

JULY 17, 2014

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

SPECIAL MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in special session with the following members present: Chairman Ward McDaniel, Vice Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, and Commissioners Joanna Bryan, Tan Smiley, Commissioner Warren J. Yeager, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Central Services Director Denise Manuel, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, Gulf County Extension Agent Roy Carter, Fire Coordinator Brad Price, Grant Coordinator Towan Kopinsky, Deputy Grant Coordinator Kari Summers, Information Technology Dennis Barfield, Sr., Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Property Appraiser Mitch Burke, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Mike Harrison, Sheriff's Department Captain Chris Buchanan, Tax Collector Shirley Jenkins, and, T.D.C. Executive Director Jennifer Jenkins.

Chairman McDaniel called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., E.T.

BUDGET

Chairman McDaniel opened the meeting by stating that it is the duty of the Board to make decisions for the County taxpayers. Chief Administrator Butler discussed additional request that were received. He reported there is a lesser amount of cash to be carried forward. Chief Administrator Butler discussed bringing recommendations to the Board early next week of items that might be cut from the proposed budget. Clerk Norris discussed mandates and increases over the years that have affected the budget, noting having used cash to help fund the budget over several years has resulted in less Cash Carry Forward. After discussion, Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed by each line-item Budget Proposal #1.

The meeting did then recess at 10:24 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:44 a.m.

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the overview and lack of revenue that was expected to be collected from the landfill and ambulance runs from Scared Heart Health System. Upon recommendation by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned

to freeze all Board's budget for this Fiscal Year, and encourage Constitutional Officers to freeze their budgets for this fiscal year. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously. Chief Administrator Butler reported that the County-wide voting expense is not listed in the proposed FY 2014-15 Budget. After discussion, County Attorney Novak discussed the letter from Attorney Spellman and the financial request from The Port Authority. Chief Administrator Butler recommended to hold a special meeting July 21, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. After discussion, Chairman McDaniel had no objection to hold a special meeting on Monday, July 21, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., E.T. to discuss Budget. Commissioner Yeager discussed his concerns regarding alternate sources of revenue.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Yeager, and unanimous vote, the meeting did then adjourn at 11:09 a.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**