

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

AUGUST 9, 2007

EMERGENCY MEETING

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

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Executive Administrator Towan Kopinsky, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Grant Writer Loretta Costin, Human Resources Director Denise Manuel, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Gerald Shearer, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, and T.D.C. Director Paula Pickett.

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m., E.T.

SUNKEN VESSEL

Commissioner McLemore discussed a situation regarding a sunken vessel in the Apalachicola River, and Grant Writer Costin stated that if the vessel is a navigational hazard, the County could use Boating Improvement Program (B.I.P.) funds to have the vessel removed. Commissioner McLemore stated that he received quotes in the amounts of \$25,000.00 and \$5,000.00 for removal of the vessel. After discussion by County Attorney McFarland, Commissioner McLemore motioned to declare the vessel a hazard to navigation. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (3-0). Upon inquiry, County Attorney McFarland stated that the vessel is not the County's responsibility, but falls under the jurisdiction of the State of Florida and/or Army Corps of Engineers. Commissioner McLemore then motioned to waive the bid process on an emergency basis and accept the \$5,000.00 quote for removal of the vessel (to be paid from B.I.P. Funds). The motion died for lack of a second. Upon further discussion, the Board agreed that no departments associated with the County should be involved or come in contact with this vessel. Upon discussion regarding sending letters to the State and Federal agencies requesting removal of the vessel, Commissioner Peters motioned to submit these letters. The motion died for lack of a second.

There being no further business and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous (3-0) vote, the meeting did then adjourn at 9:43 a.m., E.T.

BARNES

**JERRY W.
ACTING CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**