

# FRANKLIN COUNTY

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November 21, 2018

Chairman Don Gaetz  
TRIUMPH Gulf Coast, Inc.  
PO Box 12007  
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Dear Chairman Gaetz:

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners is in receipt of your October 25 letter encouraging the Board to re-visit our TRIUMPH funding priorities based upon the devastation inflicted by Hurricane Michael. Mr. Jason Shoaf, TRIUMPH Director, attended the Nov. 20 Board meeting and provided the Board with additional information. The Board accepts your offer, and this letter is to confirm that Franklin County will be submitting several new projects in the near future.

The Board has four subjects to present to TRIUMPH. The Board is aware the requests need to be presented in the form of a pre-application, so please consider this letter just as the initial notice. The Board is interested in any guidance TRIUMPH can provide as the Board develops the pre-applications. The four subjects are:

\*Assistance in replacing lost ad valorem taxes because of the damage Hurricane Michael inflicted on the county tax base consistent with Chap. 288.8017(a) F.S.

\*Assistance in maintaining the county emergency response radio network consistent with the authorization in Chap. 288.8017(d), F.S.

\*Assistance with public infrastructure projects at the county owned airport consistent with Chap. 288.8017(c), F.S. After the hurricane, the Board authorized the airport to become a "mega-center" for Duke Energy and all its subcontractors in repairing the electrical grid throughout the hurricane devastated area. For a time, the airport was the only place search and rescue teams could get aviation fuel between Tallahassee and Pensacola. The Board is working with the airport fixed base operator to improve county owned assets at the airport in preparation for future disasters, and there is the prospect of a new business relocating to the airport. These airport improvements will benefit the regional economy as well as provide increased productivity in the event another disaster strikes our area.

\*Assistance in developing workforce housing consistent with the general intent of TRIUMPH to improve the economy in Franklin County.

The Board appreciates the interest TRIUMPH has shown in Franklin County, and we intend to submit some proposals shortly. If you or your staff has any additional questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Pierce, RESTORE Coordinator, at 850-653-5727, or at [alanp@fairpoint.net](mailto:alanp@fairpoint.net)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Noah Lockley, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Noah Lockley, Jr., Chairman  
Franklin County  
Board of County Commissioners

Cc: Susan Skelton, TRIUMPH Executive Director