

## **PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA**

**APRIL 21, 2009**

### **WORKSHOP**

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in a workshop with the following members present: Vice Chairman Carmen L. McLemore and Commissioners Billy E. Traylor, Bill Williams, and Warren Yeager. <Chairman Peters was absent.>

Others present were: Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Planner David Richardson, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, and Sheriff Joe Nugent.

Acting Chairman McLemore called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., E.S.T.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

E.D.C. Chairman Tom Graney appeared before the Board to give the first public presentation on the final draft of the Economic Development Council Plan. E.D.C. Executive Director Edward Nelson appeared before the Board to discuss the definition of Economic Development and the benefits of Private and Public Partnerships. E.D.C. Chairman Graney discussed the Economic Development's strategic goals regarding population, economic income, employment, image of Gulf County, and Regional Commercial Support Systems Infrastructure. He discussed the operational objectives that included enhanced beach community and high quality of life (Rural Community Atmosphere). E.D.C. Chairman Graney discussed the County's assets which included various facilities (Industrial Parks, Port, Rail, and etc.), utilities (electric, wastewater, and, etc.), services, workforce, and infrastructure. He also discussed the Road Net objective regarding Gulf to Bay By-pass, Gulf Coast Parkway, and Route 50. E.D.C. Executive Director Nelson discussed the Key Industry Targets, Program of Work, E.D.C.'s Services and Incentives. E.D.C. Chairman Graney reported that on April 23, 2009, E.D.C. will be meeting with Enterprise Florida at the T.D.C. Office to discuss Economic Development Stimulus Dollars Priorities. He also reported that Gulf County has been selected to partner with Great North West to build a Green Energy Park, and stated that Great North West will fund the engineering (gap analysis). E.D.C. Chairman Graney stated that he will contact the Board further regarding this project. Commissioner Williams discussed the E.D.C.'s Strategic Plan and budgeting process. <Commissioner Williams left the meeting at 5:53 p.m., E.S.T.> Acting Chairman McLemore discussed his concerns regarding budget issues. Commissioner Yeager discussed the contributions from the private and public partnerships. E.D.C. Executive Director Nelson reported that E.D.C. is applying for grant funding. E.D.C. Chairman Graney discussed issues regarding Health Check (opening an office in Wewahitchka area). Acting Chairman McLemore called for public comment, there was no public comment.

There being no further discussion, and upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, the meeting

did then adjourn at 5:56 p.m., E.S.T.

**CARMAN L. MCLEMORE  
ACTING CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

**REBECCA L. NORRIS  
CLERK**