

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

JULY 8, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session, with the following members present: Chairman Billy E. Traylor, Commissioners Jerry W. Barnes, Carmen L. McLemore, Nathan Peters, Jr., and Bill Williams.

Others present were: County Attorney Tim McFarland, Clerk of Circuit Court Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kayla Duke, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Human Resource Director Denise Manuel, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Assistant Road Department Superintendent Chris Wood, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, Planner David Richardson, TDC Director Paula Pickett, Building Inspector George Knight, Maintenance Superintendent Steve Mork, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Emergency Management/911 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, S.H.I.P. Administrator Ricky Farmer, Animal Control Department Employee Roland Jones, Major Bobby Plair, and Veterans' Service Officer James Kennedy.

Major Bobby Plair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, E.T.

Planner David Richardson opened the meeting with prayer and Commissioner Peters led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Peters motioned to approve the following Consent Agenda items, after removing page 22. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

1. Minutes - June 12, 2008 - Emergency Meeting
Minutes - June 16, 2008 - Special Meeting
Minutes - June 23, 2008 - Regular meeting
2. Agreement - Motorola - Extension to Maintenance and Support Agreement #001963-002
Livescan 3000 R
3. BCC Correspondence - Commissioner McLemore to Board
(Recommendation to Board to grant ownership of the drainage Right-of-Way to James and Patricia Whitfield)

(Item #3 pulled from Consent Agenda)

4. Bid Advertisement - Approval to advertise for bid, or piggyback bid to purchase portable office building for Public Works Department
5. Contract - Gulf County Contract with ARPC to do Small Quantity Generator reports * to be paid from Small County Grant
6. Contract Change Order - Americus Avenue Ditch Project (Bid# 0708-01 * in the amount of \$4,532.00)
 - Cape San Blas Bike Path Project (Bid# 0607-22 * in the amount of \$6,200.00)
7. Inventory - Sale of 1994 Ford Crown Victoria Sedan 4D with a minimum bid of \$1,000.00 (Inventory# 90-158)
 - Removal from inventory of three 1985 Ford F150 Fleetsides (Inventory# 100-353, 100-354, 100-356)
8. Invoices - City of Port St. Joe - Gulf Beach Sewer Project (Highland View Phase * in the amount of \$73,759.97 to be paid from Account 33035-81000)
 - County Attorney Timothy McFarland (June, 2008 * \$10,266.00 to be paid from Account #21314-31100)
 - GAC Contractors - Cape San Blas Bike Path Project Phase II (Bid# 0607-22 * Invoice# 5683 * in the amount of \$80,349.43 to be paid from Account 40341-34000)
 - GAC Contractors - Cape San Blas Bike Path Project Phase II (Bid # 0607-22 * Final Invoice * in the amount of \$35,000.00 To be paid from Account 40341-34000)
 - Gulf County Sheriff's Office - request for refund of \$4,580.00, under the Florida

Contraband Forfeiture Act

- Preble-Rish, Inc. - Cape San Blas Bike Path Project Phase II (Bid# 0607-22 * Invoice# 65734 * in the amount of \$3,117.00 to be paid from Account 40341-31000)
- MRD Associates - Erosion Control Project (Bid# 0607-34 * in the amount of \$1,976,718.46 to be paid from Account 43137-31000)
- MRD Associates - Erosion Control Project (Bid# 0607-34 * Invoice# 1121 in the amount of \$91,298.58 to be paid from Account 40341 - 31000)
- Ramsey's Printing & Office - (Invoice# 021538 in the amount of \$3,391.80 to be paid from Account 71019-52000)
- Restocon Corporation - Cape San Blas Lighthouse Restoration Project (Bid# 0708-19 * pay Request# 1 in the amount of \$75,462.00 to be paid from Account# 57573-62100)

(End of Consent Agenda)

VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD/HOUSE BILL 909/ SENATE BILL 1588

Clerk Becky Norris discussed new Value Adjustment Board procedures, informing the Board that two commissioners must serve on the V.A.B., and the School Board will have on representative. Clerk Norris stated that the Board will choose one citizen, who owns homestead property, and the School Board will appoint one citizen, who must own and occupy commercial property. Commissioner Williams discussed the need to have legal council, separate from the County Attorney to represent the V.A.B. Attorney McFarland confirmed this and stated that there are training classes the V.A.B. will be required to attend, or select a Special Magistrate to attend. Clerk Norris stated that the citizens appointed cannot have any involvement with a taxing authority. County Attorney McFarland stated that this needs to be resolved soon.

STONE MILL CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Upon Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky's request, Commissioner Peters motioned to allow Ms. Kopinsky to advertise for bids for a fire truck for the Stone Mill Creek Fire Department, to be paid from grant funds. Commissioner McLemore seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

OVERSTREET WATER SYSTEM/INVOICE# 13208

Ms. Kopinsky presented amended Invoice#13208, from Bailey Bishop & Lane, in the amount

of \$7,506.93 for the Overstreet Water System, stating that it has been approved by Fred Fox Enterprises. Commissioner McLemore motioned to pay the invoice. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FRDAP GRANTS

Ms. Kopinsky informed the Board that both FRDAP Grants applied for were awarded, in the amount of \$135,610.84 for both Salinas Park and Honeyville Park Phase II projects. Ms. Kopinsky requested permission to allow the Chairman to execute the grant agreements. Commissioner Peters motioned to do so. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IOLA ROAD PROJECT

Upon Ms. Kopinsky's request, Commissioner McLemore motioned to allow advertisement for bids for the Iola Road Project, contingent upon design approval from Northwest Florida Water Management District, to be paid from Florida Forever grant funds. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FRDAP GRANT/APPLICATION PROCESS

Ms. Kopinsky informed the Board that she had received a letter for the FRDAP Grant application process, which will be in September and stated that the Board can only have three ongoing grants at one time.

INCENERATOR ACCIDENT/ WASTE MANAGEMENT

Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier informed the Board of a phone call she received from Rick Payne, regarding an incinerator fire in Bay County. Ms. Lanier stated that, as a result of this, Waste Management has been taking trash to Stillfill Landfill, which has caused delays in trash pickup. Ms. Lanier stated that Mr. Payne has assured her that the incinerator should be running again by July 14th.

GRANTS/PARKS/ROAD PAVING

Commissioner McLemore stated, for the public's information that grants the Board receive for parks are paid from documents statewide - not ad valorem taxes, and grants for road paving projects come from the fuel tax. Commissioner McLemore stated that there are 27-28 parks in the County, but only 9 are maintained by the County (4 on North end and 5 on South end).

BEACH DRIVING ORDINANCE

Ms. Lanier requested the Board's permission to work with Chief Administrator Butler, Attorney McFarland, and Tax Collector Shirley Jenkins to amend the ordinance, giving authority to the Tax Collector to determine who needs what type of beach driving permit. Chairman Traylor stated that the Board has no objections to this.

HUMANE SOCIETY INVOICE

Ms. Lanier stated that the Board has received an invoice in the amount of \$2,940.00, but only amount \$1,866.00 is left in the budget. Chairman Traylor stated that he would like to table this, and discuss it later in the meeting.

THE STAR

Ms. Lanier presented a printout to the Board that showed seven ads, which were sent to The

Star, but not published. Chairman Traylor directed Chief Administrator Butler to speak with the Editor regarding this.

COMPRESSED WORK WEEK/COURT SYSTEM

Administrator Butler informed the Board that the compressed work week schedule has been successful for all the departments involved, and further stated that he spoke with the Judge Witten and Judge Smiley, who were not opposed to going to a 4-day work week, but were concerned about meeting filing deadlines. He further stated that Attorney McFarland spoke with Chief Judge McClellan, who stated that it would need to be Circuit-Wide; not just one County. Chairman Traylor directed Administrator Butler to discontinue efforts for the Courthouse to go to a 4-day work week.

ALTERNATIVE REVENUE/MSBU

Administrator Butler informed the Board that Government Services Group, Inc., and the County will not have time this year to implement an MSBU on the tax roll for Mosquito Control and Solid Waste. Commissioner McLemore stated that there is still enough time to look at outsourcing Mosquito Control.

COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX

Administrator Butler stated that the G.I.S. Department and Attorney McFarland are working on this issue.

VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

Administrator Butler informed the Board that most of the vehicles that could be replaced have been identified, and when the list is complete, he will bring the recommendations to the Board for their review.

PUBLIC WORKS FUEL BUDGET

Administrator Butler stated that he has been working on the Public Works Fuel Budget, which was almost 110% over, and by utilizing the lease money line item, there will be enough.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Administrator Butler informed the Board that he and Chairman Traylor, along with Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, met with the Mosquito Control Director for Eastpoint, and stated that their Mosquito Control Program is very different from Gulf County's. Butler stated that Franklin County will be providing a typical months cost for their Mosquito Control program. Chairman Traylor stated that Franklin County's Director was very knowledgeable, but does not have the same resources as Gulf County. Mr. Danford stated that Franklin's director does the best with his resources, and stated that he has part time workers, which he does not recommend, because they are not certified, and any mistakes would fall back on his license. Commissioner McLemore stated that there are 10-12 County employees who are ready to be certified. Commissioner Peters stated that it is obvious that the Board does not need to reduce Mosquito Control's budget. Commissioner McLemore stated that the Board should consider outsourcing, by bid, for Mosquito Control. Commissioner Peters disagreed. Chairman Traylor stated that Gulf County is the elite model for Northwest Florida. Mr. Danford stated that this is true, compared to other small counties. Chairman Traylor stated that the Board should wait until

the actual numbers are received regarding the differences between the two Mosquito Control Departments before any decisions are made. Commissioner Williams agreed that the Board should look into outsourcing for Mosquito Control.

The meeting did then recess at 9:27 a.m. for the Board to attend the Grand Opening of the Port Authority.

The meeting did then reconvene at 10:01a.m.

S.H.I.P./CDC

Administrator Butler presented three S.H.I.P. purchase assistance requests and recommended that the Board approve the following awards.

Jerome Williams	\$25,000.00
Lawrence Dickey	\$25,000.00
Robert & Olga Alexander	\$17,000.00

Commissioner Peters motioned to approve the request. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Commissioner Williams abstaining, due to having ownership in the property.

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Administrator Butler discussed the Public Safety Coordinating Council, and recommended that the Board move forward with it. Mr. Butler stated the Judge Smiley informed him that the council could help reduce at least 20% of the jail population. Attorney McFarland stated that the Board needs to appoint the Boards Chair to serve on the council. Commissioner Barnes motioned to do so. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OVERSTREET WATER SYSTEM

Administrator Butler requested the Board's permission to work up a change order for the Overstreet Water System project, in order to modify the line size. Mr. Butler stated that the price will not exceed \$6,300.00 and will be paid from grant funds. Commissioner McLemore motioned to allow Mr. Butler to do so. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AMERICUS AVENUE DITCH PROJECT/PIPE INSTALLATION/BID# 0708-01

Administrator Butler informed the Board that he had an invoice from Bailey & Sons for the Americus Avenue Ditch project, and stated that he needed more time to review it.

BROKER OF RECORD/BID#0708-23

Human Resource Director Denise Manuel informed the Board that the Insurance Committee has had several meetings, and it is the Committee's recommendation to award Bid# 0708-23 to Lassiter Ware Insurance Company. Commissioner Barnes motioned to award bid #0708-23 to Lassiter Ware Insurance Company. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

125 CAFETERIA PLAN ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Manuel informed the Board that it is the Insurance Committee's recommendation that the Board change their 125 Cafeteria Plan Administration from Aflac to Colonial Insurance. Commissioner McLemore motioned to do so. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WORKMAN'S COMP PREMIUMS

Ms. Manuel informed that Board that she had received the new expected rates for worker's comp from NCCI. The current rate is 1.49% and the new rate will be .92%, which could save the County close to \$100,000.00.

PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE/REQUEST FOR BID

Ms. Manuel requested the Board's permission to advertise for bids for all Property and Casualty lines of insurance. With Commissioner Peters motion and Commissioner McLemore's second, the motion passed unanimously.

GROUP HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE/BID# 0708-22

Ms. Manuel informed the Board that the Health Insurance bids were all higher than the current insurance rates, stating that the Blue Cross and Blue Shield rates were 71.27% over the current rates. She further stated that United Health Insurance has asked for more information, and the Board might have to call a special meeting to resolve this issue.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES WORKERS COMP

Commissioner Williams stated that he would like Ms. Manuel to look into the Florida Association of Counties Worker's Comp premiums. Ms. Manuel stated that she is looking into this.

DUPONT FOUNDATION MEETING/TRAVEL

Commissioner Peters motioned for Human Resource Director Denise Manuel to attend the DuPont Foundation meeting in Jacksonville. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVERSE 911 SYSTEM ALTERNATIVE

Commissioner Williams discussed with Emergency Management Director, Marshall Nelson, an alternative option to the reverse 911, which would charge households a flat rate for the year. Commissioner Williams stated that he would like for Mr. Nelson to look into that. The Board had no objection to Mr. Nelson looking further into the matter.

PUBLIC WORKS PORTABLE OFFICE BUILDING

Solid Waste Director Joe Danford presented, for clarity purposes, photographs to the Board of a modular office building that the St. Joe Company has, stating that a similar design was approved in the Consent Agenda. Mr. Danford stated that it will be paid from grant funds.

POLITICAL SIGNS

Mr. Danford informed the Board that the Department of Transportation had disposed of some political signs that were found and suggested that the Board contact F.D.O.T. before the signs end up at the landfill. Chairman Traylor directed Commissioner Williams to look into this.

LANDFILL/RESIDENTIAL WASTE/CONTRACTORS

Mr. Danford informed the Board that there have been several instances of businesses claiming they were bringing residential waste/debris to the landfill. Chairman Traylor stated that he thought it was understood that when business vehicles come in, they are to be charged. Mr. Danford stated that it is not always possible to identify these when there is no contractor sign on the business vehicle.

BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT

TDC Director Paula Pickett updated the Board on the Beach Renourishment Project, stating that over 50% of the distance of the project has been completed and 30% in the volume capacity of the 3.4 million cubic yards of sand that are being put on the beach. Ms. Pickett stated that the project is currently at the Cape Shoals Townhouses and Cape Palms Park is closed for an expected 3-4 days. She further stated that the construction companies have been very considerate of the public, in keeping the work sites as condensed as possible. As a "thank you" from Manson Construction, Ms. Pickett presented to each Commissioner a sample of the first sand pumped on the beach. Ms. Pickett stated that she needs the Board's RSVP's for the proposed Dredge Tour on the 28th. Chairman Traylor thanked Ms. Pickett and stated that the Board needs to show appreciation for everyone that has supported this project.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Planner David Richardson informed the Board that the Comprehensive Plan is now in PDF Format on the website for easy access.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

Mr. Richardson reminded the Board to remember the Capital Improvement Schedule as they go through the budget process to make sure their projects are in it.

APALACHICOLA-CHATAHOOCHEE-FLINT RIVER SYSTEM (ACF) MEETING

Commissioner Williams informed the Board that he attended an ACF Meeting, and stated that he and Commissioner McLemore will be attending a meeting at Gaskin's Landing to discuss the impact of the ACF to bee farmers. Commissioner Williams stated that there is also a meeting on the 21st of July with Congressman Boyd regarding the same issues. He further stated that Congressman Boyd and Senator Nelson have asked the Corp of Engineers to implement a comprehensive plan utilizing many more techniques. Williams informed the Board that the Small County Coalition has also made this an agenda item for policy and the Florida Association of Counties will take this up at their next meeting.

WHITE CITY PARK BULKHEAD

Commissioner Williams stated that Phase II of the White City Park Boat Ramp Bulkhead grant had been submitted and that Fish & Wildlife will make a decision on the 15th of this month.

JUNK ITEMS

Williams requested the Board's permission to allow Administrator Butler and Steve Mork to look at the junked inventory items at White City Park storage shed, and hold a garage sale to

get rid of the entire inventory. Attorney McFarland stated that Florida Statutes provide how the County disposes of junk inventory, and the Board will have to follow those rules. McFarland stated that the Board will have to take an inventory of the items, and advertise the sale, either by auction or competitive bid. Chairman Traylor inquired if it would be simpler to junk the items. Attorney McFarland stated that it would still have to be advertised, and suggested that the Board speak with him following the meeting about the process. Commissioner Williams motioned to advertise for junk the inventory in the White City Park storage shed. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Nelson stated that Emergency Management has 2 generators and a trailer there, and Mr. Danford stated that there are computers with data being stored there. Attorney McFarland stated that information needs to be redacted from the computers before they are junked.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Commissioner Williams informed the Board that he will be attending a meeting in Tallahassee this afternoon regarding the budget cuts that the Department of Health will be experiencing.

APPRAISAL/HIGHLAND VIEW PROPERTY

Upon Commissioner Williams' inquiry, Mr. Butler informed the Board that he has not received any information on the appraisal of property in Highland View, regarding the Fire Department. Deputy Administrator Lanier stated that she would follow up on it and report back.

BEACON HILL PARK/AMERICUS AVENUE DITCH PIPE FIRE DAMAGE

Commissioner Williams inquired about the status of payment from the insurance company for damages to the fence work and dugouts that occurred during the fire of the pipe for the Americus Avenue Ditch project. HR Director Manuel reported that a check is expected any day now for a little over \$14,000.00.

BEACH RAKE

Commissioner Williams complimented TDC for a successful Holiday weekend. Williams stated that one of the beach rakes was broken, and TDC, along with Commissioner Barnes supplied the funds to outsource a group to remove the sea weed from the beach. Commissioner Williams inquired of Mr. Danford about the progress of repair of the broken beach rake. Mr. Danford stated that he did not have information with him, but it will be expensive. Ms. Pickett stated that TDC authorized expenditures through Public Works to have the beach rake repaired. Commissioner Williams requested that this process be expedited. Ms. Pickett stated that if anyone has problems with sea weed on the beach, they should call the TDC to have clean-up scheduled.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Commissioner Williams inquired of Planner Richardson on whether the Fire Chiefs had met to discuss upcoming budget requests and needs assessments for the Dependent Special Fire Districts. Mr. Richardson stated that it is still under discussion.

REGIONAL CONFLICT COUNCIL ATTORNEY' S OFFICE/FAC LAWSUIT

Commissioner Williams stated that the Florida Association of Counties has filed a lawsuit against the State of Florida for the Regional Conflict Council Attorney's Office mandate, and stated that he will keep the Board updated on it. Attorney McFarland discussed the inconvenience of this mandate on other counties around the State.

BUDGET/CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE

Commissioner Peters inquired of Chairman Traylor on whether the tax information will be in time for budget session, and Chairman Traylor stated that he will speak with Property Appraiser Kesley Colbert concerning this.

GAC/APOLLO STREET/ROAD PAVING BOND

Commissioner Peters inquired of GAC contractor Andrew Rowell concerning the progress of paving on Apollo Street. Mr. Rowell stated that GAC is working with Preble-Rish, Inc. to get the change order for this project.

PORT AUTHORITY

Commissioner Peters thanked the Port Authority and Mr. Allen Cox for the progress that has been done there. He further expressed his appreciation to Mr. Tommy Pitts and the Board of Directors.

SLUDGE FACTORY

Upon Commissioner McLemore's inquiry for an update on the Sludge Factory, Attorney McFarland stated that there is an ordinance prepared, and following advertisement, it will be presented for the Board's consideration.

WIND ZONE

Commissioner McLemore discussed his discontent with the wind zone issue, stating that he feels the public should be able to follow the State requirements and nothing more. Commissioner McLemore requested that the Building Department provide Attorney McFarland with every ordinance pertaining to code amendment since 2001, the administrative law decision, and a written list of all amendments to the code the Building Department is enforcing, and requested that Attorney McFarland review the amendments for legal standings, given the administrative law decision. Commissioner McLemore stated that after this information is reviewed, the Board should call a special meeting to address the issue. Commissioner Peters stated that this issue was already resolved, and he does not feel the Board should reopen it. Attorney McFarland stated that the Board is dealing with two different issues; one is the wind zone issue, and the other is determining if Gulf County was in the high hazard hurricane zone and whether certain materials could be used in the building process. He further stated that an ordinance is being prepared to pass the more stringent rules, with the exception of one building material. Commissioner McLemore inquired if it was legal to go above the State laws, and Attorney McFarland stated that the County can pass more stringent regulations, once they are approved by the State. Building Inspector George Knight presented statistics to the Board displaying the difference between the 130 and 140 mph wind zone, stating that the only thing that changes is the design criteria. Commissioner McLemore stated that he would like to call a special meeting after the Board has reviewed all the numbers concerning this. Commissioner

Peters discussed the possibility of insurance rates going up if building requirements are lowered. Attorney McFarland inquired if the Board wished for him to continue with the advertisement for the ordinance that was discussed in the previous meeting, and Commissioner Peters directed him to do so.

PARK CLEAN-UP NOTICES

Commissioner Barnes motioned to post spreadsheets on the back of the doors at County Parks, indicating the time the park was cleaned. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SIGN ORDINANCE

Upon Chairman Traylor's inquiry, Attorney McFarland stated that he is still working on an ordinance concerning signs and outdoor advertising.

OIL RESOLUTION

Chairman Traylor informed the Board that he spoke with Representative Patronis, who supports the Oil Drilling Resolution the Board passed in the previous meeting. Chairman Traylor discussed the negative effects on tourism that gas prices are causing.

FAC CONFERENCE

Chairman Traylor stated that the Board had a very successful trip to the FAC Conference in Miami, and received some very good information concerning budgeting. He further discussed that every County is suffering financially right now, not just Gulf County.

INVOICE/AMERICUS AVENUE DITCH PIPE INSTALLATION/BID# 0708-01

Administrator Butler stated that after reviewing the invoice from Bailey & Sons, Diversified, Inc., he recommends payment in the amount of \$31,671.36. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the payment. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RISH PARK/FIRE DEPARTMENT LAND

Administrator Butler informed the Board that he met at Rish Park with the agency representing Persons with Disabilities and they have verbally agreed to allow the County to out parcel a piece of land for the Fire Department, an ambulance would be stationed there, contingent upon the County providing a helicopter pad next to the building. Administrator Butler stated that it will take a couple of months to finalize all the agreements.

M.S.B.U.

Administrator Butler stated that if the Board intends to implement M.S.B.U.'s, they need to be put money in the budget for next year to do the study.

INVOICE/PREBLE-RISH, INC

Administrator Butler recommended the approval of an invoice in the agenda from Preble-Rish, Inc., in the amount of \$4,630.00, for the Route 30A Stormwater Pipe Crossing project, stating that he does not know at this time where the funds will come from, but will come back to the Board with a recommendation. Commissioner Barnes motioned to pay the invoice. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Commissioner Williams discussed the impact of amendments 4 and 5 on the constitutional ballot and requested Attorney McFarland look at each amendment, how it will affect the County, and make a recommendation to the Board.

INVOICE/ST. JOSEPH BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

Gary Gibbs and Sandy Christy, of the Humane Society, appeared before the Board and expressed gratitude to the Board for their partnership with the Humane Society. Mr. Gibbs discussed problems with the budget, and stated that the Humane Society is taking in more animals than originally anticipated because people can no longer afford to keep their pets. Mr. Gibbs stated that if the Humane Society's budget is cut, they will have to cut services as well. Mr. Gibbs requested that the County provide work crews to clean the cages between 7:30 to 9:30 during pre-open hours, five days a week. Commissioner McLemore stated that he would like to work to coordinate the inmate work crews to do this. Commissioner Peters motioned to allow Commissioner McLemore to handle this. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Attorney McFarland confirmed that this will be limited to a time when the Humane Society is not open to the public. Mr. Gibbs stated that the Humane Society is out of money. <The Board extended Mr. Gibbs' time to speak by motion of Commissioner Williams.> Mr. Gibbs requested that the Board pay the last invoice, and discussed ways to raise money for the Humane Society. Commissioner McLemore motioned to pay what is left in the budget (\$1,866.00) for the Humane Society towards the invoice. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Gibbs stated that he would like to continue to render a memo bill to the County, understanding that the Board is not obligated to pay. Commissioner Barnes inquired if the Humane Society had requested help from the Cities. Ms. Christy stated that they have made a presentation and met with the City Managers. She stated that the City of Port St. Joe has been helping with their water, some sewer, and some gas bills. <Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, the Board allowed Gibbs and Christy more time.> Commissioner McLemore stated that he would like to get involved with the City of Wewahitchka on this. Commissioner Williams stated that he would like for the Board to help pay the remainder of the invoice. Ms. Christy stated that the Humane Society is continuing to pick up the animals after hours and on weekends as a volunteer service. Chairman Traylor thanked Animal Control Employee Roland Jones for his work. Mr. Gibbs stated that at the last "Bow Wow Bash", \$5,000.00 was designated for a spade and neutering program, and this has helped to decrease the stray animal population. Chairman Traylor asked Mr. Jones to provide the number of strays picked up in Wewa City limits, and directed Commissioner Peters to get the numbers of animals picked up in Port St. Joe City limits. Mr. Gibbs thanked the Board again for their help and support.

IMPACT FEE COMMITTEE

Chair of the Impact Fee Committee, Pat Hardman gave a presentation to the Board concerning Impact Fee funds for Emergency Services and how they may be spent. Hardman stated that the Board must follow the rules closely. Ms. Hardman presented an Impact Fee Application form and instruction sheet for the Board's consideration. The Impact Fee Committee would review the application to make sure it meets all the criteria and then submit it to the Board for approval. Ms. Hardman stated that impact fees could be used in conjunction with other funding sources. Applicant must justify that there has been growth in terms of population, stated Hardman. Contingent upon Attorney McFarland's review, Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the Impact Fee Committee's application form and process.

Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion and it passed 4-1 (Peters opposed).

Impact Fee Committee Chair, Pat Hardman further discussed the impact fees collected for Parks and Recreation and the justification for spending the money, stating that it is also tied to growth in the area it is spent in. Hardman reiterated that spending of impact fees can not be used for repair and replacement. Hardman stated that since the parks and recreation impact fee is not tied to a specific area as the fire districts, the committee recommended that application be made in the form of a one time grant request (similar to TDC's process); the committee would review the project requests and submit them to the Board for consideration. Hardman stated that this process would allow the whole community to have input into it. Commissioner McLemore motioned to accept the committee's recommendation, and with Commissioner Williams second, the motion passed unanimously. Hardman discussed advertising the process to the public sometime in August through the local newspaper.

IMPACT FEES MORATORIUM/SUSPENSION

As a recommendation from the Impact Fee Committee, Pat Hardman requested the Board consider placing a moratorium or temporarily suspending the impact fees. The Board discussed the need for economic stimulus and the impact a temporary moratorium would have on affordable housing. Hardman stated that the homeowner will be saving the money, not the builder. Commissioner Williams motioned to place a 6 month moratorium on all impact fees, effective August 1, 2008 with review after December 31st. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed 4-1 (Peters opposed).

There being no further business and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the meeting did then adjourn at 11:33 a.m. E.T.

**BILLY E. TRAYLOR
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**

