

**JANUARY 12, 2016**  
**PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in special session with the following members present: Chairman Ward McDaniel, Vice Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, and Commissioners Joanna Bryan, Sandy Quinn, Jr., and Jerry W. Barnes.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Director of Finance & Management Rhonda Woodward, Clerk Budget & Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Kari Summers, Gulf County E.D.C. Director Chris Holley, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Parks & Recreational Director Billy Traylor, Preble-Rish, Inc./County Engineer Clay Smallwood, III, Public Works & Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Assistant Public Works Director Lee Collinsworth, Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Warren Yeager, Jr., Sheriff Mike Harrison, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, T.D.C. Executive Director Jennifer Jenkins, and Veterans' Service Officer & S.H.I.P. Administrator Joe Paul.

Chairman McDaniel called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., E.T.

**EQUIPMENT INVOICES**

After discussion by Chairman McDaniel, Solid Waste Director Danford requested that the Small County Grant approval be discussed before the equipment invoices.

**SMALL COUNTY GRANT APPROVAL**

Solid Waste Director Danford appeared before the Board to present the Small County Grant; requesting the Board approve this grant. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the Small County Grant. Commissioner Quin seconded the motion. Commissioner Bryan requested a briefing for the public. Solid Waste Director Danford discussed the Small County Grant; reporting that \$4,000.00 is going to the S. Q. G. (Small Quantity Generator) Program, the County purchased an E85 (Bobcat) Excavator, in the amount of \$86,909.00, and the balance will be applied for the purchase of a (40") Flail Mower and a Thumb. He also reported that the difference, in the amount of \$4,956.83, will be paid from Public Works budget. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

**EQUIPMENT INVOICES**

Solid Waste Director Danford discussed the invoices regarding a small excavator and flail mower, to be paid from the Small County Grant and Public Works budget. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve these invoices (Bobcat Company). Commissioner

Barnes seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **TITLE VI / NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

Upon request by Deputy Administrator Summers, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the Title VI Non-discrimination Policy. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. After discussion, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

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

E9-1-1 Coordinator Guthrie appeared before the Board to report that the waters are still receding; stating that the County will still be dealing with the debris and flooded septic tanks and wells. He requested that the Board extend the Declaration of Local State of Emergency for one (1) more week. Commissioner McLemore discussed the need for Emergency Management look into purchasing a water buffalo/tank in the future. E9-1-1 Coordinator Guthrie discussed the debris issue; stating now that the County is out of the landfill business, the public is inquiring about what to do with the debris. Commissioner McLemore reported that he received calls regarding this issue also; asking the wishes of the Board. He stated that the public needs to take it to the dump (transfer station). After discussion, Commissioner Bryan motioned to extend the Declaration of Local State of Emergency. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. Upon inquiry by Clerk Director of Finance & Management Woodward, County Attorney Novak reported that the second extension will expire next Wednesday at 11:59 p.m. Upon inquiry by Chairman McDaniel, County Attorney Novak stated that the date is January 20, 2016. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting did then adjourn at 9:12 a.m., E.T.

Chairman McDaniel reopened the Special Meeting at 9:15 a.m., E.T.

#### **EQUIPMENT INVOICES**

County Attorney Novak requested that Solid Waste Director Danford or the Clerk confirm that it is a State Contract purchase. Solid Waste Director Danford reported that it was in the Small County Grant. County Attorney Novak stated that for the exceptions to the purchasing policy that it be clear in the minutes that it is a State Contract.

There being no further business the meeting did then adjourn at 9:16 a.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL  
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

**REBECCA L. NORRIS  
CLERK OF COURT**