

SEPTEMBER 24, 2013
PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA
FINAL BUDGET HEARING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in a special budget session with the following members present: Chairman Tynalin Smiley, Vice-Chairman Ward McDaniel, and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore and Joanna Bryan <Commissioner Warren J. Yeager, Jr. was absent.>

Others present were: Clerk of Court Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Director Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Central Services Director Denise Manuel, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Property Appraiser Mitch Burke, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Mike Harrison, Supervisor of Elections John Hanlon, Tax Collector Shirley Jenkins, and T.D.C. Business Office Manager Kelli Jackson.

Chairman Smiley called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., E.T.

2013-2014 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Clerk Norris began by advising the Board of the following: (1) the aggregate proposed Millage Rate is 6.8740, which is 11.94% above the current aggregate rolled back rate of 6.1408, (2) the current County-wide tentative millage rate is 6.5608 (excluding Fire District and M.S.T.U.), (3) the maximum County-wide Millage Rate is 6.5608 unless the Board votes to adopt a lesser rate, and compliance with the voting requirements must be measured by the vote of each Commissioner, (4) the Dependent Special Fire Control Districts tentative millage rates are: (a) St. Joseph Fire Control District .4000, (b) Tupelo Fire Control District .5000, (c) Overstreet Fire Control District .5000, and (d) Howard Creek Fire Control District .5000, (5) the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (M.S.T.U.) voted debt service millage rates expired with the 2012-2013 Budgets and is not being assessed in the 2013-2014 Tax Year, and (6) the reasons for increases over the rolled back rate is: (a) \$240,226 2012-13 fiscal year raises paid from 2011-2012 Cash Carry Forward (2%), (b) \$207,963 FY 2013-2014 approved raises, (c) \$207,790 retirement increases mandated by the State, (d) \$200,000.00 for an excavator for Public Works, (e) \$100,000.00 for vehicles for the Sheriff's Department, (f) \$70,000.00 for E.D.A., (g) \$64,000.00 for landfill monitoring, and (h) \$60,000.00 for other Public Works equipment replacements. Clerk Norris read a memorandum for the record, as follows:

At the tentative budget hearing held on September 10, 2013 at 5:01 p.m. E.T., the BOCC approved various Resolutions, (numbered 2013-21, 2013-22, 2013-23, 2013-24,

2013-25, and 2013-26) that affected the Cash Carry Forward and Revenues being budgeted along with the offsetting expenses. These changes did not affect the General Fund totals or the Millage Rate. Near the conclusion of the public meeting, the BOCC voted to approve Resolution 2013-27 adopting the Tentative Millage Rates and Resolution 2013-28 adopting the Tentative Budget.

The issue that has arisen is with regard to Resolution 2013-28, which adopted the Tentative Budget at \$30,542,999. This total Budget amount did not include the increases approved in the above stated Resolutions 2013-21, 2013-22, 2013-23, 2013-24, 2013-25, and 2013-26 during the meeting. The intended Budget would have been \$31,367,736 taking into account the Resolutions mentioned above and raise distributions affecting transfers-in approved during the meeting.

Our office has been in contact with the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) and the necessary Truth In Millage (TRIM) Compliance personnel to make sure that we handled the required budget advertising appropriately. Though it was the intent of the BOCC to adopt a Tentative Budget of \$31,367,736, we are required by DOR to advertise what was actually read at the hearing and the advertisement will reflect \$30,542,999 as it was read and must follow all TRIM requirements to avoid a compliance violation.

After consulting with the County Attorney, Chief Administrator and DOR, our office requests the BOCC amend the Resolution approvals by incorporating the proper dates of introduction, public hearing, and thereafter the date of approval by re-affirming with the proper amendment, Resolution Numbers 2013-21, 2013-22, 2013-23, 2013-24, 2013-25, and 2013-26 at the Final Budget Hearing held today September 24, 2013 at 5:01 p.m., E.T.

(End)

Clerk Norris stated that the Board needs to ratify, amend, and incorporate the amended resolutions. Clerk Norris read the amended resolution and Chairman Smiley called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the amended resolution. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0), as follows:

AMENDED RESOLUTION 2013-21

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, anticipates additional Cash Carry Forward in the Public Works Fund for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year that was not included in the proposed budget dated 07/29/2013; and

WHEREAS, said additional revenue will be used for expenditures in Fiscal Year 2013-2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the 2013-2014 proposed budget be increased, as follows:

PUBLIC WORKS FUND

REVENUE:

104398-99000	Balance Brt. Forward: Cash	\$14,564.00
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EXPENDITURES:

281513-64001	Equipment >\$5000	\$ 29,513.00
28151912-64001	Equipment >\$5000	\$(14,949.00)

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, this 24th day of September, 2013.

(End)

Clerk Norris discussed the amended resolution, stating this is a balance brought forward in cash, in the amount of \$447,436.00. Clerk Norris read the amended resolution and Chairman Smiley called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the amended resolution. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0), as follows:

AMENDED RESOLUTION 2013-22

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, anticipates additional Cash Carry Forward in the St Joe Fire District Fund for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year that was not included in the proposed budget dated 07/29/2013; and

WHEREAS, said additional revenue is due to construction delays with the approved design build of a new fire department building for the White City Fire Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the 2013-2014 proposed budget be increased, as follows:

ST JOE FIRE DISTRICT FUND

REVENUE:

10698-99000	Balance Brt. Forward: Cash	\$447,436.00
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EXPENDITURES:

32322-62001	Buildings >\$25,000	\$447,436.00
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THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, this 24th day of September, 2013.

(End)

Clerk Norris discussed the amended resolution, stating this is a decrease in Cash Carry Forward as requested in the Tupelo Fire District. Clerk Norris read the amended resolution and Chairman Smiley called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the amended resolution. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0), as follows:

AMENDED RESOLUTION 2013-23

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, anticipates a reduction in Cash Carry Forward in the Tupelo Fire District Fund for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year that was not included in the proposed budget dated 07/29/2013; and

WHEREAS, said reduction is due to unanticipated expenditures in FY 2013 for the Stone Mill Creek Fire Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the 2013-2014 proposed budget be increased, as follows:

TUPELO FIRE DISTRICT FUND

REVENUE:

10798-99000	Balance Brt. Forward: Cash	\$ (2,000.00)
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EXPENDITURES:

31722-64001	Buildings >\$25,000	\$ (2,000.00)
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THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, this 24th day of September, 2013.

(End)

Clerk Norris discussed the amended resolution, stating this is a decrease in the amount of \$2,947.00 in the restricted balance brought forward for the Corrections Impact Fee Fund. Clerk Norris read the amended resolution and Chairman Smiley called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the amended resolution. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0), as follows:

AMENDED RESOLUTION 2013-24

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, anticipates a reduction in Cash Carry Forward in the Corrections Impact Fee Fund for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year that was not included in the proposed budget dated 07/29/2013; and

WHEREAS, said reduction will reduce the Correction Impact Fee Fund to zero as all funds are expected to be spent prior to October 1, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the 2013-2014 proposed budget be decreased, as follows:

CORRECTIONS IMPACT FEE FUND

REVENUE:

13398-99002	Balance Brt. Forward: Cash	\$(2,947.00)
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EXPENDITURES:

31152-62100	Improvements to Buildings	\$ (2,947.00)
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THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, this 24th day of September, 2013.

(End)

Clerk Norris discussed the amended resolution, stating that this is for additional Cash Carry Forward in Revenues in the Tourist Development Fund. Clerk Norris read the amended resolution and Chairman Smiley called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the amended resolution. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0), as follows:

AMENDED RESOLUTION 2013-25

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, anticipates additional Revenue and Cash Carry Forward in the Tourist Development Fund for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year that was not included in the proposed budget dated 07/29/2013; and

WHEREAS, said additional Revenue and Cash Carry Forward will be used for expenditures in Fiscal Year 2013-2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the 2013-2014 proposed budget be increased, as follows:

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT FUND

REVENUE:

60012-10000	Tourist Development Tax	\$ 50,000.00
60012-10001	Tourist Development Tax – Restr for Bch Restor.	\$ 20,000.00
60097-98000	Less 5%	\$ (3,500.00)
60098-99000	Balance Brt. Forward:Restricted TDC	\$130,000.00
60098-99002	Balance Brt. Forward:Restr Bch Renourishment	\$150,000.00

EXPENDITURES:

27452-12000	Salaries	\$ 28,192.00
27452-12001	Sick Leave: Lump Sum-No Retire	\$ 32.00
27452-12002	Vacation: Sell Back to County	\$ 40.00
27452-21000	FICA	\$ 1,752.00
27452-21500	Medicare	\$ 409.00
27452-22000	Retirement	\$ 1,902.00
27452-24000	Insurance-Workmen's Comp.	\$ 359.00
27452-34000	Other Contractual Service	\$144,814.00
28039-31000	Professional Services	\$169,000.00

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, this 24th day of September, 2013.

(End)

Clerk Norris discussed the amended resolution, stating that this is an increase in cash, in the amount of \$20,000.00 in the St. Joe Fire Control District Fund for the Beaches Fire Department. Clerk Norris read the amended resolution and Chairman Smiley called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the amended resolution. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0), as follows:

AMENDED RESOLUTION 2013-26

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, anticipates additional Cash Carry Forward in the St. Joe Fire District Fund for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year that was not included in the proposed budget dated 07/29/2013; and

WHEREAS, said additional revenue will be used to purchase structural equipment in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for the Beaches Fire Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the 2013-2014 proposed budget be increased, as follows:

ST. JOE FIRE DISTRICT FUND

REVENUE:

10698-99000 Balance Brt. Forward: Cash \$20,000.00

EXPENDITURES

32122-64001 Equipment >\$5000 \$20,000.00

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, this 24th day of September, 2013.

(End)

RAISE – FIRE COORDINATOR

Upon discussion by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McDaniel motioned to transfer funds for the Fire Coordinator’s raise from the individual Fire Districts to the General Fund, in the amount of \$1,184.00. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

RESOLUTION – ADDITIONAL CASH CARRY FORWARD

Clerk Norris stated that Emergency Management is requesting \$93,000.00 from unspent FY 2013 Budget be carried forward to increase the Reserve for Emergency Management Capital Improvement. Commissioner Bryan motioned to adopt this resolution. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0), as follow:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-30

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, anticipates additional Cash Carry Forward in the General Fund for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year that was not included in the proposed budget dated 09/10/2013; and

WHEREAS, said additional revenue is due to cost saving measures in the local funding of the Emergency Management Department in order to provide funding of future Emergency Management Capital Improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the 2013-2014 proposed budget be increased, as follows:

GENERAL FUND

REVENUE:

00198-99000 Balance Brt: Forward: Cash \$93,000.00

EXPENDITURES:

99984-95003 Reserve for Emerg Mgmt Cap Imp \$93,000.00

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, this 24th day of September, 2013.

(End)

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL – BEACH RENOURISHMENT

Clerk Norris discussed a coding change in the T.D.C. Beach Renourishment Budget; requesting to move \$50,000.00 in Object Code 46110 Repair & Maintenance: Bldg & Grds to 46100 Repair & Maintenance: Beach Cleaning. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve this request. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the State of Florida mandated increase for Constitutional Officers, in the amount of \$25,763.00 with benefits, as follows: (1) BOCC * Org 21111 * \$4,981.00; (2) Clerk to Board * Org 21212 * \$2,193.00; (3) Property Appraiser * Org 22113 * \$4,874.00; (4) Tax Collector * Org 22213 * \$4,874.00; (5) Supervisor of Elections * Org 24019 * \$3,999.00; (6) Sheriff * Org 31021 * \$4,795.00; and (7) Insurance Department * 225513 * \$47.00, and reduce Reserve for Infrastructure by the same amount. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this mandated increase. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

Commissioner McLemore stated that he is satisfied with the current budget; reporting that he does not know where any more cuts can be made.

Commissioner McDaniel discussed his concerns regarding the budget and the need to reduce the budget more. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Commissioner McDaniel discussed borrowing monies from the Fire Districts and implementing User Fees. He discussed his concerns regarding Bed Tax collections.

The meeting did then recess at 5:26 p.m., E.T.

The meeting did then reconvene at 5:35 p.m., E.T.

PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE

Clerk Norris reported that none of the rates or percentages changed, stating that the County-wide Millage Rate is 6.5608 and the Aggregate Millage Rate is 6.8740; this being 11.94% greater than the Roll Back Rate of 6.1408. Chairman Smiley called for public comment. Patricia Hardman appeared before the Board to discuss shifting the cost to the users and take it off of the Ad Valorem Tax Payer (bed tax, gas tax, mandatory trash pickup). Commissioner McDaniel recommended cutting Reserves by \$1 Million and keeping the Millage at the same rate. Chief Administrator Butler

discussed the Fitch Ratings survey, stating that he does not agree with cutting Reserves. After discussion by members of the Board, Chief Administrator Butler recommended that the Board review every revenue generator possible. Clerk Norris read the proposed resolution adopting the Millage Levy, as follows:

RESOLUTION 2013-31

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida on this date intends to adopt a resolution setting forth the budget for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014; and

WHEREAS, for proper funding of said budget, it is necessary to levy an Ad Valorem Tax upon the taxable property within the County; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation with Gulf County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County as \$1,347,121,910.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida does hereby adopt a Millage Rate of 6.5608 Mills (General Fund/6.5608) to be levied County-wide upon the taxable property within Gulf County, Florida, to be levied against the 2013 Property Rolls.

That the Current Year Aggregate Millage Rate of 6.8740 Mills is 11.94 percent greater than the Current Year Aggregate Rolled-Back Rate of 6.1408.

That copies of this Resolution be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

(End)

Chairman Smiley called for the vote of the Board with Commissioner Bryan voting no, Commissioner McLemore voting yes, Commissioner McDaniel voting no, and Chairman Smiley voting yes (2 to 2 vote). Clerk Norris stated that the budget has to be passed. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Commissioner Bryan reported that she has discussed where the budget can be cut and will save the County \$400,000.00. After discussion, Chairman Smiley called for public comment. James Christy appeared before the Board to discuss the standstill and recommended that the Board use some of the Reserves and focus on revenue generation. He discussed the possibility of mandatory garbage pickup. After further discussion, Assistant Administrator Hammond discussed allowing Staff to identify some non-recurring expenses that the Board could use. Patricia Hardman appeared before the Board to discuss various revenue options. Clerk Norris stated that the Board cannot touch the Restricted Reserves.

The meeting did then recess at 6:10 p.m., E.T.

The meeting did then reconvene at 6:21 p.m., E.T.

Commissioner McDaniel discussed cutting \$300,000 from Reserves, \$200,000 for the Public Works Excavator, and \$100,000 from Reserves for Infrastructure. Upon inquiry by Sheriff Harrison, Commissioner McDaniel stated this would eliminate the move of the Gulf County Sheriff's Office for this year. Sheriff Harrison discussed his concerns regarding the non-compliance issue at the current Sheriff's Office Building. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Clerk Finance Officer Herring reported by reducing \$500,000 from the current Budget, the Millage would be 6.1701 and the increase over last year would be \$547,113. After discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to remove \$197,800 for the Public Works Excavator and \$300,000 from Reserves for Contingencies. The motion failed for lack of a second. Commissioner McLemore then motioned to remove \$197,800 from the Public Works Excavator, remove \$300,000 from Reserve for Contingencies, and apply to Budget reducing the Ad Valorem. Chairman Smiley passed the Chair to Vice Chairman McDaniel and seconded the motion. The motion failed 2 to 2, with Commissioner Bryan and Chairman McDaniel voting no. Chairman McDaniel then returned the Chair to Commissioner Smiley. After further discussion, Commissioner McDaniel motioned to maintain the Budget at 5.7419 Roll Back Rate. After discussion by Clerk Norris, Patricia Hardman appeared before the Board to discuss the required retirement mandate by the State and the proposed employee raise. Clerk Norris stated that the Board cannot cut the \$240,226 (2%) due to being from the prior year that was agreed to carry forward. She reported that the retirement is not an increase to the employees, stating that it is a mandated rate increase that is costing the County an additional \$207,963.00. Assistant Administrator Hammond stated that when the Budget Committee started in January, they were facing a deficit of \$2.5 Million Dollars and the Budget Committee has already cut more than half of the deficit. After discussion by Assistant Administrator Hammond, Commissioner Bryan reported that the County is spending \$1.2 Million on a Jail that is not in compliance with Law. She discussed sending our inmates out-of-County for a period of a few years and save the County approximately \$325,000, which would include putting four new deputies on the road, on full shift, with a vehicle. She also discussed renovating the Jail to meet the Sheriff's needs and keeping a few jail cells for holding purposes. After discussion, Chairman Smiley discussed his concerns regarding the County Jail and the proposed renovations to the jail. After further discussion, the Board agreed to call a recess.

The meeting did then recess at 6:53 p.m., E.T.

The meeting did then reconvene at 7:49 p.m., E.T.

RESOLUTION – MILLAGE LEVY

Chief Administrator Butler reported that Commissioner Yeager is on FaceTime and can vote as if he was attending the meeting. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the previous resolution read by Clerk Norris adopting the Final County-wide Millage Rate at 6.5608. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion for discussion. After

discussion, the motion then passed 3 to 2, with Commissioners Bryan and McDaniel voting no. Further discussion proceeded with Chief Administrator Butler and County Attorney Novak via telephone.

RESOLUTION 2013-31

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida on this date intends to adopt a resolution setting forth the budget for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014; and

WHEREAS, for proper funding of said budget, it is necessary to levy an Ad Valorem Tax upon the taxable property within the County; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation with Gulf County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County as \$1,347,121,910;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida does hereby adopt a Millage Rate of 6.5608 Mills (General Fund/6.5608) to be levied County-wide upon the taxable property within Gulf County, Florida, to be levied against the 2013 property rolls.

That the Current Year Aggregate Millage Rate of 6.8740 Mills is 11.94 percent greater than the Current Year Aggregate Rolled-Back Rate of 6.1408.

That copies of this Resolution be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 24th day of September, 2013 by 3 Commissioners voting "yes", and 2 Commissioners voting "no".

(End)

RESOLUTION – COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the proposed resolution adopting the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year County-wide budget. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed with three (3) Commissioners voting "yes", and two (2) Commissioners voting "no", as follows:

RESOLUTION 2013-32

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, after due consideration for the needs of the people of said County, has ascertained the amount of funds required for a budget for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has given due notice as required by Law, and held Public Hearings allowing all citizens a chance to be heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida does hereby adopt the budget as contained in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as the official budget for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

That copies of this Resolution containing said budget be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 24th day of September, 2013 by three (3) Commissioners voting "yes" and two (2) Commissioners voting "no".

(End)

RESOLUTION – ST. JOSEPH DEPENDENT FIRE CONTROL MILLAGE LEVY

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt a resolution setting the Millage Levy of .4000 Mills in the St. Joseph Dependent Fire Control District for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed with five (5) Commissioners voting "yes", and zero (0) Commissioners voting "no", as follows:

RESOLUTION 2013-33

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida on this date intends to adopt a Resolution setting forth the budget for the St. Joseph Dependent Special Fire District for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014; and

WHEREAS, for the proper funding of said budget, it is necessary to levy an Ad Valorem Tax upon the taxable property within the County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida does hereby adopt a Millage Rate of .4000 for the St. Joseph Dependent Special Fire District.

That copies of this Resolution be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 24th day of September, 2013, by five (5) Commissioners voting "yes" and zero (0) Commissioners voting "no".

(End)

RESOLUTION – ST. JOSEPH DEPENDENT FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT BUDGET

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the 2013-2014 Budget for the St. Joseph Dependent Fire Control District. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed by five (5) Commissioners voting "yes", and zero (0) Commissioners voting "no", as follows:

RESOLUTION 2013-34

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, after due consideration for the needs of the people of said County, has ascertained the amount of funds required for a budget for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has given due notice as required by Law, and has held public hearings allowing all citizens a chance to be heard; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

The Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, does hereby adopt the budget as contained in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as the official budget for the St. Joseph Dependent Special Fire District for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

That copies of this Resolution containing said budgets be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 24th day of September, 2013, by five (5) Commissioners voting "yes" and zero (0) Commissioners voting "no".

(End)

RESOLUTION – TUPELO DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT MILLAGE LEVY

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt a resolution setting a Millage Levy of .5000 Mills for the Tupelo Dependent Special Fire Control District. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed with five (5) Commissioners voting "yes", and zero (0) Commissioners voting "no", as follows:

RESOLUTION 2013-35

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida on this date intends to adopt a Resolution setting forth the budget for the Tupelo Dependent Special Fire District for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014; and

WHEREAS, for the proper funding of said budget, it is necessary to levy an Ad Valorem Tax upon the taxable property within the County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida does hereby adopt a millage rate of .5000 for the Tupelo Dependent Special Fire District.

That copies of this Resolution be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 24th day of September, 2013, by five (5) Commissioners voting “yes” and zero (0) Commissioners voting “no”.

(End)

RESOLUTION – TUPELO DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT BUDGET

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt a resolution setting for the 2013-2014 Budget for the Tupelo Dependent Special Fire Control District. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed with five (5) Commissioners voting yes, and zero (0) Commissioners voting no, as follows:

RESOLUTION 2013-36

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, after due consideration for the needs of the people of said County, has ascertained the amount of funds required for a budget for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has given due notice as required by Law, and has held public hearings allowing all citizens a chance to be heard; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

The Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, does hereby adopt the budget as contained in Exhibit “A” attached hereto as the official budget for the Tupelo Dependent Special Fire District for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

That copies of this Resolution containing said budgets be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 24th day of September, 2013, by five (5) Commissioners voting “yes” and zero (0) Commissioners voting “no”.

(End)

RESOLUTION – OVERSTREET DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT MILLAGE LEVY

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McDaniel motioned to adopt a resolution setting forth the Millage Rate of .5000 Mills for the

Overstreet Dependent Special Fire Control District. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed with five (5) Commissioners voting yes, and zero (0) Commissioners voting no, as follows:

RESOLUTION 2013-37

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida on this date intends to adopt a Resolution setting forth the budget for the Overstreet Dependent Special Fire District for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014; and

WHEREAS, for the proper funding of said budget, it is necessary to levy an Ad Valorem Tax upon the taxable property within the County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida does hereby adopt a Millage Rate of .5000 for the Overstreet Dependent Special Fire District.

That copies of this Resolution be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 24th day of September, 2013, by five (5) Commissioners voting "yes" and zero (0) Commissioners voting "no".

(End)

RESOLUTION – OVERSTREET DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT BUDGET

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McDaniel motioned to adopt a resolution setting forth the 2013-2014 Budget for the Overstreet Dependent Special Fire Control District. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed with five (5) Commissioners voting yes, and zero (0) Commissioners voting no, as follows:

RESOLUTION 2013-38

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, after due consideration for the needs of the people of said County, has ascertained the amount of funds required for a budget for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has given due notice as required by law, and has held public hearings allowing all citizens a chance to be heard; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

The Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, does hereby adopt

the budget as contained in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as the official budget for the Overstreet Dependent Special Fire District for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

That copies of this Resolution containing said budgets be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 24th day of September, 2013, by five (5) Commissioners voting "yes" and zero (0) Commissioners voting "no".

(End)

RESOLUTION – HOWARD CREEK DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT MILLAGE LEVY

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt a resolution setting forth the Millage Rate of .5000 Mills for the Howard Creek Dependent Special Fire Control District for 2013-2014. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed with five (5) Commissioners voting yes, and zero (0) Commissioners voting no, as follows:

RESOLUTION 2013-39

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida on this date intends to adopt a Resolution setting forth the budget for the Howard Creek Dependent Special Fire District for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014; and

WHEREAS, for the proper funding of said budget, it is necessary to levy an Ad Valorem Tax upon the taxable property within the County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida does hereby adopt a Millage Rate of .5000 for the Howard Creek Dependent Special Fire District.

That copies of this Resolution be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 24th day of September, 2013, by five (5) Commissioners voting "yes" and zero (0) Commissioners voting "no".

(End)

RESOLUTION – HOWARD CREEK DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT BUDGET

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt a resolution setting forth the 2013-2014 Budget for the Howard Creek Dependent Special Fire Control District. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion,

and it passed with five (5) Commissioners voting yes, and zero (0) Commissioners voting no, as follows:

RESOLUTION 2013-40

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, after due consideration for the needs of the people of said County, has ascertained the amount of funds required for a budget for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has given due notice as required by Law, and has held public hearings allowing all citizens a chance to be heard; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

The Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, does hereby adopt the budget as contained in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as the official budget for the Howard Creek Dependent Special Fire District for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

That copies of this Resolution containing said budgets be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 24th day of September, 2013, by five (5) Commissioners voting "yes" and zero (0) Commissioners voting "no".

(End)

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner McDaniel, and unanimous vote, the meeting did then adjourn at 8:10 p.m., E.T.

**TYNALIN SMILEY
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**