

**OCTOBER 11, 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: Clerk of Court Rebecca L. Norris, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, E.D.C./Chamber Director Barry Sellers, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Joe Nugent, and Sheriff's Major Bobby Plair.

Chairman Yeager called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., E.T.

**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES – FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (F.A.C.)**

Chairman Yeager reported that Commissioner Williams is the President-Elect of the Florida Association of Counties. Commissioner Williams presented the Board with a handout, stating the job issue is at a critical point across the nation. He noted the Governor has reconstituted and has a new schematic of oversight from the County. He reported the State collapsed D.C.A. into the Economic Development Opportunity Division; having three components (1) Office of the Governor, (2) Enterprise Florida, and (3) Workforce Florida. Commissioner Williams recognized the new E.D.C./Chamber Director Barry Sellers. Commissioner Williams discussed the handout from St. Johns County 2012 Legislative Action Plan and referenced page 2 item #2 (Economic Development), stating that one of the things listed is public records and public meeting exemptions, and reported that F.A.C. has a policy roll-out scheduled meeting in mid November. He recommended for the Board to formalize Board agenda and have E.D.C./Chamber Director Sellers run point on this, stating this Board needs to give direction to E.D.C./Chamber Director, T.D.C., and some of the other organizations, and make sure it ties back into the Counties strategic plan. Commissioner Williams discussed the 200 acres on the North end of the County, stating this property is of no use to the County right now, other than we own it. He stated there needs to be long term vision.

Chairman Yeager stated, in summary Commissioner Williams would like everyone to help craft a local Legislative Agenda, and requested the Board to review, compare it to F.A.C. Legislative Agenda, and gradually craft a document through County Staff.

E.D.C/Chamber Director Sellers appeared before the Board and introduced himself, stating that he is proud to be in Gulf County. Mr. Sellers noted the potential he sees for Gulf County and welcomed input from the Commission. Commissioner Williams

requested for E.D.C. /Chamber Director Sellers to run point on these issues, and asked that everything be finalized by the end of October.

There being no further discussion, the meeting did then adjourn at 5:44 p.m., E.T.

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

**ATTEST:  
REBECCA L. NORRIS  
CLERK**