriff a budget.** Mrs. Griffith interjected the Board would need to have a public hearing to increase the Sheriff's budget. She stated it may be easier to find a county department to perform this task if they do not have to be law enforcement officers. She reported they may be able to add these duties to the individuals that do the Leave No Trace enforcement because these individuals are already part time employees for the summer. Commissioner Boldt asked if they can find some money to do the parking enforcement. Mrs. Griffith said that is up to the Board but they could use their Reserve for Contingency if they feel like that is a wise use of funds. Commissioner Massey questioned if they can use the workers that are working for Mr. Davis because they have them for the summer. Mrs. Griffith explained they are paid from the Workforce program and she does not know if that is allowed. She commented the county is not paying the workers directly. Mr. Moron reported those workers are strictly for any work related to Hurricane Michael recovery. Commissioner Parrish stated the proposal also calls for a vehicle with amber lighting. He reported they do not even know what the total costs to run the program is or where the money is coming from. Commissioner Parrish stated it is not just an hourly wage because the person must have a vehicle, insurance and other things that go along with the program. He was not sure what county department could run this program and know these people are working unless it is the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Parrish stated they must be responding to the Sheriff because there is also a requirement for a radio in the proposal. Sheriff Smith said they could do without a radio. Commissioner Parrish said they do not know where the money is coming from and have already been told they are going to have a budget shortfall this year. He stated people may be losing jobs because they do not know what the effects of COVID-19 are going to have on the county budget. Commissioner Parrish reported if the budget is shorter than last year then they would need to raise the millage rate to get to the same number they had last year unless they make budget cuts. He explained all this must be considered when they are trying to find money to implement a program that was not budgeted for. Commissioner Parrish said he is not saying he is for or against the program but these things must be considered and the Board needs to be prepared to stand up and raise the budget next year. Commissioner Parrish stated he does not want to pay any more taxes and neither do the people he talks to. He said they would need to raise taxes or lay people off to make room for another job to take care of the parking issue. Chairman Lockley said they need a workshop to solve this matter but the problem is here now. He reported they need to see if they can find some money or see what TDC can do. Commissioner Parrish stated if they take money out of Reserve for Contingency then they must raise taxes next year to put it back so they have \$1 million in the fund. He explained if the county had not had the Reserve for Contingency during Hurricane Michael they would have been in trouble.

Commissioner Parrish stated he does not want the Reserve for Contingency to get below \$1 million because during Hurricane Michael they spent almost all of the fund because they have to spend the money before FEMA reimburses the county. He reported it has almost been 2 years since Hurricane Michael and they have not received all of the money back from FEMA. Mr. Moron clarified they are not faulting TDC because they are doing a good job. Mrs. Griffith explained TDC is limited by Florida Statutes on what they can do with the proceeds. She reported the percent they have in place now does not allow for infrastructure spending. Mrs. Griffith said what TDC can do is limited so that is one of the reasons they have not done much for infrastructure out of the funds they are currently collecting. Commissioner Massey said they want TDC to pay for everything but there is only so much TDC can do. Mr. Moron reported they are talking about Reserve for Contingency and the Emergency Management Director is going to tell them about a storm that is headed into the Gulf of Mexico within the next day or two and it is just the start of the season. He explained they need a comprehensive discussion about long term plans. Chairman Lockley suggested they contact other counties that have already addressed these issues and ask them for advice. Chairman Lockley reported the TDC is doing a good job but someone is not paying their share. He explained the person paying ad valorem taxes should not pay for these services. Commissioner Jones assured the Board the TDC will do everything they can to alleviate these issues but they cannot pay the ticket person. Sheriff Smith reported it is good they are talking about this and starting to put a plan together. He stated his department will do all they can but parking issues will be a low priority call. Commissioner Jones pointed out the TDC is also looking at a budget restriction on the money coming in. He stated there is probably \$200,000-\$250,000 of money they had budgeted that is not coming in. Commissioner Parrish reported he is hearing complaints about people parking on private property and he wants to know if the property owner can have that person towed without calling the Sheriff. Sheriff Smith answered yes, but sometimes the property owner calls them because they are scared to confront the person. Sheriff Smith reported they respond because the person could be arrested and charged with trespassing. He said the deputies are good at multi-tasking and doing what they are required to do. Sheriff Smith stated he hopes they have a workshop to fix some of these issues. He talked about the traffic and said they are probably going to start some special enforcement initiatives to slow some of these issues down. **Commissioner Parrish made a motion to direct county staff to examine this problem and see where they need to go to find a solution to the problem the Sheriff is referring to. Commissioner Boldt seconded the motion.** Chairman Lockley asked if they will also find out who should be participating and what they can use the tax for. Commissioner Boldt reported they should also contact other sheriffs so see what they are doing. Commissioner Parrish asked them to check and see if any civic organizations can help to fund this in the different locations of the county so they would have private funds instead of raising taxes. He reported that would address the problem in the short term and they know they need to come up with a plan for the long term. Chairman Lockley asked if they can use any Triumph or RESTORE funds. Mr. Pierce said they may use RESTORE funds for a long term solution but they would need to go to the U.S. Treasury for an amendment to their plan. He stated it would not be this year but maybe next year. Mr. Pierce said they are doing a stormwater plan at St. George Island using RESTORE funds and in the next few months they will advertise for a firm to do the design work. He stated this stormwater plan would also include parking issues. Mr. Pierce reported a couple of years ago the Alligator Point Taxpayers Association (APTA) had some funds available and were looking at options so they may be interested in being a partner. Mr. Moron stated they wanted to hire a part time deputy. Commissioner Parrish said maybe they can use the money to hire a traffic control officer. He reported the budget will be short and he does not want to increase any more than



is absolutely necessary. He stated they have to work together because this cannot all fall on the county. Commissioner Boldt reported he has heard APTA may consider funding some of this issue. Mr. Moron asked if a certification is needed. Sheriff Smith reported some training would be needed. Chairman Lockley asked about the timeframe. Mr. Moron said they will look into this and let them know at the next meeting when they can set up a workshop. Sheriff Smith asked if they will discuss the boot issue for the cars at the meeting because it would make it easier for his department and the wreckers. Mr. Moron reported Attorney Shuler is already working on amending the ordinance and that must be advertised and requires a public hearing. Sheriff Smith inquired when that will be done. Attorney Shuler stated he likes the idea of tying the issues together. He went on to say he would be presenting an amendment to the ordinance and then the Board would be having a subsequent workshop talking about a more comprehensive solution or plan to address the parking issue. He recommended they put the ideas together in a workshop setting and once a decision is made they can move on from there. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

### **Emergency Management Director – Pam Brownell**

Mrs. Brownell presented her report, as follows:

#### **8. Action Items:**

A-1. Request the Boards approval and signing of the following grants:

- a. Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$53,720.00
- b. Emergency Management Performance Grant, COVID-19 Supplemental in the amount of \$7,975.79
- c. Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Grant in the amount of \$105,806.00

**On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the grants.**

A-2. Request the Boards approval and signing of the Non-Congregate Sheltering Checklist.

**On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve and sign the Non-Congregate Sheltering Checklist.**

A-3. Request the Boards approval and signing of the Non-Congregate Sheltering Request Letter to be sent to FEMA for approval.

Mrs. Brownell stated this letter asks FEMA for reimbursement of the COVID-19 sheltering costs. **On motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve and sign the Non-Congregate Shelter Request Letter to be sent to FEMA for approval.**

Mrs. Brownell reported when the Board looks at the packet that Mrs. Jennifer Daniels prepared the county already has the money for anything that says obligated. She stated the county has 9 projects that are held up at FEMA but everything else has been paid to date.

Chairman Lockley inquired about the storm. Mrs. Brownell reported the storm is not in the Gulf of Mexico yet but could be by the middle of the week. She stated the predictions have the storm heading to Louisiana or Texas but it is too early to know for sure. Chairman Lockley explained between COVID-19 and the storms they could have a problem if people have to evacuate. Mrs. Brownell stated she is working on a plan to address people that need to evacuate that have been exposed or have COVID-19. She explained the federal government says they must quarantine and the county must find sheltering for that person. Mrs. Brownell reported she will work with Attorney Shuler on an agreement if she finds a hotel that will take the COVID-19 patients. Commissioner Parrish asked what will happen if the county puts deposits on rooms and the person goes there during a storm and the place loses power. He also inquired if the person has COVID-19 who will take care of the person. Commissioner Parrish stated the federal and state approach to this situation makes no sense and there are many questions. He reported this will also affect the county budget because this is money they have to spend that is not budgeted. Commissioner Parrish stated this will be paid from Reserve for Contingency and he does not know how rural counties are going to pay for this. He explained the county has not even been reimbursed yet for Hurricane Michael from 2 year ago. Commissioner Parrish said he does not know where all the money is coming from for all these items and then it may take years to be reimbursed. He pointed out this brings out the importance of having the Reserve for Contingency and not spending it because they could run out of money if they were impacted by another Hurricane Michael in the middle of COVID-19. He explained rural counties have received no money from the Cares Act for COVID-19 because you must have a population of 500,000 to qualify. Commissioner Parrish asked how they determine how many hotel rooms they need and if Department of Health (DOH) certifies the person has COVID-19 or has been in contact with it. Commissioner Massey said the shelters may not be open. Mrs. Brownell reported the general population shelters and special needs shelters will be open. She stated DOH will certify anyone that needs to go into quarantine and in the plan they will address hotels that have generators. She stated they will not send someone to a hotel that does not have a generator. Mrs. Brownell reported she met with DOH yesterday about the sheltering issue and they will be responsible for daily calls to the people that are quarantined and they will coordinate where these individuals are going. She went on to say if the person is getting worse the DOH will send someone to the person to determine whether they need to go to a hospital or stay sheltered in place. Commissioner Parrish stated that answers some of his questions but not the money issue. Mrs. Brownell reported she sent the email to the Commissioners that she received from the state saying this issue is on the county. Mrs. Brownell reported they have started some of their COVID-19 PA work to try and get some of the money they have spent back into the county. She stated she will try to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the hotels rather than arrange deposits. She explained they will then try to find hotels that meet the requirements. She reported she will work with Attorney Shuler on this plan to make sure everything is done to protect the county. Commissioner Parrish asked if they will pay elevated hotel rates due to the cleaning requirements for the COVID-19 patients and if this amount is reimbursed by FEMA. Mrs. Brownell said she does not know but the hotel should already be disinfecting the rooms. Commissioner Massey reported there are no COVID-19 cases in the county so they should not need any hotel rooms. Mrs. Brownell explained they still have to plan but will not provide rooms unless DOH certifies someone has COVID-19 and needs isolated sheltering. She reported hopefully the person has transportation because if they do not the county will have to provide transportation. Mr. Moron discussed the process for obtaining these rooms. Mrs. Brownell said Leon County only has 14 rooms and they are not at the best hotels. Commissioner Parrish said it seems like the state should secure some hotels for these individuals. Mr. Moron

reported the state should have a shelter for this region for people with or exposed to COVID-19. Attorney Shuler stated he does not want to prejudge a negotiation that has not occurred but he wants to bring up what he believes will be an insurmountable legal problem with this process. He said he anticipates that any motel will ask Franklin County to provide an unlimited indemnification and the county cannot do that. Attorney Shuler reported they may be going through a planning process that never even starts because the county cannot indemnify a private corporation through the use of the full faith and credit of Franklin County government. He said this may not come up but if it does the county cannot legally do this. Chairman Lockley stated they need to notify the state they need a better plan. Attorney Shuler explained they can make the county go through a planning process but they cannot make the county violate the law if the process they create leads the county to that point in the negotiation. He reported this would not be unusual because he had to strike items for indemnification in the contract for the new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) design and the state agreed to remove these items. Commissioner Massey reported Mrs. Brownell must provide a deposit and the county will lose the deposit if they do not use the rooms. Attorney Shuler stated the money is probably not reimbursable. Mrs. Brownell agreed it is not reimbursable. She reported Leon County has paid \$1,200 in deposits and that is all the rooms they could find. Mrs. Brownell suggested the Board write a letter to the Governor addressing this issue. Commissioner Parrish asked when the county's liability stops if they send someone to a motel. Commissioner Massey expressed concern that some people will not have the money to leave the county and then the county will pay to send these individuals. Commissioner Parrish said Mrs. Brownell is doing what she was directed to do but he is looking ahead to how they are going to do this and who is going to pay for it. Commissioner Boldt questioned if the county has language in their liability insurance to cover these issues. Attorney Shuler reported they would need to contact the insurance company but he doubts they have a COVID-19 waiver at this point. He asked Mrs. Griffith if the insurance carrier has sent any amendments to the current policy. Mrs. Griffith said for first responders and law enforcement they have some coverage available for workers compensation claims with COVID-19 related issues. She stated she would need to contact the insurance company about any general liability concerns. Commissioner Boldt said they should contact them. Commissioner Massey reported no one in the state is ready for this. Commissioner Boldt suggested they contact commissioners in other counties to see how they are addressing this. Mrs. Brownell said she is working on a plan and they are having to amend their shelter plan. Mr. Pierce asked if the Board has to adopt the plan before it is effective. Mrs. Brownell replied yes. She said she is hoping they do not have any cases but she is required to have a plan. She explained the documents they are signing today are going to FEMA so if they have to send someone FEMA will reimburse them for 75% of the cost. Mrs. Brownell said they will still run the Transportation Disadvantaged buses so people can go to the general population shelters. She reported the general population and special needs shelters will be open in Leon County. She stated the Health Department will be helping to work the special needs shelter. Mrs. Brownell reported the shelter in Liberty County will also be open. She explained unless they pick up people and take them to the shelters they cannot designate where they go. She stated they take the residents to the shelter at Leon County High School and once they drop them off they are the responsibility of Leon County at the shelter until they are picked up. She said this will be a different situation with COVID-19. Chairman Lockley said in the past the Chairman has made decisions about the hurricanes and he asked if they want to use the same process this year. Mr. Moron stated they are already doing this with COVID-19 so they will follow the same route unless something happens. He explained the LSE is being extended week to week and the Board ratifies the Chairman's signature. Chairman Lockley said he wanted to clarify that he has the same authority for

hurricanes. Mr. Moron explained in the past it has been Mrs. Brownell and the Chairman addressing this matter. Mrs. Brownell agreed that is what they have done in the past but they need to understand if there is a storm that will be a separate LSE for that storm. Mr. Moron said he believes the Board is in agreement with the same process they have used for years.

### **Information Items:**

I-1. Franklin County EOC has been working with FDEM (Florida Division of Emergency Management), FEMA, and DOH (Department of Health) to update our existing Shelter Plans. These updates will address the COVID-19 issues and the unique sheltering requirements needed to protect individuals. The Non-Congregate Sheltering Checklist and Non-Congregate Shelter Request Letter are items needed for these updates.

I-2. HURRICANE SEASON BEGAN YESTERDAY JUNE 1, 2020.

I-3. EOC Staff continues to monitor the stages of the HLMP (Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program) Grant. The HLMP grant has allowed us to mitigate numerous homes throughout DOH Franklin County over the past 5 years. We are in the Construction stage now.

I-4. EOC Staff has sent in the reporting documentation for the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Grant.

I-5. EOC Staff are working diligently with DOH Staff regarding the COVID-19 virus. This includes hosting meetings with representatives from DOH, Sheriff's Department & Weems, EMS, Conference Calls, pushing out messaging from DOH on Facebook and our EOC Website.

I-6. EOC has been making cloth mask. We have given approximately 200 masks to the Security Officer at the Court House to give out to the public as needed to assist with COVID 19 protection.

I-7. EOC Staff continue to participate in conference calls (Approximately 10 calls weekly) with the State DEM, Region 2, DOH, FEMA, etc. regarding COVID 19. We also continue to update WebEOC with missions for PPE, Local State of Emergency, and SitReps.

I-8. EOC advertised for the SPN Coordinator/Office Admin position. We had 7 applicants and have interviewed all who applied. EOC has made a choice on the applicant best qualified for the position and will report back to the Board upon acceptance of the position.

I-9. FCEM Staff continues to work on FEMA reimbursement claims from Hurricane Michael. (Please see the Attached Report regarding Hurricane Michael Projects). This includes working with FEMA staff regarding mitigation of damaged parks, roads, etc. Mitigation takes some time but EOC Staff continue to work diligently with FEMA Staff on the most beneficial repairs for Franklin County. Attached is an update of FEMA projects. EOC Staff has begun the FEMA reimbursement claim process for COVID 19.

I-10. 05/25/20 monthly IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert and Warning System) Testing successful.

I-11. Franklin County EOC has partnered with WeatherSTEM and there are now 6 WeatherSTEM sites in Franklin County. These locations are St. George Island Bridge, Ochlockonee Boat Ramp, Island View Park, Franklin County EOC, FSU Coastal Marine Lab and Franklin County School. We would like to thank the WeatherSTEM Team for making this possible. To view the live feed from any of these locations go to <http://franklin.weatherstem.com/>. Below is a sample of the real time information you can view from any of the sites.

### **Extension Office Director – Erik Lovestrand**

Mr. Lovestrand said he does not have any action items. He offered to answer any questions about his department. Mr. Lovestrand stated he is occupying his office if the Board needs to set up an appointment and see him. Chairman Lockley asked if his office received any special instructions in regard to COVID-19. Mr. Lovestrand answered yes, the University of Florida (UF) has a lot of

guidelines based on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) rules. He reported he is seeing people by appointment if required, otherwise they are handling things via email and telephone. Chairman Lockley asked if they moved into the new office. Mr. Lovestrand responded yes. Chairman Lockley discussed visiting the new office with Mr. Lovestrand.

9. General Extension Activities:

- The Public has still been able to reach Extension staff for assistance during this period of curtailed face-to-face interactions. Staff are currently occupying the Extension office and conducting limited interactions with the public by appointment when a face-to-face meeting is required. Most assistance is being provided by phone or internet at this time.
- During this period the Extension office assisted citizens in on the topics of soil tests, establishing a lawn on storm damaged property, injured wildlife, snake identification, citrus psyllid identification/trapping, and more.
- Extension Director currently serving an “interim” role as the Wakulla County CED to provide assistance during the transition with a retiring CED and new CED coming in June. Minimal time involvement is required as the Wakulla office personnel are handling all office operations as usual.

Sea Grant Extension:

- Extension Director participated in weekly Zoom meetings with statewide Sea Grant faculty and program administration.
- Extension Director is collaborating with other Sea Grant faculty to conduct an in-service training in July for other UF Extension agents about Seafood safety. The program will take place via distance-learning technology.
- Extension Director collaborating with other Sea Grant faculty from UF and Auburn University to assess damage to oyster growing leases from Hurricane Michael and worked with growers to find what practices and gear types worked best during this type of event. The project will produce a template for storm preparation by shellfish growers.

4-H Youth Development:

- The Statewide 4-H office, in coordination with County Extension faculty, has created a new virtual 4-H website called Florida 4-H Adventures, located at [http://florida4h.org/programsandevents\\_/4-h-adventures/](http://florida4h.org/programsandevents_/4-h-adventures/)
- This site has over 50 programs for 4-H members to choose from for virtual adventures during this time when you cannot meet in club meetings. Parents and youth have been making much use of the site so far.

Family and Consumer Sciences:

- Family Nutrition Program (FNP) classroom programs are being transitioned to a distance learning platforms to complete lessons for this school year.

Horticulture/Agricultures:

- All Master Gardener classes are still being conducted in an online format. Volunteers are now allowed to return to work at IFAS facilities in limited numbers with several precautions being taken (particularly with higher-risk individuals).
- Many people have been making good use of more time at home to start a spring garden so the number of calls for assistance has been increasing accordingly.

The meeting recessed at 10:49 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:58 a.m.

**U.S. Census Bureau - Evelin Ramirez (Representative) – Update**

Mr. Moron stated Ms. Ramirez is present via telephone. Ms. Ramirez thanked the Census Complete Count (CCC) Committee for their work. She reported they are not done yet and have to continue moving forward to make sure they get their share of the federal funding and representation. She stated she has been able to secure some items promoting census awareness to share with the community and she provided interim chair Mrs. Cortni Bankston's contact information. She reported the way to get involved is to join the CCC Committee and they are looking for a chair and co-chair in addition to members of the community. Ms. Ramirez stated people can make calls on behalf of the census, post on a social media platform or share their ideas. She explained it is for a short amount of time because they only have until October to complete the process. She stated anyone interested can contact Mrs. Bankston at (850) 653-9783 or email to [fccensus2020@franklincountyflorida.com](mailto:fccensus2020@franklincountyflorida.com). Ms. Ramirez reported the population counts they have by the end of the year will determine the future of Franklin County for the next 10 years. She explained they need to make sure they have the count to insure Franklin County has the free lunch program that is 100% funded under Title I. She said rather than looking at the halt to field operations as a negative they need to look at it as an opportunity with the extended times to get the word out. She reported they do not count rental properties, they count people. Ms. Ramirez stated the world changed quickly with COVID-19 but they resumed field operations in May. She said Franklin County has a huge number of post office boxes and they did not send questionnaires to post office boxes so field operations have left paper questionnaires at physical addresses. She explained last year they did address canvassing to verify physical addresses so they have a blueprint of where households are. Ms. Ramirez reported if they did not get a census form at their post office box then they will have one dropped off at their household. She stated this form will provide a number to call, a website and a census code to use. Ms. Ramirez provided instructions for completing the census. She stated they can also go to [my2020census](http://my2020census) and fill out the forms online. She reported people can also call 1-844-330-2020 and 1-844-468-2020 (Spanish speaking) to complete the census. Ms. Ramirez explained some of the wait times can be long over the phone because they are working with a reduced staff. Ms. Ramirez said the response rate for Franklin County as of May 31<sup>st</sup> is 29.3%. She explained the response rates give an estimate of the households that are responding and gives them an idea of the areas they need to focus on but it is not the population count. She went on to say the population count is the goal and determines the funding which is \$4 trillion over 10 years or \$675,000 annually plus more representation. Ms. Ramirez reported the funding is based on population numbers and they will have those numbers on December 31, 2020. She explained you can view live response rates and how other counties are responding at [2020census.gov/en/response-rates](http://2020census.gov/en/response-rates). She discussed outreach that has been done with public service announcements, posters, social media and with promotional items. She highlighted the money spent by the Census Bureau for advertising in the county. Ms. Ramirez stated because the census is constitutionally mandated it is understood that it is local government and states that must provide funding. She reported the questionnaires have gone out and they must re-invigorate the message. She explained the ways to get the community involved in the census and clarified they count people not empty properties. Ms. Ramirez said she wants to make sure people understand that they have a limited time to get this right. She stated they need to move forward and need more people to get involved. She suggested people read the materials available so they understand why the census is important. Mr. Moron reported the Board approved a full page advertisement for the census and it will be submitted to the newspaper this week. Ms. Ramirez thanked everyone for their efforts and offered to answer any questions. She thanked the Board who is a legacy partner that continues to lend support and reaches out to the community. She

asked that they mention the census every time they have a meeting. Commissioner Boldt asked if the census deadline has been extended due to the virus. Ms. Ramirez replied yes, the census response has been extended until the end of summer which is why the CCC Committee is still working.

### Community Action Agency - Angela Webster (Case Manager) - Report

#### 12. CACAA BOCC Report

Ms. Webster provided her report, as follows:

#### **ESF 15 REPORT FOR EASTPOINT LIMEROCK FIRE SURVIVORS**

The agency continues to work with a total of (10) cases, (2) of which the Board has approved use of fire relief funds. These two cases include:

- **582-B Ridge Road** was board approved for use of \$7300, of which only \$5500 was required for job completion
- **579 Ridge Road** was board approved for use of \$4063.64, however the job is incomplete. *During submission of required documents for services, the survivors mentioned someone being shocked when touching the roof. I reached out to Steve Paterson, Building Inspector, to have him assess the home. After his inspection, Mr. Paterson advised me to call an electrician. I reached out to Mike Cates, a local electrician, who informed me the roof is electrified. Mr. Cates also informed me that Cates Electric was not willing to accept the liability associated with the job. I followed up with the survivors to inform them although the County has approved repairs, our agency cannot schedule repairs until the wiring issue is addressed. I directed the survivors to contact Duke Energy as well as an electrician to address and correct the wiring issue. At this time, it is unknown as to whether or not the wiring issue is a result of the fire, however I did inform the survivors if there is proof the issue is a result of the fire, we are willing to assist with the cost. I continue to follow up with the survivors, but an electrician still has not reassessed the electrical issue. According to the survivor, the electrical issue has been resolved, but it has been challenging to acquire an electrician willing to reassess the roof and confirm issue resolved.*

Mrs. Webster explained she reached out to other electricians to re-assess this situation but they are not interested in signing off on this because it is not their work. Chairman Lockley asked if this is a new home. Ms. Webster answered no, but she thinks it had additions added and that plays a part in why the electricians do not want to sign off on the work.

The remaining (8) cases are listed below:

ADDRESS	NOTES
607 Wilderness Road	<i>Request transfer of title on camper trailer for loss of residence</i>
582-C Ridge Road	<i>Request transfer of title on camper trailer for loss of residence; owns property which is not zoned for campers – will receive donated Sheriff trailer</i>

595 Ridge Road	<i>Property owner has instructed agency to not pursue replacement for loss of residence on this property, and has not transferred ownership to occupant. Extend lease on camper for 6 months.</i>
605-B Wilderness	<i>Request transfer of title on camper trailer for loss of residence</i>
714 Buck Street	<i>CDBG Eligible – land purchase in place</i>
701 Ridge Road	<i>CDBG Eligible – property taxes &amp; land payments current; deed possession</i>
599-B Wilderness Road	<i>Request transfer of title on camper trailer for loss of residence</i>
667 Ridge Road	<i>Requested half cost of \$76,473.32 to finance new mobile home after receiving insurance reimbursement. Offered \$20,000 - first declined, but returned to accept</i>

(3) of the above named cases are requesting transfer of title on camper trailer as replacement for loss of residence. I have received notarized statements, in addition to signatures to confirm receipt of Franklin County Ordinance No. 82-6 in reference to occupancy and use of camper trailers. The agency does not wish to provide a housing solution that may potentially cause an issue for the County. Should the Board be satisfied with the precautions taken, I would like to request board action on the transfer of title for camper trailers as replacement for loss of residence for 607 Wilderness Road, 605-B Wilderness Road and 599-B Wilderness Road. All camper trailers have been appraised for a total of \$23,500. The cost to transfer tags and titles approximately \$450.

**BOARD ACTION: Will the Board please approve use of fire relief funds in the amount of \$23,950 to pay for the cost to transfer title as replacement for loss of residence on camper trailers to include the value of the camper trailers as well as the cost to transfer tag and titles?**

Commissioner Massey asked if there will be a provision that they cannot sell the camper trailers. Ms. Webster said she can include that if that is what the Board wants. She explained they have done this before but did not have the survivor sign anything about selling. Ms. Webster reported they wanted them to sign that they understand the ordinance so they do not move the camper trailer somewhere that is illegal. Commissioner Parrish stated they allowed camper trailers in this area for a certain amount of time and he asked if that time has expired. Ms. Webster reported it is coming up. Commissioner Parrish said the last time the person moved their camper to an RV park and he questioned if that is what will happen with these 2. Mrs. Webster answered yes, that is why they are required to sign a copy of the ordinance and write a notarized statement so they know if the trailer is not in a trailer park they cannot have it. Mr. Moron explained their agency did not want to encourage something that violated the county’s ordinance. Commissioner Parrish reported he is fine as long as they move the camper trailers to an RV park. Commissioner Massey inquired about the individuals selling the camper trailers. Commissioner Parrish reported they can sell them if they want to but they should not come back to the county looking for a permanent home because these are in lieu of a permanent home. Mr. Moron agreed this is their one chance to get help. **On motion by**



**Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve use of the fire relief funds in the amount of \$23,950 to pay for the cost to transfer title on camper trailers as replacement for the loss of residence and to include the value of the camper and the transfer tag and titles.**

Limerock Fire survivor previously living at 667 Ridge Road has requested half the cost of \$76,473.32 (*quote received 3/31/2020*) required to finance a new mobile home. Due to the fact that the survivor received an insurance reimbursement on loss of residence we offered \$20,000 to assist with the cost of a new home. The survivor first declined the offer, but has since returned to accept.

**BOARD ACTION: Will the Board please approve use of fire relief funds in the amount of \$20,000 to assist survivor of 667 Ridge Road with the cost to finance a new mobile home?**

**On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the use of fire relief funds in the amount of \$20,000 to assist the survivor at 667 Ridge Road with the cost to finance a new mobile home.**

We continue to provide temporary housing for a total of (4) Limerock Fire survivors. Of the four survivors (2) are CDBG eligible to include:

- **595 Ridge Road** – *Property owner has restricted agency from pursuing any efforts to replace loss of residence; stated they have secured legal representation and do not wish to receive services from CACAA. **Recommend extend camper lease 6 months.***

**Commissioner Massey made a motion to approve extending the camper lease at 595 Ridge Road for 6 months. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.** Mr. Moron questioned why the property owner did not want their services. Ms. Webster reported the property was owned by a family member but the person that was living there at the time of the fire had not received the deed but claims to have made all the payments. She explained property owner is the person saying they cannot put anything on the property but they are not the person who lost the home. Ms. Webster said this is a family issue and they have stepped back from this matter. **Motion carried; 5-0.**

- **701 Ridge Road** – *We would like to thank Carrabelle Episcopal Church of Ascension, First Baptist Church of Eastpoint and the Law Office of Steve Watkins in partnership with CACAA's Family Self-Sufficiency program for helping bring this family current in property taxes as well as land payments in an effort to secure permanent housing. This family now meets requirements to pursue CDBG home replacement and has been referred to Deborah Belcher.*
- **714 Buck Street** – *Board approved application for CDBG home replacement contingent upon securing land. Family adopted by Pastor Ronnie McBrayer and Renew, who is currently in the process of securing land on behalf of this family.*

Our fourth family originally requested transfer of title on camper trailer as replacement for loss of residence, however, the family owns their land which is not zoned for campers. After consulting with Deborah Belcher, CDBG grant manager, it was decided that we would provide the family with a Sheriff

home to be donated by another survivor receiving CDBG home replacement. This will avoid the potential for violation of County Ordinance and reduce the cost to secure permanent housing for this family.

Per your request I have provided the balance on the account of donated funds to include all approved and pending transactions to this date.

	<b>BALANCE (From April 2020 ESF 15 Report)</b>	<b>\$67,305.99</b>
1	582-B Ridge Road – set up Sheriff trailer (Board Approved – job completed as of 5/29/2020)	(5,500.00)
2	579 Ridge Road – vinyl siding repair (Board Approved – pending electrical issue inspection)	(4,063.64)
3	667 Ridge Road – assist with cost of home replacement (Pending board approval)	(20,000.00)
4	599-B Wilderness Road – camper trailer (Pending board approval)	(4,650.00)
6	605-B Wilderness Road – camper trailer (Pending board approval)	(8,150.00)
7	607 Wilderness Road – camper trailer (Pending board approval)	(11,150.00)
	<b>NEW BALANCE</b>	<b>\$13,792.35</b>

Please note there is an additional \$10,000 to be added once balance nears zero, which brings us to a total of \$23,792.35 remaining, should all action items receive Board approval.

Chairman Lockley asked if their office is open yet. Ms. Webster stated they are open and taking applications online. She explained if anyone calls they are allowing them to leave documents in a drop box at their office. Ms. Webster reported she is processing utility assistance for people that do not have access to a computer. Commissioner Parrish questioned if they will continue to help this hurricane season with ESF15. Ms. Webster said she does not think their CEO has any plans to move out of that position. Commissioner Parrish stated he wants to make sure someone is in that place and they have done a good job and he would like to see them stay.

**CDBG - Deborah Belcher (Administrator) – Report**

Mrs. Belcher presented her report via telephone:

11. Progress since the last report in May 2020:
  - Coordinated final set-up and payments for mobile homes with final building inspections and punch lists complete or expected within a week:  
 582 Ridge Road, Paul Sanders  
 645 Ridge Road Mary Thomas

754 Ridge Road, Mary and James A. Banks

733 Buck Street, Kathy Hill

- Environmental clearance for purchase of property on Wilderness Road for Arlene King's replacement mobile home, to be funded by ReNew organization. Closing on property acquisition anticipated June 10, 2020.
- Waiting for environmental clearance from DEO for BOCC-approved application from Lucy Bettinger, 697 Ridge Road; this one involves the transfer of Bettinger's donated home to Mary & Jesse Page, who lost their "home" in the fire. The Pages are currently living in a CACAA camper at 291 Old Ferry Dock Road, family property.
- Finalizing the CDBG application for Jim Joyner/Anita Kennett, 701 Ridge Road. Angela Webster and I worked out a property ownership transfer to Joyner/Kennett (changing from an unrecorded agreement to deed to an actual deed and mortgage from the seller), catching up back taxes, etc. Completed and submitted environmental review to DEO.

**Requested Action:** Approve the application for a CDBG home replacement from Jim Joyner and Anita Kennett, subject to the property purchase and environmental clearance.

Mrs. Belcher reported the purchase of the property happened last Friday. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the application for a CDBG home replacement for Mr. Jim Joyner and Ms. Anita Kennett, subject to the environmental clearance.**

- Finalized the CDBG application for Steven Shiver, 700 Ridge Road.

**Requested Action:** Approve the application for a CDBG home replacement from Steven Shiver, subject to environmental clearance.

**On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to approve the application for a CDBG home replacement for Mr. Steven Shiver subject to environmental clearance.**

- Working on next mobile home bid package, to include the Creamers, Arlene King, Joyner/Kennett, Bonnie Langley, Lucy Bettinger, and Steven Shiver. Will also include some generic pricing for other applicants that might be approved soon. Expect to advertise no later than June 11, 2020, with proposals due in July.

Mrs. Belcher stated she is finalizing the next bid package. Chairman Lockley questioned if the Creamer family is included in this bid package. Mr. Moron asked yes. Mrs. Belcher reported Ms. Lucy Bettinger will also be in this bid package and her current donated home will go to the Page family. Commissioner Jones asked if the bid package will be presented at the next meeting or in July. Mrs. Belcher responded July.

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

Clerk Johnson stated Mrs. Griffith will provide a report about the budget situation.

Clerk Johnson reported 100% of her employees have completed the 2020 Census. She stated the Finance Department also sent a pamphlet in the payroll checks asking the county employees to

complete the census. Commissioner Boldt asked if they can place a reminder of the census on the payroll check stubs until the census is complete. Mrs. Griffith agreed they can add this message.

Mrs. Griffith read the following prepared statement:

In regards to the questions on the bill list that was approved earlier in the meeting – the check for \$6,402.38 for the Leon County Board of County Commissioners and the check for \$12,178.40 for the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners were both annual budget allocations relative to the Circuit Judge. Both allocations are for the Franklin County share of employees such as a court marshal, a juvenile alternative sanction coordinator and a network user support analyst who are shared by the six counties that make up the 2<sup>nd</sup> judicial circuit.

REVENUE UPDATE – with the travel restrictions, social distancing and the temporary closure of many non-essential businesses by the State of Florida in the hopes of slowing the spread of COVID-19, the Months of March, April and May will have heavy losses in sales tax revenue. Franklin County has just received the distribution of sales taxes from the Florida Department of Revenue for the month of March sales. The local tourist development tax, which is a 2% sales tax levied on transient rentals within the county, had sales tax proceeds of \$71,946.84 for the month of March 2020 and March of 2019 had sales tax proceeds of \$127,975.20. The March proceeds for transient rentals came in at just 56% of the prior year period. This amount is understandable as almost half of the month of March was lost due to the travel ban and the state suspension of vacation rentals. Franklin County also levies a 1% discretionary sales surtax on ALL taxable sales in Franklin County which is used to fund the Health Care Trust Fund. The 1% sales tax proceeds for the month of March 2020 were \$142,715.61 and March of 2019 had sales tax proceeds of \$203,154.11. The March proceeds for ALL taxable sales within the county (not just transient rentals) came in at 70% of the amount collected for the prior year period.

The State of Florida also distributes some state shared revenues which are based on taxable sales – the state shared revenues fund about 12% of the county's general fund. The combined state shared revenues for the March proceeds distribution was approximately 73% of the prior year period. The State of Florida Department of Revenue recently released a conservative estimate that the decline in sales tax proceeds for the months of April and May will be about 50%. The phased re-opening of the economy and the relaxation of the travel ban should equate to much better numbers for the Summer months.

The effective loss of 27% of the state shared revenues for the month of March and if the 50% reductions hold true per the estimates from the Florida Department of revenue, the annualized loss would be about 10.59% of the State Shared Revenues for the General Fund or \$130,238. The loss of the State Shared revenues for the county road department would be \$166,764. The estimated reduction in sales tax proceeds for the Health Care Trust Fund would be \$264,154. The Tourist development fund will be more severely impacted as the vacation rental ban was in effect all of the month of April and most of May. This tax is based solely on transient rentals. The Tourist Development fund will likely lose about \$242,319 in tax proceeds.

At this time, it is uncertain if the Coronavirus pandemic will have a lasting effect on sales tax proceeds for the State of Florida. The county budget year begins in October and ends in September, sales tax proceeds may not be as heavily impacted next fiscal year. With the passage of the Cares Act, funding was not specifically allocated for counties with a population of less than 500,000 – it is my understanding that there has been discussions in Tallahassee to include some of the smaller counties in the relief efforts to make up for lost sales tax revenues. Mr. Moron will address this possible development on his report.

Mr. Pierce reported of the 3 entities that were mentioned TDC needs to be aware of their expenditures and act accordingly. He said the hospital received \$3 million so they have some additional funds to help with this loss of revenue. Mrs. Griffith reported the Road Department and General Fund are operating funds of the county. She explained with the Road Department building they will review the bids and they have had some FEMA funds come in so they may be able to roll those funds in to make up for some of the loss of sales tax.

Mr. Moron read the following item from his report:

23. CARES Act Letter of Support: County staff was contacted by the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) of a joint request by FAC, Florida League of Cities (FLC), and Small County Coalition (SCC) to Governor DeSantis to release the intended local government Coronavirus Relief Funds to those cities and counties that were **not** directly funded by the CARES Act. The CARES Act provided direct funding totaling more than \$2.4 billion to 12 Florida counties whose population is greater than 500,000. Currently, Florida has 55 counties and approximately 410 cities with a respective population that is less than the 500,000-threshold stipulated by the CARES Act that was **not** funded. After the eligible Florida local governments received their share, there is approximately \$1.2 billion remaining that was allocated for local governments. It is those funds that FAC, FLC, and SCC is asking the Governor to distribute to the counties and cities with a population of less than 500,000. Included in your packet is a letter from the County signed by the Chairman supporting the efforts of FAC, FLC, and SCC along with letters from these organizations.  
**Request:** Board action to ratify the Chairman's signature on the letter of support to Governor DeSantis asking for his consideration to disburse the remaining CARES Act funding.

Mr. Moron stated if the Governor goes with the formula that FAC is providing to cover all the counties that did not receive funds the county would receive \$738,000 from the CARES Act. He stated the county has to be careful of what strings are attached and what the claw back may be if the money is not spent in the manner required by the CARES Act and/or the Governor. Chairman Lockley stated there will be a lot of restrictions on that money. Mr. Moron agreed there will be some restrictions. Commissioner Boldt asked what they should do now about the shortfall of money. Commissioner Parrish said they will address it in the budget workshops. Commissioner Boldt questioned if they should be acting now. Mrs. Griffith stated the budget workshops will be in July so they will know more and have the revenue estimates. Mr. Moron explained in July they will know if the Governor will go along with this plan to distribute the money. He reported discussions are ongoing about getting this money to the counties because they need it before their budget workshops. Mrs. Griffith cautioned the Board about spending any money for items that are not included in the county budget. She stated as Commissioner Parrish mentioned they are going into hurricane season and do not know what to expect. Commissioner Boldt reported the Clerk expressed concern about her budget last month and he asked if everything is under control now. Clerk Johnson stated she has concerns but they had meetings last week and they were told the Clerks will be using the trust fund to get by this year but they are still facing potential cuts. She reported she was told that her budget could potentially be cut \$48,000 which is a person. Clerk Johnson stated they are watching to see how the revenues come in. She explained she will have a better idea in July. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to ratify the**

**Chairman's signature on the letter of support to Governor DeSantis asking for his consideration to disburse the remaining CARES Act funding.**

**RESTORE Coordinator – Alan Pierce – Report**

Mr. Pierce said his items are only for information. He read his report, as follows:

13. Inform Board that the FAA has contacted the county and is processing the \$30K grant to the airport that was part of the federal CARES Act.

Mr. Pierce said this funding is for operating purposes.

14. Inform the Board that the Consortium staff will recommend at the June 10 Consortium meeting approval of the county's dredging project. Once the Consortium Board approves, Consortium staff then sends the county project to the Gulf Council for final approval, which should happen in July/August.

Mr. Pierce stated he assumes Commissioner Parrish will be on this call but this is a recommendation from staff so there is nothing for the county to do. He reported the county is in monitoring mode until they get some more information.

15. Inform Board USACOE staff continues to work on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to incorporate the county's Consortium funds into the dredging projects. I have been in contact with Mobile and Panama City personnel. The Corps still intends to use a dredge that is currently under contract with the Corps. The MOA should come down from the Corps to the county in July/August. The projects still are on the same timeline for the Eastpoint Channel to be dredged in early fall, followed by the Two Mile Channel.

Mr. Pierce said by the time they get the Consortium money and the MOA will be signed there will be no need for the short term financing.

16. Inform the Board that I have been in contact with TRIUMPH staff regarding the \$1M TRIUMPH award for our airport. TRIUMPH staff is working on the "term" sheet which would list the requirements the county must perform in order to receive the funds. The "term" sheet will not contain any job creation requirements, which have been a major problem with rural counties getting TRIUMPH funds, but it will include some language regarding the improvements FDOT has funded in their 5 year plan for the airport. The Board will need to review and approve the "term" sheet when TRIUMPH staff submits it. The next TRIUMPH meeting is June 18 and I am not sure we will be on that agenda.
17. Inform Board I had intended to ask the Board to waive the May rent for Centric Aviation because Centric had virtually no flight traffic in March, April, or the first part of May yet they continued to maintain the airport using their personnel. I had informed Centric what my recommendation was going to be and they said that air traffic had picked back up and they were making their May rent as an indication of their commitment to the airport.
18. Inform Board that on Thursday, May 28, I did review the draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) from FEMA for the rebuilding of Alligator Drive. The draft SEA recommends the road be rebuilt in its current location with the additional protection that the

county has already designed and bid out. The draft SEA has some additional FEMA review and then it will be released for public comment. Commissioner Boldt attended last week's teleconference with me and FEMA staff, and he heard the same thing I did, which is when the draft SEA is complete and made public there are still some other steps FEMA has to take before funding is obligated.

Mr. Pierce stated Commissioner Boldt is welcome to attend the teleconference at 2:00 p.m. today. He reported the public comment period is for 30 days and should be July 7<sup>th</sup> so by that date they should start advertising. Mr. Pierce stated he does not expect or encourage a lot of public comment because they already have the plan and the project has been bid out. Mr. Pierce reported the 30 day time for public comment cannot be shortened so hopefully in August this will be out of the way and eventually they will get funds from FEMA.

Mr. Pierce presented a map of the county showing the property owned by the state and federal government. He explained this represents about 85% and taxes are not being paid on this property. He reported in the past they have received payment in lieu of taxes for what the state purchased and periodically they receive timber sales. Mr. Pierce explained this is affecting future development because if they wanted to move development inland they could not because of the government owned property. He reported there are some places left west of Apalachicola and on the east end of the county. He explained on the east end the property was previously owned by St. Joe Company and they had a master plan for development. Mr. Pierce pointed out this area on the map and explained the plans St. Joe Company had at the time. He reported last week the Governor and Cabinet authorized the purchase of this property which is 17,000 acres and 25 square miles. Mr. Pierce said the property is labeled as the Dickerson Bay Addition and did not catch their attention because Dickerson Bay is in Wakulla County. He explained this is misleading because most of the land is in Franklin County. He reported this purchase will take a big chunk of land off the tax rolls and he presented the map reflecting this purchase. Mr. Pierce said in his conversation with the state yesterday they hope to reimburse the county for payment in lieu of taxes and for timber sales. He stated he is not sure when timber sales will occur because of Hurricane Michael and payment in lieu of taxes is based on the state funding that item so there is no guarantee. He reported the state said this purchase is for environmental purposes and to enhance recreational opportunities in the Bald Point State Park system and increase tourism in the county. Mr. Pierce stated that is good but also contingent upon the state funding improvements to Bald Point State Park. He explained Bald Point State Park would run from where it is now over to U.S. Highway 98 and the rest of the land would be managed by either Tate's Hell State Forest or Ochlocknee State Park. He commented they have not worked the management out yet. Mr. Pierce said this is a change to the county and an odd distribution so development and planning will continue to be a challenge. Mr. Pierce reported there will be a comment period generated by the state once they acquire the property. He stated the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) initiated this call to him last week and he informed them he was worried about the payment in lieu of taxes and timber sales. Mr. Pierce said he told them immediately they need to solve the problem they created which is access to Alligator Point Harbor and Preserve. He explained he informed them they are now buying all the land that could be used to provide an access point and they have 50 aquaculture leases that are causing a problem on a county road. He explained he also talked about the loss of potential value for development and for future needs of the county. Mr. Pierce said for planning purposes once the state buys this land it is for perpetuity and no longer

available so it does change the county's opportunities in the future. He reported the state brought up the affordable housing issue and he said it was a problem. He explained this purchase does not immediately impact this matter but the property could have been developed. He reported they were concerned and may come back to the county with some ways that they could solve these problems. Mr. Pierce informed the Board the purchase is going forward. Commissioner Parrish pointed out any payment in lieu of taxes goes to the School Board. He stated this property is off the tax rolls and the county does not receive anything for it. He explained if they are looking to do something for the county then they can put in a boat ramp with sufficient parking on Highway 98 so the leaseholders can access the oyster leases and not impact Alligator Point Road. He stated there is nowhere to build a large boat ramp or for sufficient parking on Alligator Point. He said St. George Island is a known beach destination and has 2,000 rental homes. He explained there is no such market on the east end of the county and there is no capacity to visit Bald Point State Park even if they made the investments. Mr. Pierce said Mr. Mark Curenton, County Planner, was also on the call. Mr. Pierce stated he informed them Bald Point State Park is a half beach and the park needs improvements. He reported they are planning to put in an RV park and they have some ideas that will help but they must fund the improvements and he does not know when that will happen. Commissioner Boldt said they do not have any infrastructure which compounds the problem. He asked how much money the county will lose in tax revenue when the state owns the property. Mr. Pierce stated he will find out but it is not much since the land is agricultural. Commissioner Parrish said \$1,750.00. Mr. Pierce said if St. Joe Company's plan had worked out one part had 2,000 units so some land in this acquisition had significant potential for development. He reported some part of this land has a bluff with some deeper water so maybe if this is developed as a park it will provide more water access. He explained St. Joe Company did an analysis and determined they could put in a marina without dredging. He said there is some value for access and they will have to see how fast it occurs. Commissioner Boldt reinforced there is a need for infrastructure and a boat ramp for the oyster leases. Commissioner Parrish said he always wanted to see some homes built in this area to broaden the tax base and lower what everyone is paying in taxes but now that 17,000 acres is gone. Mr. Pierce stated the only 2 other areas that have a congregate development potential is around Apalachicola and further west on property owned by the Mormon church. Commissioner Boldt reported they must be careful with honoring their comprehensive plan here in the county as they look at zoning issues because there is just a little land left to plan correctly. Mr. Pierce explained with water and sewer in some areas they may need to go back and look at some zoning issues. He reported as land becomes less available and more people want to move here some things may need to change. He said when water and sewer are available they may need to revisit the 1 unit per acre requirement especially for property off the water.

Commissioner Boldt questioned if sand fences are available for dune recovery. Mr. Pierce stated they are available commercially but the county does not supply sand fences. He reported when the county does the dune restoration project they plan to have them with the RESTORE funds and it will be county wide but the plan is still in the process.

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

Mr. Moron presented his report, as follows:

Action Item(s)



19. Local State of Emergency: Chairman Lockley has signed Local State of Emergency Declarations for the weeks starting May 25, 2020 and June 1, 2020.  
**Request:** Board action to ratify the Chairman's signature on the 5/25 & 6/1 Local State of Emergency Declarations.

**On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to ratify the Chairman's signature on the May 25, 2020 and June 1, 2020 Local State of Emergency declarations.**

20. School District Permit Fee Waiver: Superintendent Yoder sent a letter asking the County to consider waiving the permit fees for a proposed new building on the Consolidated School campus for the welding program. Her letter explains that this new facility would allow more students to participate in the program, the creation of a night program for adults seeking certification, and on-site certification testing which would stop the need to travel for testing. Mr. Floyd Roberts, the School District's Facility Manager, discussed this project with Mr. Steve Paterson, the County's Building Inspector.  
**Request:** Board action to waive the associated permit fees for the School District's proposed new building for the welding program.

**On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to waive the associated permit fees for the School District's proposed new building for the welding program.**

21. Highway 67 / Tallahassee Street Sidewalk Project Award: At your May 19, 2020 regular meeting the Board opened and read aloud bids for the Carrabelle CR67 / Tallahassee Street Sidewalk Improvement project. Mr. Mark Curenton (County Planner) has reviewed all of the bids and recommends awarding the contract to the lowest responsive bidder, M of Tallahassee, Inc., in the amount of \$272,134.00. The Florida Department of Transportation has concurred with this recommendation.  
**Request:** Board action to accept Mr. Curenton's recommendation and award the CR67 Sidewalk Improvement Project to M of Tallahassee in the amount of \$272,134.00.

**On motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to accept Mr. Curenton's recommendation and award the CR 67 Sidewalk Improvement Project to M of Tallahassee in the amount of \$272,134.00.**

22. Weems Board of Director New Member: At an earlier meeting the Board was notified that District Two's seat on the Weems Board of Directors was vacant due to a resignation. Commissioner Boldt is nominating Dr. Walter David Harris that resides at 1248 Angus Morrison Road on Alligator Point to fill that vacant seat. An account of Dr. Harris' education, qualifications and previous experience is attached. Mr. David Walker (Weems CEO) received the same information.  
**Request:** Board action to appoint Dr. Harris as District Two's representative to Weems Board of Directors.

**On motion by Commissioner Boldt, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to appoint Dr. Walter David Harris as District Two's representative on the Weems Board of Directors.**

23. This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.
24. Carrabelle Museum Letter of Support: The Carrabelle History Museum is submitting an application to the Division of Historic Resources for a small matching grant for a Heritage Education project on the Shipwrecks of Dog Island. The Museum is asking for a letter of support from the County for this application and will be responsible for the match if they receive the grant.  
**Request:** Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the letter of support for the grant.

**On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on the letter of support for the grant.**

25. Dr. Gorrie Letter of Support: The County received a request to sign a letter of support to President Trump for his consideration on awarding Dr. John Gorrie the Presidential Citizens Medal to the Physician, Scientist, Inventor, and Humanitarian. As most are aware, Dr. Gorrie settled in Apalachicola in 1833 and was widely known as the inventor of the Ice-making machine and was considered the father of air conditioning and refrigeration.  
**Request:** Board action to authorize the Chairman's signature on the letter of support for Dr. John Gorrie's nomination.

**On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Massey, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman's signature on the letter of support for Dr. John Gorrie's nomination.**

Information Item(s)

26. HHRP & SHIP Bid Package & Advertisement: Included in the agenda packet is the advertisement for Hurricane Housing Recovery Program (HHRP) replacement manufactured homes. This ad was in last Thursday and today's edition of the Tallahassee Democrat. Mrs. Lori Switzer (SHIP Administrator) contacted Bay County's manufactured home companies and sent them the packet directly. The pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 10 a.m. (ET) in the Armory. In addition, the advertisement for regular SHIP programs (Down Payment Assistance, Emergency Repair, and Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation) will run in this week's edition of the Apalachicola Times. That ad is also included in your agenda packet.
27. ARPC Executive Meeting: In your packet are the Executive Director notes from the Apalachee Regional Planning Council Executive Board meeting. Commissioner Jones, who represents the County on ARPC and serves on the Executive Board may comment on some of the items discussed during this meeting.

Commissioner Jones said the Executive Committee met in person but everyone else was on the phone. He stated they have not met for several months. Commissioner Jones reported in relation to the Franklin 98 Coastal Restoration Project they have started doing the initial test phases and have been awarded \$15 million for construction. Commissioner Boldt asked if this is the living shoreline. Commissioner Jones answered yes, it will be placed between Eastpoint and Carrabelle. He explained the other issue they discussed is a revolving loan fund they have had for years. He reported under the

current administration nothing has defaulted in a decade. Commissioner Jones explained the portfolio for the 9 county region is approximately \$580,000. He reported even in the middle of the COVID-19 situation ARPC received word that there is money in EDO and they will double that fund. He stated these are funding available to businesses that cannot get funding the traditional way. Commissioner Jones said he has the privilege as the county's representative to weigh in on the approval of these loan processes. He explained before this they had applied through EDA Hurricane Michael Recovery funds and they have not heard back but there is a possibility they may receive another \$1 million to put in that fund. Commissioner Jones reported they are trying to write up the new \$580,000 from EDO so it would be with zero percent interest to businesses in their communities. He explained if they do that they want the money distributed before the end of the year to help businesses in the 9 county region. Commissioner Jones stated he would like to direct county staff to look because he thinks the county has money on the books from years ago when they were involved in this revolving loan program. He stated he would like to find out what they are and what they can do to contribute to this fund because Mr. Chris Rietow, ARPC Executive Director, said they would have no problem as a council earmarking those funds only to be distributed for Franklin County. Mr. Pierce explained in 1994 Tropical Storm Alberto came through and Franklin County was the recipient of some funds directed by the federal government to run a revolving loan program. He reported they sub-granted the money out to the ARPC to administer. Mr. Pierce stated the money was given out and there was some collateral and collection. He stated there was a set amount of money awarded for administration and when the money was spent ARPC did not have any more money to run the program so they gave the county back the loans which were old and delinquent. Mr. Pierce recommended that the money the county collected go back to ARPC along with the old files and let them run the program. He explained the money has been sitting in the fund for 26 years. Mrs. Griffith stated there is about \$300,000 in that account limited to the revolving loan program. Commissioner Massey questioned which businesses can get this money. Commissioner Jones stated any business that wants to apply. He described the different businesses in the region that have been assisted by this program. He explained the condition with this program is the business cannot receive traditional funding. Commissioner Parrish reported in the original program people did not pay their debts which caused the fund to be so low the county could not continue the program. He said the county did not make the funds available again because they had no way to collect. Commissioner Parrish stated he served on the ARPC before Commissioner Jones and got to see everyone that applied for the program and everyone paid it back but Franklin County always had a problem with paying the money back. He stated the businesses need to understand they must make the payments on time so money is available for the next business to apply and access the money. Commissioner Parrish reported this is not a free program and the money must be paid back for the program to keep going. Commissioner Jones agreed it is a loan. Commissioner Jones said this helps businesses that cannot get money. Commissioner Jones stated there is criteria they must meet and it is individualized like the business. He explained they must show the need for what they are requesting. Commissioner Parrish stated they must also show how they are going to pay the money back. He said if the business has a history of not repaying the loans then they may not receive this loan. Commissioner Massey reported some people applied for Small Business Administration (SBA) loans and did not receive them. Commissioner Jones commented it is in the notes but ARPC has officially started a housing program and hired staff. He stated they are administering the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program (HHRP) for Calhoun County. Commissioner Jones said in talking with Calhoun County Commissioner Gene Bailey they are ready to also give them

the SHIP Program to administer. He explained they go to Calhoun County 2 days a week and work in conjunction with someone that is local full time but ARPC administers the program.

28. NFWFMD Wetland Report: Northwest Florida Water Management District submitted the Annual Wetland Report to the County. This report includes a cumulative summary of wetland impacts permitted by the District's Environmental Resource Permitting (ERP) program together with a summary of wetlands and associated water resource lands restored and protected by District programs. The report is included in your packet.

Mr. Moron reported they are starting to receive complaints from neighbors about people who have short term rentals and are not complying with the guidelines. He stated Mrs. Bankston will add contact information for Secretary Halsey Beshears, DBPR, on the county website. Mr. Moron said when people call his office they will direct them to the website.

Mr. Moron said at the next meeting they might see some markings on the benches in the Courtroom. He explained he met with Mr. Bill Wills, Trial Marshall, and they are starting with the main Courthouse and then coming to the Annex to mark off the benches for social distance seating. Mr. Moron said every other long bench will have 2 people and the every other short bench will have 1 person so it will greatly reduce who can be in the room. He stated staff and speakers filled up many of the benches this morning so it may be a while before they can consider letting the public in. Mr. Moron explained when they do budget workshops they have the constitutional officers, governmentals and the NGO's present so they will have to be careful how they schedule these meetings.

#### County Attorney – Michael Shuler – Report

Attorney Shuler stated an email was received from a constituent in Lanark Village-Mrs. Baldwin expressing her opinion about the Dollar Store and the pending litigation. He presented the email to the Clerk for the Board file.

#### **Commissioners' Comments**

Commissioner Boldt said relative to the workshop they were discussing today he wants to go on record as recognizing the documentation that has been given to them on suggested parking signage for Bald Point and restricting access to some beach access points. He reported this workshop will serve as a forum to organize the signage and parking issues at Alligator Point and Bald Point. He said they can also address the multi-use pathway beginning its design and the parking challenges it could present. Commissioner Boldt stated they will have community leaders coming together and helping them develop this plan moving forward. He said many people at Alligator Point have been working hard on these issues. Chairman Lockley explained the workshop will be between the Commissioners and once they get together they can present something to the public. Commissioner Boldt said he just wants to embrace the public with the Board. Chairman Lockley reported they can submit information. Commissioner Massey stated they do not want any one coming to Alligator Point to go to the beach. Commissioner Boldt said he thinks there is some reasonable thinking about access points. Commissioner Massey stated he understands what they want and he would be upset too about the way their property is being treated but they have to be careful what they do about it. Commissioner

Boldt reported they are customizing their thinking because everything does not apply across the county. Chairman Lockley said they must come together and work on this. Commissioner Massey expressed concern that where the parking lot is built will be a long way from the beach. He questioned how they get from one area to the other. Mr. Pierce reported the county owns the property where the parking lot would be and it is possible they could make some minor improvements to make it a beach environment. He said he is looking into this matter. Mr. Pierce agreed they must have a beach access near the parking. Chairman Lockley reported at some point they are going to have problems at Carrabelle Beach. Mr. Pierce suggested the people at Alligator Point contact someone at Flagler Beach because they have had this problem for 60 years. He said there are plenty of coastal towns that have been dealing with this so they can contact some of the other counties.

Commissioner Massey said Carrabelle only has a few businesses and is hurting. He explained Eastpoint is the number one area growing in the county. Mr. Pierce stated people are on the way to the beach and do not need to stop so it is a tough challenge.

Commissioner Boldt stated they have some dysfunctional housing issues in his district. He explained there is questionable sanitary waste disposal and a person that is almost camping in the area. He said there is a huge amount of trash at 2277 Oak Street. Commissioner Boldt reported in another area a family has pulled a building permit and disobeyed the building permit by bringing in a pre-fabricated storage building to stay in when they visit. He stated these issues need code compliance and the Board needs to deal with this issue. He complimented the work done by many local residents to bring this to his attention. Commissioner Boldt reported the Board has one packet today on the issue he is discussing. He stated they need to get together with leaders in the community and develop a plan to address these issues. Commissioner Boldt suggested he along with the County Attorney, Sheriff, and Mrs. Amy Ham-Kelly come up with a plan on how they deal with these issues. He said he would like county staff to put this all together. Commissioner Boldt stated he is also calling on his district activists to get involved with producing community plans. He said this has been done at St. George Island and they have a community plan. He stated he would like this to happen in his district as well. Commissioner Massey explained in the one area he got the people to clean the front yard but they never cleaned the rest of the property. He said dumpsters were taken there and they cleaned some of the property. He reported he receives the same calls complaining about this issue. He stated the next step is through the County Attorney. Commissioner Boldt said he has talked with Attorney Shuler about this matter. Commissioner Boldt asked if they can have a round table discussion and a committee to talk about residential dysfunction and code compliance. He explained when they see the land mass shrinking as discussed earlier they see the need to preserve more of the ordinances than ever before. Mr. Moron reported they will deal with these specific items on a staff level and later on they could have a longer discussion on the issues county wide. He stated they will address the complaints from his constituents first.

## **Board Information**

29. AFUDC Rate for Duke Energy

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

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Noah Lockley - Chairman

Attest:

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Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts