

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

MAY 24, 2010

SPECIAL MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in a special meeting with the following members present: Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, Vice Chairman Warren J. Yeager, Jr., and Commissioners Bill Williams and Nathan Peters, Jr. <Commissioner Billy E. Traylor was absent.>

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Deputy Clerk Tracy Whitehurst, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Building Inspector George Knight, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Aiken, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Planner David Richardson, and Public Works Director Joe Danford.

Chairman McLemore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., E.T.

DEEP WATER HORIZON (OIL SPILL UPDATE) / LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

Chief Administrator Butler recommended that the Board re-adopt the Local State of Emergency. County Attorney McFarland reported that the State of Florida is still under a State of Emergency and recommended that the Board needs to re-adopt the Local State of Emergency. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

E9-1-1 Coordinator Guthrie updated the Board on the current status of the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill, stating that according to the situation report #25, for the next 72 hours it is moving away from this area, and that the boom is staged on the beaches. He reported that British Petroleum (B.P.) has paid 2,746 claims. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Peters, E9-1-1 Coordinator Guthrie reported that the Action Plan has been submitted to B.P. Commissioner Williams reported that the Action Plan still has not been formally approved. He reported that he will be working this week to make sure local government can move forward if necessary to protect the shores. Commissioner Peters discussed the problem in Louisiana of protecting the wetlands/critical areas, stating that we have the same problem. Commissioner Williams discussed the issue of public safety. Chairman McLemore stated that we have to protect the Bay, reporting that we are ahead of the game, and the boom is staged. After further discussion by members of the Board, Chairman McLemore called for public comment. There was no public comment.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Peters, the meeting did then adjourn at 9:10 a.m., E.T.

**CARMEN L. MCLEMORE
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:
REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**