

# PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

AUGUST 28, 2007

## REGULAR MEETING

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

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Becky Norris, Clerk Executive Administrator Towan Kopinsky, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Chamber of Commerce Director Sandra Chafin, E.D.C. Director Alan McNair, Grant Writer Loretta Costin, Human Resources Director Denise Manuel, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Assistant Planner Sarah White, Road Department Superintendent Bobby Knee, Assistant Road Department Superintendent Chris Wood, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, Veterans' Service Officer James Kennedy, Interim Sheriff Joe Nugent, and Sheriff's Office Captain Bobby Plair.

Sheriff Nugent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., E.T.

Vice Chairman Barnes opened the meeting with prayer, and Chairman Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda items.

1. Minutes - August 14, 2007 - Regular Meeting
2. Agreement - FL Dept. of Corrections (Inmate Evacuation M.O.A.)  
- Transportation Regional Incentive Program (Calhoun, Gulf, Jackson)
3. Bid Advertisement - Gulf County E.M.S. (Medical Supplies)
4. Contract Extension - Gulf County Jail Policy & Procedure Manuals
5. Florida Counties Foundation/S.C.T.A.S. Funding - Assistance Request (Alternative Revenue Category)
6. Grant Agreement - Northwest Regional Library (FY2007-08)
7. Invoice - Agency for Health Care Administration - Medicaid (July, 2007 \*  
\$2,515.11 \* to be paid from Account #52264-34100)  
- Gulf County C.D.C. - S.H.I.P. Program Expenses (\$1,350.00 \*

to be paid from Account #46355-82000)

- M.R.D. Associates, Inc. - St. Joseph Peninsula Permit Processing  
(#903 \* \$23,758.25 \* to be paid from Account #43137-31000)

- Preble-Rish, Inc. - Five Points Permit Renewal (#75599 \* \$1,680.00 \*  
to be paid from Account #42634-31000)

8. Policy - Burned Structures/Tipping Fees, as follows:

In the event that a structure were to burn to a point of substantial damage and also was condemned by the County's Code Enforcement Officer, Gulf County will waive the tipping fees at the landfill if the owner hires a contractor to carry the burned structure debris to the landfill. A copy of the condemnation by the County Code Enforcement Officer would need to be submitted to the landfill attendant in order to receive a waiver of the tipping fees.

9. S.H.I.P. - Purchase Assistance (\$25,000.00 - William & Mildred Lyles)

10. Special Projects Payments, as follows:

Dist. 4	Picture Perfect Frame Shop - Pictures for Museum	\$ 850.00
	Gene Raffield Football League - Donation	\$ 250.00

(End of Consent Agenda)

**PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED "SLUDGE" ORDINANCE**

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance regarding disposal of Class A and Class B Residuals and Septage (Sludge), County Attorney McFarland read the proposed ordinance by title and called for public comment. Wewahitchka City Manager Don Minchew appeared before the Board and requested that the Board table the ordinance for further review (fees, etc.). After discussion by County Attorney McFarland, Commissioner Peters motioned to table this ordinance and hold a meeting regarding this matter with representatives of both Cities. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. After discussion about inviting representatives of F.D.E.P. to attend this meeting, Port St. Joe Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager Glen Davis stated that they may possibly have sludge residue to dump when their plant is re-vamped. The Board then scheduled the meeting for Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., E.T. After discussion that the meeting is open to the public, the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING - LAND USE ORDINANCE (ST. JOE COMPANY/DENSITY BONUS)**

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a proposed ordinance governing land use in Gulf County, County Attorney McFarland read the proposed ordinance by title and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the following-titled ordinance. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2007-13**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATE STATUTES SECTION 163.3187 AND CHAPTER 420, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING PORTIONS OF PARCEL ID #06076-000R, #06224-000R, #06228-000R AND #06229-000R, 610 ACRES OF A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTIONS 13, 23 & 24 OF TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM AGRICULTURAL TO RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**\*Complete Ordinance on file with Clerk\***

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board also agreed to execute the Development Agreement regarding the Affordable Housing Density Bonus with The St. Joe Company, in conjunction with this ordinance.

### **D.C.A. GRANT - CENSUS PROGRAM**

Grant Writer Costin reported that a \$7,500.00 grant has been received from the Florida Department of Community Affairs, to assist 9-1-1 in preparing for the 2010 Census, and requested permission for the Chairman to sign the grant agreement. Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this request.

### **F.R.D.A.P. APPLICATIONS 2007-08**

Grant Writer Costin reported that she has reviewed the parks for each district to determine which one should be the second priority for a F.R.D.A.P. grant application (Salinas Park is the first priority), and both Honeyville Park and Beacon Hill Veterans' Memorial Park scored 101 points. After discussion that the application must be submitted by September 14<sup>th</sup> and a public hearing must be held prior to submittal, Commissioner McLemore motioned for Honeyville Park, Phase II to be submitted for the second F.R.D.A.P. application. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion for discussion, and stated that District III has recently received funding for Donnie Wayne Brake Memorial Park and White City Boat Ramp. The motion then passed 3 to 2, with Chairman Williams and Vice Chairman Barnes voting no.

### **CENSUS SURVEYORS**

Human Resources Director Manuel reported that the Census Bureau is accepting applications for individuals to perform door-to-door Census surveys. She stated that they will be here to do interviews on September 12<sup>th</sup>, and the pay rate will be \$11.01 per hour (part-time). She stated that flyers will be available or the public can contact the Human Resources Office at (850) 229-5335 for more information.

### **COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FAIR**

Human Resources Director Manuel reported that the First Annual Benefits Fair will be held tomorrow (August 29<sup>th</sup>) at 9:00 a.m., E.T.

### **NACO DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION PLAN**

Human Resources Director Manuel reported that the NACo Discount Prescription Plan will begin on September 1<sup>st</sup>, and the information has been submitted to all pharmacies in the County.

**COMPUTER - HUMAN RESOURCES/RISK MANAGEMENT**

Upon request by Human Resources Director Manuel, Commissioner Traylor motioned to allow her to purchase a new computer (in the range of \$2,000.00 / funds are in her budget). Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**EMPLOYEE INSURANCE PREMIUMS - RENEWAL**

Upon recommendation by Human Resources Director Manuel and the Insurance Committee, Commissioner Traylor motioned to accept the following renewal rates for the employee insurance policies. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

HEALTH - BlueOptions	\$ 375.85	Employee
	\$ 778.01	Employee/Spouse
	\$ 706.60	Employee/Children
	\$ 1,193.33	Employee/Family
HEALTH - H.S.A.	\$ 234.56	Employee
	\$ 400.45	Employee/Spouse
	\$ 363.69	Employee/Children
	\$ 614.22	Employee/Family
DENTAL	\$ 16.77	Employee
	\$ 38.10	Employee/Spouse
	\$ 57.94	Employee/Children
	\$ 76.72	Employee/Family
LIFE	\$ 4.00	Employee
	\$ 4.10	Employee/Dependents
VISION	\$ 7.14	Employee
	\$ 14.26	Employee + 1
	\$ 19.08	Employee + Family

**UNION PROPOSAL**

Human Resources Director Manuel reported that the Bargaining Unit has offered to forego their pay raises for the upcoming year, if it will save a job. County Attorney McFarland stated that this would have to be done through a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) with the Union. Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed to negotiate this along with the other issues they are working on.

**GRANT EXECUTION / AUDIT REPORT**

Sheriff Nugent presented a grant agreement for the K-9 Interdiction Grant from F.D.L.E. for execution by the Chairman (#2008-JAGC-GULF-1-Q9-071 \* \$48,740.00). He also discussed the audit for 2005-06 (the Audit Firm has stated that they are unable to perform an audit for the

Sheriff's Office), stating that without an audit the Sheriff's Office could lose all of their grant opportunities. After discussion regarding additional funds requested from Thomas, Howell & Ferguson/Keith L. Jones, C.P.A. specifically for the Sheriff's audit, Commissioner Traylor motioned to do what is necessary to get the firm to fulfill all items of their contract. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After further discussion, Commissioner Traylor motioned to obtain a cost estimate from the new Audit Firm (Carr, Riggs & Ingram) for a 2005-06 audit of the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **INVOICE - ROAD BOND PAVING PROJECT**

Road Department Superintendent Knee presented an invoice from Preble-Rish, Inc., in the amount of \$52,058.26 (County-\$41,654.87, Port St. Joe-\$370.58, Wewahitchka-\$10,032.81), for design and inspection work on the Road Bond Paving Project. After discussion, Commissioner Traylor motioned to pay the invoice contingent upon review and approval by Road Department Superintendent Knee and each City Manager for their portion. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **CHANGE ORDER #6 - ROAD BOND PAVING PROJECT**

Road Department Superintendent Knee presented Change Order #6 for roads added to the Road Bond Paving Project, as follows:

Dist. 3	Pridgeon Lane (Resurfacing - \$40,310.63)
Priority	Pleasant Rest Cemetery Road (Bridge Approaches - \$29,000.00) Honeyville Storm Shelter Parking Area (New Construction - \$312,620.00)

Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this change order, and Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion regarding Pridgeon Lane and the amount of funds District 3 has remaining based on the Americus Avenue Ditch Project, Commissioner McLemore withdrew his second. Commissioner Barnes then seconded the motion. After discussion and agreement that the Americus Avenue Ditch Project will not exceed \$1.1 million, the motion passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner Peters voting no.

### **LANDFILL OPERATOR - WETAPPO LANDFILL**

Solid Waste Director Danford reported that Landfill Operator June Whitfield has submitted her resignation, effective September 4<sup>th</sup>, and this position will need to be filled. The Board agreed for him to meet with Chief Administrator Butler regarding the shift of an employee to this position (will save a job).

### **GRANT EXPENDITURES**

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed for all grant funds to be expended as necessary for this fiscal year (this sets aside the \$1,000.00 spending limit previously set for grant expenditures only), as requested by Solid Waste Director Danford.

### **MOSQUITO CONTROL - INSECTICIDES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed for Mosquito Control Director Cothran to purchase insecticides from his current year budget.

### **MOSQUITO CONTROL - EQUIPMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed for Mosquito Control Director Cothran to purchase a sprayer motor and blower base for the mosquito control truck (as a sole-source purchase), in the amount of \$5,153.00, from his current year budget.

### **BIDS #0607-33 / BEACHES FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Administrator Butler reported that no bids were received for the bunker gear (17 sets) for the Beaches Fire Department, and he requested permission to receive quotes to purchase this equipment (they have the funds in their budget). Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this request.

### **S.H.I.P. PROGRAM**

Chief Administrator Butler reported that he has researched administration of the S.H.I.P. Program, stating that if the County decides to administer this program, there are only enough funds to pay for one person to do the job. After discussion by members of the Board and Gulf County C.D.C. Director Alan McNair regarding qualifications and the wide variety of programs offered by Gulf County C.D.C. in conjunction with the S.H.I.P. program and what is best for the County residents, Commissioner McLemore motioned to leave this program as-is, with Gulf County C.D.C. administering the program (the Board can re-address this issue at any time). Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Peters thanked Chief Administrator Butler for his research in this matter.

### **UNION ISSUES / EMPLOYEE LAY-OFFS**

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that there is a disagreement with Union representatives regarding which union employees can be laid off (Union says it must be the last 5 people hired / County says it should be determined by essential positions, i.e. - 2 equipment operator 1's from Public Works and 3 positions from the Road Department). He recommended that the Board exercise management rights per Section 3.1 on the Union Contract, and determine which positions are essential to cut (this would allow the Chief Administrator to determine which "positions" (not people). Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this recommendation.

### **REQUEST TO WAIVE TIPPING FEES - CITY OF PORT ST. JOE**

Chief Administrator Butler presented a request from the City of Port St. Joe for the County to waive the landfill tipping fees for 10 structures that have been condemned inside the City Limits. After discussion that the City does not pay tipping fees and the possibility that private contractors will be doing the hauling, Commissioner McLemore motioned for Solid Waste Director Danford to meet with City Manager Lee Vincent to discuss this matter. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that he and County Attorney McFarland met with representatives of Waste Management regarding the possibility of getting lower rates for garbage pickup in the unincorporated areas of Gulf County. He stated that if the Board goes to mandatory garbage collection (the County would collect payment and submit it to Waste Management), the rates could be reduced. After discussion by members of the Board regarding garbage collection, Chief Administrator Butler stated that G.I.S. can run the numbers of how many houses/businesses will be involved, and he can get back with Waste Management to determine what the rates would be. He also stated that the M.S.B.U. process would be the easiest way to collect from the residents. Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed for Chief Administrator Butler to proceed with obtaining what the rates would be.

### **RESOLUTION / SHARED-USE (BIKE) PATH GRANT**

Upon discussion by Deputy Administrator Lanier regarding a resolution relating to the Cape San Blas Shared-Use (Bike) Path Phase III L.A.P. Grant, County Attorney McFarland read the proposed resolution by title. Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board adopted the following resolution.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-17**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

**WHEREAS**, Gulf County has been awarded a Local Agency Program Agreement by the State of Florida Department of Transportation to assist in the design and construction of a shared-use path from the Stump Hole to Salinas Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Gulf County will be the entity responsible for ultimate maintenance of the infrastructure upon completion of construction; and

**WHEREAS**, Gulf County certifies that the adopted Comprehensive Plan is in compliance with Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Gulf County agrees to manage design and construction of the required infrastructure to ensure compliance with all state, federal and local requirements.

**ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007 by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners.

(End of Resolution)

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE**

Commissioner Traylor read a letter from Warren B. Wall, complimenting Building Department Senior Permit Clerk Ladonna Price on the outstanding assistance she provided when he visited the Building Department in July. Mr. Wall stated in his letter that if Ms. Price is an example of how we run Gulf County, he feels much better about how the tax dollars are being administered. Commissioner Traylor commended Ms. Price on the excellent job she does for Gulf County, and Commissioner Peters stated that it is not very often that the Board receives letters such as this.

## **GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Commissioner Peters stated that he has been in support of mandatory garbage collection for many years, and if the numbers come back good, the Board should follow through with the ordinance process to put this in place.

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS PAYMENTS**

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the following Special Projects payments:

Dist. 1	Gene Raffield Football League - Donation	\$100.00
	Southern Fence & Specialties - Honeyville Soccer Field	\$240.00
Dist. 2	Gene Raffield Football League - Donation	\$250.00
	W.H.S. Varsity Baseball Team - Donation	\$500.00
	W.H.S. Varsity Softball Team - Donation	\$500.00
Dist. 3	P.S.J.H.S. Girls' Track Team - Donation	\$300.00
Dist. 5	Gene Raffield Football League - Donation	\$250.00

## **ADVERTISE FOR BIDS - HONEYVILLE STORM SHELTER SEWER SYSTEM / PARK**

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed to advertise to receive sealed bids for the sewer system for Honeyville Storm Shelter. Chief Administrator Butler reported that the design should be finished by the first of next week.

Commissioner McLemore reported that the Honeyville Storm Shelter Project and Park are progressing rapidly, and the new soccer field will be open this weekend.

## **RAILROAD CROSSING REPAIRS - S.R. 71**

Commissioner Barnes reported that repairs to the railroad crossings on S. R. 71 will take place on September 8<sup>th</sup>, and the traffic will be detoured down Avenue A and C. R. 382 (the Industrial Road) until the repairs are complete.

## **MEETING - STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

Commissioner Peters reported that Dr. David Langston will host a "meet and greet" meeting with State Representative Jimmy Patronis on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m., E.T. at Sunset Costal Grill.

## **ADVERTISE FOR BIDS - DONNIE WAYNE BRAKE MEMORIAL PARK**

Chairman Williams reported that he is waiting for the boundary survey and site plan for the construction to be completed (should be ready tomorrow) at Donnie Wayne Brake Memorial Park in Highland View, and requested permission to advertise to receive sealed bids for this project when they are received. Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this request.

## **D.E.P. CONSENT ORDER - CITY OF PORT ST. JOE WASTEWATER PLANT**

Chairman Williams presented a copy of a Consent Order from the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation to the City of Port St. Joe regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant (in reference to sludge) to the Clerk for filing. He stated that he would like to add this to the meeting to be held on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **S.H.I.P. PROGRAM**

Chairman Williams discussed a request from Bill Lyles, of the Senior Citizens Association, for the Board's assistance with demolition of a trailer in Overstreet. After discussion that it is the Board's policy to assist S.H.I.P. participants in this manner, Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

## **WATERSHED - AMERICUS AVENUE DITCH**

Chairman Williams reported that he is working with the Northwest Florida Water Management District to seek funding to assist with the Americus Avenue Ditch project.

## **CANCELLED TOWN HALL MEETING - WHITE CITY**

Chairman Williams reported that he had to cancel the Town Hall Meeting scheduled for White City on September 10<sup>th</sup> because that is the date of the first public hearing on the 2007-08 proposed budget.

## **UNDERGROUND UTILITIES - BEACHES**

Chairman Williams reported that he attended a meeting with residents of St. Joe Beach and St. Joe Shores (in the Windmark Beach area) regarding the possibility of implementing an M.S.B.U. for various projects in that area, and requested that County Attorney McFarland be allowed to work with him on this matter. Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this request.

## **TRAVEL / LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Chairman Williams discussed that the Legislature is now in session, and requested the Board's permission for he and Chief Administrator Butler to travel to Tallahassee as needed on various issues/mandates (i.e. - Medicaid Payments, etc.). Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this request.

## **WHITE CITY BOAT RAMP / PARK - GRANT FUNDS**

Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore regarding the progress on the grant funds for White City Boat Ramp and Park, Grant Writer Costin stated that the County has received the notice of award letter, but she is waiting for the grant agreement. Chairman Williams requested that Grant Writer Costin also meet with Commissioner McLemore for his input on the plans for the project.

## **WETAPPO CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Wetappo Creek Fire Chief Bobby Knee requested permission to have the transmission in their

brush truck repaired, stating that the cost will exceed the \$1,000.00 limit (the funds are available in their budget). Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this request.

### **DALKEITH FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Dalkeith Fire Department Assistant Chief Bill Davis appeared before the Board to express the thanks of Chief Lisa Blankenship for the plaque they presented to her.

Assistant Chief Davis also discussed that Dalkeith Fire Department has approximately \$6,000.00 in their budget which was to be used as match funds for a grant for bunker gear, and he requested permission to carry these funds forward to the 2007-08 budget. Clerk Executive Administrator Kopinsky stated that the funds will need to be carried forward by resolution at the first public hearing, and requested that Assistant Chief Davis contact Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand regarding this matter.

Assistant Chief Davis discussed that the Dalkeith Fire Department has a pump and engine that can be donated to the Wetappo Creek Fire Department, if the Board is in agreement. Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board approved transfer of these items to the Wetappo Creek Fire Department (to notify the Clerk of the numbers if these items have been placed on their inventory).

### **COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

Chairman Williams discussed the importance of all County department fire chiefs meeting together to discuss equipment needs, manpower, etc. in relation to the proposed M.S.B.U. / Special Assessments that have been discussed for fire and emergency services.

Upon discussion regarding the worker's compensation insurance costs and the possibility of coverage duplication, Human Resources Director Manuel stated that she needs a list of all members for each volunteer fire department to determine who is covered (some individuals serve on a fire department and search & rescue, etc.). The Board agreed for the Chairman to submit a letter to each department requesting this information.

### **ADVERTISE FOR BIDS - DESIGN/BUILD FIRE STATIONS**

Upon inquiry by Chairman Williams, County Attorney McFarland stated that the Board has agreed to take bids for the design/build of fire stations for South Gulf County and Highland View Fire Departments, and he will review this matter tomorrow to see what needs to be done at this point to get the bid advertised.

### **MANDATORY GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Tim Stein, of Overstreet, appeared before the Board to discuss how Federal and State mandates have hurt the County. He stated that he agrees that everyone should pay for fire services, emergency services, and tipping fees, but he feels that mandatory garbage collection is a mandate on the residents that could harm senior citizens who cannot afford to pay these fees (some residents who do not fill a receptacle every week will share use and cost of one service between several households). Chairman Williams discussed that at this point they are only doing research on what the costs will be, if they decide to proceed there will be public hearings on this matter.

## **SAND REMOVAL / SITE 39 - APALACHICOLA RIVER**

E.D.C. Director Alan McNair appeared before the Board to discuss the Sand Removal project they are administering between the County and Northwest Florida Water Management District (N.W.F.W.M.D. will be removing the sand and the County will be receiving the sand at no cost to the County). He stated that the off/on-loading facility will be completed the first of September. He further stated that progress is on hold until the water level in the river rises.

## **SACRED HEART HOSPITAL / INFRASTRUCTURE**

E.D.C. Director Alan McNair reported on a meeting held with O.T.T.E.D. regarding State and Federal funding assistance available (upon application) for the roads and infrastructure for the new hospital. He stated that representatives of the Federal Economic Development Agency, U.S.D.A., Florida Department of Community Affairs, Enterprise Florida, City of Port St. Joe, A.R.P.C. and The St. Joe Company were in attendance. He further stated that E.D.C. has offered their assistance to City of Port St. Joe Grant Writer Pierce in applying for these funds by the end of the year.

## **INDUSTRIAL PARK - BUCKHORN SITE**

E.D.C. Director Alan McNair reported that E.D.C. and The St. Joe Company are in negotiations for a 100+ acre Industrial Park at the old Buckhorn Landfill site. He thanked Clay Smallwood and The St. Joe Company for working with them on this project.

There being no further business and upon motion by Commissioner Peters, the meeting did then adjourn at 7:42 p.m., E.T.

**ATTEST:**

**BILL WILLIAMS  
CHAIRMAN**

**REBECCA L. NORRIS  
CLERK**