

to fill that vacancy at the Eastpoint Branch.. I am seeking permission to advertise to replace the part-time vacancy position for the Carrabelle Branch.

On motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Watson and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to advertise to replace the part-time vacancy position for the Carrabelle Branch.

- Because the Seafood Festival is a community event, historically the library lacks traffic during that weekend. I am requesting to close the Eastpoint Branch only, this Saturday, November 7th which is typically open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Lockley, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to close the Eastpoint Branch of the Library on November 7, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Moron addressed item # 3 from his report:

At the October 10, 2015 meeting a Resolution to support banning of ‘fracking’ in the State was presented to the Board for action. The Board directed Attorney Shuler to make changes to the language ‘localizing’ the Resolution. Attorney Shuler’s version of the Resolution is attached. Is the Board ready to move forward with supporting and authorizing the Chairman’s signature on this Resolution?

Commissioner Parrish said he is satisfied this Resolution addresses all the environmental issues. **On motion by Commissioner Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to authorize the Chairman’s signature on the Resolution, as follows:**

RESOLUTION NO. 15-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING PROPOSED LEGISLATION PROVIDING A STATEWIDE PROHIBITION ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, ACID FRACTURING, AND WELL STIMULATION PERFORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPLORATION OR PRODUCTION OF OIL OR NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners takes great pride in supporting the highest quality of life among Franklin County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners is dedicated to protecting and improving our most precious natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners are further dedicated to the protection and conservation of the commercial seafood industry of the Apalachicola River and Bay system, and its biodiversity, and

WHEREAS, the oyster industry is in decline and requires adequate flows of unpolluted fresh water; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has spent millions of dollars purchasing land in the Tate's Hell Forest for conservation and protection of the water quality of the Apalachicola River and Bay, and that Franklin County desires that all such lands be protected from hydraulic fracturing; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County is concerned about, and opposes, upstream hydraulic fracturing;

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing, also known as well stimulation, may involve the use of hundreds of chemicals, some of which are known to be carcinogenic or could otherwise be harmful to human beings; and

WHEREAS, exposure to the chemicals used in well stimulation treatments may pose a widespread and significant risk to public health and the State of Florida's most precious natural resources; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing may involve the use of substantial amount of freshwater at a time when many Florida local governments are struggling with the impacts that water scarcity may have in the state in the near future; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing may result in emission of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide and methane, all of which would further exacerbate climate change and its impact to Florida's economic and environment; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing may harm wildlife, including species that are protected under federal and state endangered species laws, and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing may harm the oyster industry and other recreational and commercial fisheries vital to Franklin County's welfare; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition of such practices will help protect the public health, safety and welfare of the state and the people of Franklin County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County supports home rule and opposes the legislation being considered which will pre-empt to the State of Florida all regulation of hydraulic fracturing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, that:

1. The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners supports proposed legislation on a statewide ban on the use of hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing and well stimulation treatments performed for the purposes of exploration and production of oil or natural gas in the State of Florida due to the potential harmful impacts on the public health, environment and natural resources of Franklin County.

2. The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will send a copy of the approved resolution to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, and the Leon County State Legislative Delegation.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DONE, ADOPTED, AND PASSED by the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, this 3rd day of November, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: s/William H. Massey
William H. Massey, Chairman
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

MARCIA JOHNSON, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: s/Marcia M. Johnson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: s/Thomas M. Shuler
Thomas M. Shuler, County Attorney

Commissioner Sanders thanked Attorney Shuler for putting Franklin County's concerns in the Resolution. Ms. Amy Datz thanked the Board for this Resolution and said this is the 18th county that has passed a Resolution. She stated the Resolution is beautiful and she is very grateful to the Board. She stated 53 Resolutions have been passed in Florida.

Mr. Alex Quintana, Congresswoman Gwen Graham's Office, reminded the Board their office hours start today at 11:00 a.m. in the Courthouse. Chairman Massey asked about dredging of the channel. Mr. Quintana said he talked with their Legislative Director yesterday and he had a conversation with the Corps of Engineers but he has not received the update yet but should know something today. He informed the Board he is looking forward to the weekend.