

OCTOBER 31, 2011

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

SPECIAL MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in a special meeting with the following members present: Chairman Warren J. Yeager, Jr., Vice Chairman Bill Williams, and Commissioners Ward McDaniel, and Tan Smiley. <Commissioner Carmen L. McLemore was absent>

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk of Court Rebecca L. Norris, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Planner David Richardson, Preble-Rish, Inc. County Engineer Clay Smallwood, and T.D.C. Director Tim Kerigan <Mr. Kerigan arrived at 12:05 p.m.>.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m., E.T., by Chairman Yeager.

INVOICE PAYMENTS

Chairman Yeager reported there was a mix up concerning who the money was to be paid to for operating the Washington High Gym, stating the Board's intent was for the money to go to the Gulf Coast Workforce Board. Clerk Norris noted the minutes from March and April reflected the money would go to the Washington Improvement Group, and based on the content of the discussion at the time the Boards intent was to pay Gulf Coast Workforce Board. Commissioner Smiley motioned to pay the \$10,000.00 to Gulf Coast Workforce Board. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

Chairman Yeager recommended payment of the Panache Tent + Event Rental invoice #4682 for the POJO Music Festival, in the amount of \$6,519.50, which was pulled from the Consent Agenda at the October 25th regular meeting. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

Commissioner Williams asked if it was clear from discussion at the last Board meeting so as to not hold up things that Chairman Yeager will oversee all dollars from T.D.C until the audit has been completed. Clerk Norris stated that was the understanding and her office will process normal operational invoices, however she felt it was best, and Chairman Yeager concurred, that all T.D.C. invoices related to B.P., sponsorships of events, or grant related payments will be presented before this Board (consent agenda) for approval. She reported there will be some type of form to accompany these invoices that shows when the T.D.C. Board approved them. Chairman Yeager encouraged each Board member to review the County Attorney's recommendations for the T.D.C. invoices and appointments.

ROAD PAVING

Chief Administrator Butler discussed an email from Preble-Rish, Inc. Engineer Smallwood concerning the money left over on the St. Joe Beach road paving projects (F.D.O.T. Beaches Resurfacing Projects: Court Street \$6,000+, Americus Avenue \$.21, Alabama Avenue \$112,988, Georgia Avenue \$46,000, and Columbus Street \$95). Mr. Butler noted there was still a need for more than \$1,000,000 worth of road paving at St. Joe Beach and this will do about \$100,000 toward that (increasing radius and thickening the roadway in front of the Fire Station). Chief Administrator Butler recommended using these funds (instead of returning them to F.D.O.T. in Chipley) to put more asphalt on the roads in accordance with the grant requirements. Mr. Butler stated the Engineers are not making any more money off of this; they are just doing the Change Order. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the recommendation of Chief Administrator Butler and County Engineer Clay Smallwood of Preble-Rish, Inc. for the Change Orders. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0). Upon inquiry by Commissioner Williams concerning whether an additional culvert can be done, Mr. Smallwood stated there was only \$.26 left on the Americus Avenue project.

WHITE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT LAND ACQUISITION – WATSON PROPERTY

Commissioner Williams reported he spoke with White City Fire Department Chief Jimmy Rogers in regards to the appraisal on the Watson property, stating it was appraised for just under \$69,000.00, and motioned to proceed, upon County Attorney and County Administrator review, to enjoin contract negotiations based on that appraisal. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner McDaniel noted he spoke with a member of the Watson family (Woullard), stating they will not consider anything under \$70,000.00 for the entire parcel. Assistant Administrator Hammond stated they started off at \$95,000.00. Clerk Norris requested a copy of the appraisal for the record. The motion then passed unanimously (4-0).

There being no further business and upon motion by Commissioner Williams, the meeting did then adjourn at 12:08 p.m., E.T.

**WARREN J. YEAGER, JR.
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:
REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**