

**DECEMBER 30, 2015**

**PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA**

**EMERGENCY MEETING**

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in emergency session with the following members present: Chairman Ward McDaniel, and Commissioners Sandy Quinn, Jr. and Jerry W. Barnes.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Director of Finance & Management Rhonda Woodward, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Kari Summers, Building Official George Knight, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, County Planner Brett Lowry, Public Works & Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Assistant Public Works Director Lee Collinsworth, Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Warren Yeager, Jr., Sheriff's Department Captain Chris Buchanan, and Veterans' Service Officer & S.H.I.P. Administrator Joe Paul.

Chairman McDaniel called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., E.T.

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY – FLOODING**

Chairman McDaniel reported that the County is here today to declare a local state of emergency due to the flooding of the Apalachicola and Chipola Rivers. He thanked various agencies that have assisted the County during this time. E9-1-1 Coordinator Guthrie appeared before the Board to present the water gauge of the Apalachicola River near Blountstown and a photo of the Columbia Dam that is located on the Chattahoochee River. After discussion, E9-1-1 Coordinator Guthrie reported that as the water moves down stream, Wewahitchka is approximately 96 hours South of the Jim Woodruff Dam; stating that it is going to take some time for the water to move down and move out. He stated that the E.O.C. is activated at a Level II and remain at this stage until things start to settle. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There was no public comment. After further discussion, Chairman McDaniel requested that Public Works Director Cothran and Assistant Public Works Director Collinsworth document everything. After additional discussion by Chairman McDaniel, County Attorney Novak read the proposed local state of emergency declaration. Commissioner Barnes motioned to declare a local state of emergency due to the flooding of the Apalachicola and Chipola Rivers. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

There being no further business, the meeting did then adjourn at 8:12 a.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL  
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

**REBECCA L. NORRIS  
CLERK OF COURT**