

**PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA**

**AUGUST 20, 2008**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

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

Others present were: Deputy Clerk Kayla Duke, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Planner David Richardson, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, Road Department Superintendent Bobby Knee, Maintenance Superintendent Steve Mork, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Emergency Management/911 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Public Works Director Gerald Shearer, G.I.S. Director Scott Warner, TDC Director Paula Pickett, Supervisor of Elections Linda Griffin, Veteran's Service Officer James Kennedy, and Major Bobby Plair.

Chairman Traylor called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., E.T.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN/LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Chairman Traylor thanked everyone in attendance, and stated that one of the purposes of this meeting is to reassure the public concerning the capability of the Honeyville Storm Shelter. Chairman Traylor informed the public that both the Honeyville Storm Shelter and the Middle School are certified hurricane shelters. Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson discussed the history and projected future of Tropical Storm Fay. Emergency Management Director Nelson stated that five to ten inches of rain is expected, but Red Cross will remain on standby to open the storm shelters in the case of an emergency. Upon Emergency Management Director Nelson's request, Commissioner Peters motioned to declare a local state of emergency. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Upon Commissioner William's inquiry, Emergency Management Director Nelson stated that there is a possibility of 30-35 mph winds. Emergency Management Director Nelson informed the Board that he has spoken with Superintendent of Schools Tim Wilder, and the school buses will probably not be able to drive on grated roads on Friday. Supervisor of Elections Linda Griffin informed the Board that Tuesday, August 26 is Election Day and the roof at the Elections Office is leaking. Chairman Traylor directed Maintenance Superintendent Steve Mork to look into a temporary fix for the roof. Commissioner Williams motioned that the Donnie Wayne Brake Park groundbreaking needs to be rescheduled until after the storm. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Road Department Superintendent Bobby Knee informed the Board that there will probably be overtime during the weekend.

There being no further business, the meeting did then adjourn at 10:13 a.m., E.T.

**BILLY E. TRAYLOR  
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

**REBECCA L. NORRIS**

**CLERK**