

SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

REGULAR MEETING

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

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Central Services Director Denise Manuel, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Extension Agent Roy Lee Carter, Fire Coordinator Brad Price, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, Maintenance Supervisor Steve Mork, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Preble-Rish/County Engineer Clay Smallwood, III, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Assistant Public Works Director Jake Lewis, Sheriff Mike Harrison, and T.D.C. Executive Director Jennifer Jenkins.

Sheriff Harrison called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., E.T.

County Attorney Novak opened the meeting with prayer, and Chairman Smiley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner McDaniel, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda with the corrected minutes from the July 23, 2013 Regular meeting, as follows:

1. Minutes - July 16, 2013 – Special Budget Meeting
- July 23, 2013 – Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Checks and warrants for August, 2013 which are incorporated herein by reference, pursuant to Chapter 136.06 F.S.
3. Agreement Amendment – Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan

Agreement – American Fidelity Assurance Company (COBRA Administrative Services)

Agreement – American Fidelity Assurance Company (Business Associate)

4. Budget Amendment #9 – General Fund (Reducing the Board and increasing the Affordable Housing Budget by \$2,000 to reimburse the Gulf County S.H.I.P. Program)

BUDGET AMENDMENT #9

Amend the FY 2012-2013 Budget for the General Fund by reducing Board of County Commissioners Budget and increasing the Affordable Housing Budget by \$2,000.00 to reimburse the Gulf County S.H.I.P. Program. On January 8, 2013, the Gulf County BOCC agreed to repay the S.H.I.P. Fund for the value of the White City Lots originally purchased with S.H.I.P. Funds. This agreement was also accepted by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

General Fund

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
Board of Co. Comm:				
21111-31300 Professional Services	\$35,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$2,000.00	\$33,000.00
Affordable Housing				
27954-49000 Other Curr. Charges, Oblig.	\$ 0.00	\$2,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00

(End)

5. Inventory – Highland View Fire Department (Scrap #160-85 * Ice-O-Matic Ice Machine)
6. Invoices – The Ferguson Group, LLC – Federal Lobbying Services (Invoice #0713573 * \$36.68 * to be paid from Account #21111-31200)
 - UniFirst Corporation (Old Courthouse * Invoice #2710050588 * \$19.06 * Invoice #2710051045 * \$19.35 * Invoice #2710051518 * \$19.06 * Public Works * Invoice #2710051519 * \$10.00 * Invoice #2710052031 * \$10.00 * Invoice #2710052512 * \$10.00 * Invoice #2710051047 * \$59.56 * Invoice #27100-51520 * \$51.46 * Invoice #2710052032 * \$51.46 * Invoice #2710052513 * \$51.46 * Invoice #2710053013 * \$51.46 * Invoice #2710051048 * \$51.97 * Invoice #2710051521 * \$51.12 * Invoice #2710052033 * \$51.12 * Invoice #27100-52514 * 54.58 * Invoice #2710053014 * \$54.58 * Maintenance * Invoice #2710051049 * \$39.95 * Invoice #2710051522 * \$39.12 * Invoice #2710052034 * \$39.12 * Invoice #2710052515 * \$39.12 * Invoice #2710053015 * \$39.12 * Courthouse * Invoice #2710051523 * \$68.50 *

Invoice #2710052035 * \$68.50 * Invoice #2710052516 *
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7. Policy Amendment – County Employee Insurance Contributions
8. Proclamation – National Suicide Prevention Month (September, 2013)
9. Resolution – Funding Request to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Beaches and Mines Funding Assistance Program

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PROCEED WITH THIS SUBMITTAL OF THE “FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING REQUEST APPLICATION” UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 161.091, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, BEACHES AND MINES FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO BE USED FOR THE RESTORED AND SUBSEQUENT RE-NOURISHMENT OF THE ST. JOSEPH PENINSULA BEACHES.

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph Peninsula beaches experience one of the highest eroding shorelines in the State of Florida, provided diminished storm protection to upland property and structures, reduced recreation area and critical sea turtle and bird habitat, and impacting the tourism based economy; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph Peninsula is recognized by the Department of Environmental Protection as having a critically eroding shoreline(s); and

WHEREAS, the 7.5 Mile St. Joseph Peninsula Beach Restoration Project was completed in January, 2009 at a construction cost of approximately \$21.8 million; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners has identified beach preservation and beach re-nourishment as a priority to the County to maintain the St. Joseph Peninsula Beaches which is critical to the economic and environmental health of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners has developed a Beach Management Program for the St. Joseph Peninsula Beaches to address the issues of beach preservation and beach re-nourishment, and will serve as the Local Sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners is aware that there is a local funding share to implement the Beach Management Program as authorized by Section 161.101, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statute 125.01 the County shall have the power to carry on county government inclusive of the power to adopt its own rules that which are not inconsistent with general or special law; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners supports the Department's Beach and Coastal Management Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Gulf County Board of County Commissioners that the Board hereby supports the restored and subsequent re-nourishment of the St. Joseph Peninsula Beaches. Where these funds will be used for the implementation of the Beach Management Program including: Physical Post-Construction Monitoring; Geotechnical Investigations required to identify a compatible sand source; Design and Permitting of the re-nourishment of the St. Joseph Peninsula Beaches; and, Reimbursement of previous State shortfalls to Gulf County. The Board is willing to serve as Local Sponsor and has the ability to provide the necessary full Local Cost Share to implement the County's Beach Management Program.

This resolution **ADOPTED** by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners this 10th day of September, 2013.

(End)

10. S.H.I.P. – Annual Reports (FY 2010-2011, 2011-2012 & 2012-2013)

(End)

MRD ASSOCIATES, INC. – BEACH RE-NOURISHMENT

Michael Dombrowski of MRD Associates, Inc. appeared before the Board to discuss a partial grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to look at the erosion on the Southern end of the St. Joseph Peninsula. Commissioner Yeager thanked Mr. Dombrowski for the hard work on this project. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Mr. Dombrowski discussed looking at all options to see what is the most cost effective; stating that local upland sand is an option.

WEWAHITCHKA PROJECT GRADUATION – FUND RAISER - DEAD LAKES PARK

Cathy Fisher, on behalf of the Wewahitchka Class of 2014, appeared before the Board to request permission to use Dead Lakes Park to hold a Haunted Nature Trail as a class fundraiser. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

AGREEMENT – BEACH RE-NOURISHMENT

Chief Administrator Butler reported that page 117 of the Consent Agenda is a proposed resolution for the Beach Re-nourishment and the Supplemental Agreement is on page 137 of the Consent Agenda. Upon request by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner

McLemore motioned to approve the Supplemental Agreement regarding the erosion project. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NORTH FLORIDA CHILD DEVELOPMENT – WEWAHITCHKA COURTHOUSE

Sharon Gaskin, of the North Florida Child Development (N.F.C.D.) appeared before the Board to inquire about the future of the Old Gulf County Courthouse located in Wewahitchka. Commissioner Yeager reported that a letter was sent regarding the immediate action regarding this facility. Mrs. Gaskin stated that N.F.C.D. have been tenants of this facility for two decades, and would like to continue their residence. She discussed the option of the Board gifting the building to N.F.C.D. After discussion, Mrs. Gaskin reported that N.F.C.D. would maintain the building and requested the Board donate the building to the non-profit organization. Commissioners McLemore and Bryan discussed their concerns regarding the building. After further discussion, Chairman Smiley directed Mrs. Gaskin to work with Chief Administrator Butler and County Attorney Novak to bring a recommendation to the Board for review. County Attorney Novak stated that Mrs. Gaskin requested the cost information for the facility; noting the information has been provided. After discussion by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner Bryan requested cost information from the last five (5) years regarding the Old Gulf County Courthouse. Chief Administrator Butler reported that a meeting has been scheduled with Mrs. Gaskin for next week; stating there are no funds in the budget for the October, 2013 utility bills. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Bryan, Chief Administrator Butler reported that the power bill for the facility runs approximately \$2,000.00 per month.

AMERICUS AVENUE DITCH PROJECT

Brad Bailey, of Wewahitchka appeared before the Board to discuss statements that were made at the previous Board meeting. He reported the lines and inlets were all set to County plans and specifications; stating after the project was completed the City of Port St. Joe came in and performed a major sewer project and took all the ditch lines back up that had been installed. Mr. Bailey also reported that he did have Worker's Compensation while on this project and that he contacted the County regarding this documentation, which was in the file. He discussed his concerns regarding false statements made during the last Board meeting. Mr. Bailey presented to the Board his Bid Bond and the Addendum. After further discussion by Mr. Bailey regarding this project, he stated that he has contacted his attorney to file a Defamation of Character Lawsuit against the County. County Attorney Novak stated that Mr. Bailey has indicated that he has spoken with his attorney and cautioned the Board not to respond to any facts or statements made. Commissioner Bryan reported that she requested detailed information from the County Administrator, which was provided, stating that the information used was taken directly from documents that are public record. She discussed the Worker's Compensation issuance date versus the bid date. After further discussion by Commissioner Bryan regarding the Worker's Compensation matter, she inquired about the information she had requested from Administration regarding this project. Chief Administrator Butler stated that his comment was that he provided Commissioner Bryan everything she asked for. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Bryan, Chief Administrator Butler reported that he provided Commissioner Bryan the

information she asked for and that a large part of Commissioner Bryan's discussion at the last Board meeting was about Worker's Compensation, which was not ask for. After further discussion, Commissioner Bryan stated for the record, that she expects a County Administrator and a County Attorney to provide her with information without her having to call everyday and say "is there anything new going on", "is there anything that I need to know about", or "is there anything that is going to be brought up at the meeting that is not on the Agenda". She then renewed her request that Chief Administrator Butler notify her of any topics that are going to be discussed at the Board meetings that are not included in the Agenda. After discussion by Commissioner Bryan, Chief Administrator Butler discussed the additional cost to the Americus Avenue Ditch Project since its completion. After further discussion, Commissioner McDaniel called for order. Chairman Smiley discussed his concerns regarding staffing and working together. After further discussion, Commissioner Bryan discussed other issues stated by Mr. Bailey (Bid Bond, Utility Lines, Labor, Pipes). Christy McElroy, of Port St. Joe appeared before the Board to discuss comments she made at the last Board meeting regarding Bill Koran, and that she would like to enter into the record that Mr. Koran did run for Seat V, but stated that he lived with his girlfriend in St. Joe Beach. After discussion, Ms. McElroy stated for the record, that in April, 2012, Mr. Koran told her that the revolution has begun, please join. She reported that she declined the offer. Ms. McElroy stated for the record, that from Jeff Anderson's business partner, Mr. Anderson had recording devices and may have recorded the conversation between her, Mr. Garth, and Mr. Koran. Commissioner McDaniel discussed when he first came on the Board that he was approached by a group with concerns about Americus Avenue Ditch Project, stating that he was provided false information. He reported that he went to Staff, Administration, and the Engineers to obtain the correct information.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL – MONTHLY REPORT

T.D.C. Executive Director Jenkins appeared before the Board to present the July, 2013 status report for T.D.C.

E.M.S. – BUILDING REPAIRS

Gulf County E.M.S. Director Whitfield appeared before the Board to commend the Maintenance Staff on the remodeling projects to the E.M.S. Buildings.

INSURANCE RENEWALS – PROPERTY/CASUALTY/WORKERS COMPENSATION

Upon recommendation by Deputy Administrator Lowry, Commissioner McDaniel motioned to renew the Property & Casualty Insurance and Workers Compensation, in the amount of \$406,473.00 annually (reduction) with Public Risk Insurance. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously 4 to 1, with Commissioner Yeager abstaining, due to being a member on the P.G.I.T. Board.

INSURANCE RENEWAL – INMATE MEDICAL

Upon discussion by Deputy Administrator Lowry, Commissioner Yeager motioned to renew the Inmate Medical Insurance, in the amount of \$12,921.00 (decrease) with American Fidelity Assurance. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

INSURANCE RENEWAL – FLORIDA SHERIFF’S SELF INSURED

Upon discussion by Deputy Administrator Lowry, Commissioner Yeager motioned to renew the Florida Sheriff’s Self Insured Program, in the amount of \$2,749.00 with American Fidelity Assurance. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION – AW214

Planner Richardson requested permission for the Chairman to execute the Annual Recertification for the AW214 Community Rating System (CRS). Upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, second by Commissioner Bryan, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this request.

ADVERTISE PROPOSED ORDINANCE – PUBLIC SPEAKING

County Attorney Novak discussed a proposed ordinance regarding public speaking and requested permission from the Board to advertise for a public hearing. Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner McDaniel, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this request.

SNIFFEN & SPELLMAN LAW FIRM – COUNTY WIDE VOTING

County Attorney Novak discussed an engagement letter from Sniffen & Spellman Law Firm regarding County-Wide voting, and requested permission from the Board to proceed with the Scope of Services and the Engagement Letter. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed 3 to 2, with Commissioner McLemore and Chairman Smiley voting no.

AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – CITY OF PORT ST. JOE

County Attorney Novak discussed the Amended Interlocal Agreement with the City of Port St. Joe; stating that Paragraph #4 has been amended. He then requested approval from the Board to adopt the Amended Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the Amended Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion, Commissioner Yeager amended his motion to include that Phillip Jones, of Preble-Rish, Inc. add the Letter of Completion as an exhibit to the Amended Interlocal Agreement. The motion then passed unanimously.

ADVERTISE BID #1213-20 – VIDEO RECORDING BOARD MEETINGS

County Attorney Novak reported that the current contract with Ken Murphy regarding the videoing and broadcasting of the Board meetings will expire on October 1, 2013; noting the Board advertised to receive sealed bids for this service (RFQ #1213-20). He reported the deadline for submitting sealed bids is September 23, 2013 at 12:00 p.m., E.T.

SACRED HEART – WEWAHITCHKA HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING

County Attorney Novak read a letter that was in the Information Packet regarding Sacred Heart opening at the Wewahitchka Health Department Building, reporting that Sacred Heart will be opening a Wewahitchka facility on September 23, 2013.

LAWSUIT – PORT AUTHORITY

County Attorney Novak reported that an Order was issued on the case regarding The Port Authority vs. Capital City Bank, stating that the Plaintiff's Motion for Final Summary Judgment and the Defendant's Cross Motion for Summary Judgment has been rescheduled for a Hearing, which allows sufficient time to address the matters raised. He stated that he will continue to keep the Board updated regarding this foreclosure.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES - COUNTY PROBATION/PRETRIAL RELEASE FEES

County Attorney Novak reported that the proposed ordinances regarding county probation/pretrial release fees will be advertised this week in The Star. He stated that on September 24, 2013, these proposed ordinances will be introduced for a Public Hearing for consideration of adoption.

POLICY – PURCHASING & PROCUREMENT

County Attorney Novak discussed a proposed policy for purchasing and procurement, stating that the T.D.C. previously presented request for Board approval to provide authority on direct media purchases (sole source providers), and needs the authority to approve an insertion order (purchase order) and requested permission to memorialize in the form of a policy. The Board had no objections.

MEETING NOTICE – MULTI-COUNTY WATERSHED WORKSHOP

Chief Administrator Butler reported that a Multi-County Watershed Workshop will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., E.T. in the E.O.C. Building. He requested permission from the Board to publicly notice this meeting. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

TRAINING – ETHICS CLASS

Chief Administrator Butler reported that a class on Ethics in the Sunshine will be held on October 3, 2013 at the Bay County Sheriff's Office, stating the four (4) hour ethics training is a requirement by the State of Florida for all Commissioners and all Constitutional Officers.

SPECIAL DISTRICTS – DEAD LAKES AND HIGHLAND VIEW

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the Special Water Districts (1) Dead Lakes Water Management and (2) Highland View Water & Sewer District. He then requested permission from the Board to remove these districts, due to no longer being utilized. Upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, second by Commissioner Bryan, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this request.

TRAVEL – CONSTORIUM MEETING

Chief Administrator Butler discussed a Consortium Meeting that will be held in West Palm Beach. He then requested permission to appoint an alternate to attend this meeting which will be held on September 18, 2013. Upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, second by Commissioner McDaniel, and unanimous vote, the Board appointed Chief Administrator Butler to serve as the alternate and attend this meeting.

MEETING – RESTORE ACT COMMITTEE

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the need to hold a Restore Act Committee Meeting in the next few weeks. The Board had no objections.

WORK LOAD – ADMINISTRATION OFFICE-ENTERPRISE ZONE

Chief Administrator Butler reported that Deputy Administrator Lanier has been out of work for the past three (3) weeks due to health problems, and the work load is very heavy right now. Commissioner Bryan requested the Board allow Chief Administrator Butler to contact Guerry Magidson regarding taking over the responsibilities of the Enterprise Zone. After discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager discussed reaching out to Guerry Magidson regarding this matter.

LIMITED MAINTENANCE – HOWARD CREEK LOWER LANDING

Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Chief Administrator Butler stated that he will review the matter regarding the Limited Maintenance on the Howard Creek Lower Landing. After discussion by Commissioner Yeager, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve a Limited Maintenance Agreement on the Lower Landing at Howard Creek. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion, the motion then passed unanimously.

DRAINAGE – TWO PALMS ROAD

Commissioner Yeager discussed his concerns regarding drainage issues at Two Palms Road, which is a County road. He reported that he has been working with the Homeowners Association regarding this matter.

APPOINTEE – 2014 CHAIRMANSHIP/VICE CHAIRMANSHIP

Upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, second by Commissioner McDaniel, and unanimous vote, the Board appointed Vice Chairman Ward McDaniel to serve as the 2014 Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and to appoint Commissioner Carmen McLemore to serve as the Vice Chairman for 2014.

FEES – BEACH DRIVING PERMITS

Commissioner Yeager discussed moving forward on the additional revenues regarding the beach driving permits. He also discussed working with County Attorney Novak to amend the Beach Driving Ordinance to implement these new fees.

DREDGING – PORT AUTHORITY

Commissioner Yeager reported that The Port Authority is in need of some dredging, stating that there is a Federal Lobbyist working with them on this issue. He discussed both lobbyist working together to get the dredging issues resolved (at no cost to the County).

TRAVEL – GULF POWER SYMPOSIUM

Commissioner Yeager reported that he will be attending the Gulf Power Symposium, and suggested that staff review to attend. He stated that every Economic Development Organization in the region will be attending this symposium.

MEETING – DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Commissioner McDaniel reported that he traveled to Franklin County last week to meet with Senator Montford, Senator Bradley, and Representative Beshears to discuss how small Counties work with the Department of Corrections in the State of Florida.

SIGNAGE – HIGHWAY 71 & C.R. 386

Commissioner McDaniel stated that F.D.O.T. installed a sign at the Intersection of State Highway 71 and C.R. 386. He requested permission from the Board to allow Public Works to place three (3) pipes around the signage to prevent someone from hitting it. After discussion, the Board had no objections.

TABLES – DEAD LAKES PARK

Commissioner McDaniel reported that the Dead Lakes Park is in need of six (6) six-foot picnic tables. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. No other action was taken by the Board.

APPOINTEE – APALACHICOLA/CHATTACHOOCHEE/FLINT RIVERS (A.C.F.)

Upon discussion by Commissioner McDaniel, Commissioner Yeager motioned to appoint Charles Nunnery to serve on the A.C.F. Board. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

TABLES – DEAD LAKES PARK

Upon inquiry by Chairman Smiley, Commissioner McLemore stated he made a motion to approve the six (6) six foot picnic tables for Dead Lakes Park. Commissioner Yeager then seconded his motion for discussion. After discussion, no further action was taken by the Board.

LIMITED MAINTENANCE - JIM CONWAY DITCH

Commissioner McDaniel stated that he was contacted by Jim Conway inquiring about no maintenance being done on a ditch (Jim Conway Ditch) located on his property. After discussion by Commissioner McDaniel, Mosquito Control Director Cothran appeared before the Board to report that the Southside of the ditch, when cleaned out, can be driven down with the mosquito truck to spray. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Chief Administrator Butler recommended expanding the Limited Maintenance Agreement for this ditch (current agreement has expired). Upon motion by Commissioner McDaniel, second by Commissioner Yeager, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed to extend the Limited Maintenance Agreement regarding Jim Conway Ditch.

CONTRACTS – DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Upon discussion by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner Yeager motioned to execute two contracts from the Florida Department of Agriculture for Mosquito Control Contractual Agreement, contingent upon County Attorney review. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

POLICY – BOARD CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Commissioner McDaniel discussed his concerns regarding the need for the Board to adopt a policy designating who will conduct contract negotiations. After discussion, Commissioner Yeager motioned to designate the County Attorney, Chief Administrator, or his designee to conduct contract negotiations. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

POLICY – WORK ASSIGNMENTS

Commissioner McDaniel discussed his concerns regarding work assignments for the County Administration and County Attorney. He stated that the Board needs to set limitations on Chief Administrator Butler, his Staff, and County Attorney Novak. After further discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner McDaniel motioned to adopt a policy in which requests that are outside of the normal procedure must be approved by the Board. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. After discussion by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner McDaniel amended his motion to designate Chief Administrator Butler to declare when it is outside of the normal procedure. Commissioner Yeager stated that his second stands. The motion then passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner Bryan voting no. After discussion by members of the Board, Chief Administrator Butler discussed his concerns regarding being the designee in declaring what is outside of the normal procedure that is to be approved by the Board.

FOOD PANTRY – WASHINGTON RECREATIONAL CENTER

Chairman Smiley discussed his concerns regarding the food pantry at the Washington Recreation Center. He stated that if anyone would like to help with donations, they can contact Tamela Smith.

PAINT PROJECT – WASHINGTON RECREATIONAL CENTER

Upon discussion by Chairman Smiley, Commissioner McDaniel motioned to allow Chief Administrator Butler to search for funding to purchase approximately 10-15 gallons of paint to complete the project at the Washington Recreational Center. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Smiley discussed his concerns regarding the Board working together and the need to start respecting each other in order to move forward.

Chairman Smiley called for public comment.

AMERICUS AVENUE DITCH

Ralph Rish, of Port St. Joe appeared before the Board to discuss some of the statements that were made at previous Board meetings by Bill Koran regarding the Americus Avenue Ditch Project. He discussed his concerns regarding people appearing before the Board to address issues without having the correct information. Mr. Rish reported that Mr. Koran stated that the Americus Avenue Ditch Project was a \$1.2 million dollar construction project, and the truth is, that it cost \$646,892.62 to purchase the pipe, \$344,883.00 for the contractor to install the pipe, for a project total of

\$991,775.62. He reported that Mr. Koran stated that the total repairs by the County was \$250,000.00, and Commissioner Bryan stated it was approximately \$37,000.00; stating his best guess is that the repairs cost the County approximately \$20,000.00 or less. Mr. Rish discussed the F.E.M.A. rate regarding projects. He then discussed his concerns regarding a statement made by Mr. Koran about the engineering and the inspection for this project which was completed by the same firm. Mr. Rish reported that their firm works for over sixty (60) Governments and with every City and County Government they do the engineering and inspections; stating that it is not against the law. After further discussion by Mr. Rish, Clerk Norris acknowledged Mr. Rish's disclaimer on his numbers and reported that the project was a little over \$1 million dollars due to some direct purchases that Mr. Rish may not be aware of.

EVENTS – TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BUILDING

Christy McElroy, of Port St. Joe appeared before the Board to discuss her concerns regarding events that have been taking place at the T.D.C. Building. She then entered into the record items from The Star and County notes regarding this matter. Ms. McElroy requested various information regarding the Republican Party Bi-annual Concealed Weapons Course that was held at the T.D.C. Building.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, the meeting did then adjourn at 11:52 a.m., E.T.

**TYNALIN SMILEY
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**