

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

MAY 17, 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 Billy E. Traylor, Bill Williams, and Nathan Peters, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Building Inspector George Knight, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Aiken, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, G.I.S. Director Scott Warner, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Human Resource Director Denise Manuel, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Joe Danford, and T.D.C. Director Tim Kerigan.

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

DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

Chief Administrator Butler reported that the Local State of Emergency expires today, and recommended that the Board re-adopt a Local State of Emergency. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Emergency Management Director Nelson reported on the latest trajectory forecast through Wednesday of this week, stating that it is moving off to the South and these change daily. He reported on the National Weather service forecast, stating that the winds have been in our favor, but this also changes daily. Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that they have been able to insert a pipe inside the well head, and are able to recover some of the oil that is coming out, stating that there is still a lot of oil in the Gulf to deal with. He reported on the tier one deployment, stating that boom has been put out in the Indian Pass area, have staged some on the outside of the St. Joseph Peninsula, and will stage more on the inside of the St. Joseph Peninsula area today. Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore, Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that this process is broken into three tiers, stating that tier one is performed by the contractor, and tier two is when the local people will be hired to work. He reported that S.W.S. and the O'Brian Group have contracted directly with British Petroleum

(B.P.), stating that they will lay tier one booming based on the Area Contingency Plan, and tier two will be based on the boom planning strategy put in place by the County. Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that the County can choose the contractor to do the boom deployment for the County, stating that they will be contracted directly with D.E.P. Commissioner Traylor reported that he took the training classes over the weekend, stating that the classes were led by Environmental Services. After further discussion by members of the Board, Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that there has been a staging area setup at Raffield Fisheries for Gulf and Franklin Counties. Commissioner Traylor reported that you must have the training before you can work out in the field, stating that you have to be certified.

County Attorney McFarland reported that it is early in the process to look at Attorneys for mass damages, stating that he has had contact from a lot of attorneys. He recommended the Firm Beasley & Allen from Montgomery, Alabama and the Firm Appleman, Shepard & Trucks from Panama City, Florida, stating that they have partnered with a Law Firm Crupney & Campbell from Ft. Lauderdale. County Attorney McFarland reported that the contracts are similar; stating that they are not going to take any of the monies that would come through the administrative process, are not interested in contingencies fees, and no money is required up front with either firm. Commissioner Peters motioned to hire the Firm Appleman, Shepard & Trucks to represent Gulf County. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed 3 to 2, with Commissioner Yeager and Commissioner Williams voting no.

Chief Administrator Butler reported that E.M.S. Director Shane McGuffin received a request from S.W.S. for an ambulance (Paramedic & E.M.T.) 12 hours per day at the staging area at Raffield Fisheries, and recommended staging an ambulance at Raffield Fisheries for \$1,500.00 per day, to be paid weekly to the County. He stated that a seven day notice will be provided prior to cancelling the service and S.W.S. will provide a seven day notice prior to cancelling the service, S.W.S. will be responsible for \$250.00 per transport on employees not covered by workmen's compensation, to be invoiced weekly and is retroactive to May 14, 2010. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Peters, the meeting did then adjourn at 9:24 a.m., E.T.

**CARMEN L. MCLEMORE
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:
REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**