

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

JUNE 8, 2010

REGULAR MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, Vice Chairman Warren J. Yeager, Jr., and Commissioners Billy E. Traylor, Bill Williams, and Nathan Peters, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Extension Agent Roy Lee Carter, G.I.S Director Scott Warner, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Joe Nugent, Sheriff's Office Major Bobby Plair, and T.D.C. Director Tim Kerigan.

Sheriff Nugent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., E.T.

Clerk Norris opened the meeting with prayer, and Chairman McLemore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Minutes – May 27, 2010 – Emergency Meeting
2. Agreement – City of Wewahitchka (Fuel Purchase & Gas Keys)
3. Bid Award #0910-14 (Sale of Timber – 200 Acres * Whitfield Timber Company * \$168,500.00)
4. Budget Amendment #11 (Amended) – Oak Grove Water System

**Amended Budget Amendment #11
Oak Grove Water System**

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
Expenditures:				
W7136-46200 R&M: Equip	48,855.00	-	29,591.00	19,264.00
Transfers:				
401581-91000 Inter-fund Transfers	-	29,591.00	-	29,591.00

(End)

5. Contract – Mosquito Control (Certified Budget Documents)
6. Inventory – Gulf County E.M.S. (Transfer weed eater, 1 working blower/1 in operable & chainsaw to Gulf County Jail)
7. Invoices – County Attorney Timothy J. McFarland (Professional Services * May, 2010 * \$11,861.00)
8. P.D.R.B. – Proposed Economic Development Element

(End)

PUBLIC HEARING – P.D.R.B. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board then considered the following recommendations from the June 2, 2010 meeting of the Planning & Development Review Board:

APPLICATION – DOLLAR GENERAL – ST. JOE BEACH

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider approval of the application for non-residential development for Dollar General Retail Store (Parcel ID #03798-860R), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this application. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT – WIDEN/RESURFACING C.R. 30A

Chief Administrator Butler reported that Florida Department of Transportation (F.D.O.T.) has requested approval of a supplemental agreement on the L.A.P. project for the widening and resurfacing portion of C.R. 30A, due to the L.A.P. agreement amount being reduced to the low bid plus CEI contract amount of \$124,406.00, and recommended approval of this supplemental agreement. Commissioner Yeager

motioned to approve this supplemental agreement and request F.D.O.T. to use the funds in Gulf County. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE – DIRT HAULING

Chief Administrator Butler reported that the City of Port St. Joe requested assistance from the County (Monday through Wednesday) in hauling eighty-seven loads of sand from the City Public Works site to the area behind First Baptist Church (Sand Hill Pond Road) prior to the weekend of the Scallop Festival, or to allow the City of Port St. Joe to use the County dump trucks and equipment on Friday for this project. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Yeager, Chief Administrator Butler reported that he spoke with Assistant Public Works Director Knee and there are not enough employees to operate all the equipment, and the Board's priority is to complete the storm water pond on the Howard Creek site. Commissioner Traylor motioned to allow the City of Port St. Joe to use the County equipment and dump trucks on Fridays. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion for discussion. After further discussion by members of the Board, Chairman McLemore recommended for Commissioner Yeager to review this request from the City of Port St. Joe. Commissioner Yeager withdrew the second and Commissioner Traylor withdrew the motion.

BRITISH PETROLEUM (B.P.) – AIR BOATS - ST. JOSEPH BAY

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the need to use air boats in St. Joseph Bay for oil related business, and recommended that the Board issue a waiver for British Petroleum (B.P.) to use air boats in St. Joseph Bay. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BRITISH PETROLEUM (B.P.) – VEHICLES/FOUR WHEELERS ON BEACH

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the need for vehicle and four wheeler use by British Petroleum (B.P.) on the beaches for oil related business, and recommended meeting with the Tax Collector to get the necessary temporary decals. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation and to allow Ashbritt, Inc. to get the necessary decals. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VESSELS OF OPPORTUNITY – DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the excess amount of workers at the Highland View boat ramp, and requested permission for the Vessels of Opportunity to use the White City boat ramp. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed

unanimously (3-0), with Commissioner Traylor and Chairman McLemore abstaining due to a business relationship with S.W.S.

DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL UPDATE

Emergency Management Director Nelson gave an update on the oil spill, and the two-concentrated areas of operation are at St. Joseph Bay and Indian Pass, stating that the boom deployment has started in St. Joseph Bay. He reported that there has been an E.O.C. hotline setup for questions (850-229-9112 or 850-229-9114).

DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL – LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

Emergency Management Director Nelson recommended that the Board re-adopt the Local State of Emergency and cancel the Special Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 4:00 p.m., E.T. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

INVOICE – ST. JOSEPH BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

Deputy Administrator Lanier requested approval of the May, 2010 invoice from the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society, in the amount of \$2,646.00. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EXTENSION AGENT – DUPONT GRANT

Extension Agent Carter reported that the Extension Agent has received a grant from the Jesse Ball Dupont Foundation for a food program in the Wewahitchka area, and requested permission to use the Honeyville Community Center Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. C.T., stating that he has discussed transportation with the Gulf County School Board. Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore, Extension Agent Carter reported that this will be Monday through Thursday, with field trips on Fridays, for six weeks from June 21, 2010 through July 30, 2010. Chairman McLemore directed Mr. Carter to get with Sherry Paul at Public Works about scheduling conflicts. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. Chairman McLemore reported that the inmates will keep it cleaned. Emergency Management Director Nelson requested Mr. Carter to use a different room than last year due to E.O.C. using one for storage. After further discussion the motion then passed unanimously.

TRI-COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMPLEX – COOKOUT

Extension Agent Carter reported that Tri-County Agriculture is holding a cookout for the County Commissioners from Gulf, Calhoun and Jackson Counties on June 22, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., C.T., and invited all Commissioners to attend. Commissioner Williams requested permission for him and Extension Agent Carter to send a letter of condolences for the recent passing of the Pasco County Biologist, Bob Tites. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Clerk Norris reported that June 22nd is the next regular Board meeting. Extension Agent Carter reported that he will work on re-scheduling the cookout and notify the Board.

VESSELS OF OPPORTUNITY – DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

Commissioner Yeager reported that he has had requests from individuals to hold a yellow card class in Gulf County for the Vessels of Opportunity, and recommended a request be made through British Petroleum (B.P.). Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that he will meet with B.P. Representative David West concerning this issue.

2010-2011 BUDGET COMMITTEE

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Yeager, Chief Administrator Butler reported that the Budget Committee will be meeting on Thursday, June 10th, and they will present options back to the Board, stating that they will focus on what can be cut.

COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

Commissioner Yeager discussed contacting F.D.O.T. concerning the repairs to Country Club Road, stating that F.D.O.T. agreed to repair the road after the replacement of the bridges at Simmons Bayou.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Commissioner Williams reported that he has been contacted by the Florida Association of Counties requesting that he and Commissioner Yeager be on stand-by to testify in front of Congress on June 24th to the Insular Committee on Oceans and Wildlife on impacts for the State of Florida. Commissioner Williams motioned for him and Commissioner Yeager to be on stand-by to testify and travel to Washington, if necessary, to testify. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner Peters voting no.

WINDMARK BEACH D.R.I. / PIER EXTENSION REQUEST

Commissioner Williams discussed a letter from the Windmark Beach Homeowners Association requesting approval from the County to proceed in extending the piers

located at Windmark Beach to the boardwalks located above the mean high water line. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0), with Commissioner Williams abstaining due to owning a home in Windmark.

PUBLIC SAFETY – BURNED HOME

Commissioner Williams discussed a home in the St. Joe Beach area that burned and is in foreclosure, stating that it is a public safety issue. He reported that the home needs to be removed at Wells Fargo expense, and requested for County Attorney McFarland to review and bring a recommendation back to the Board. Rich Brenner appeared before the Board and reported that the contractor will be meeting with the homeowner to resolve this issue.

BRITISH PETROLEUM - \$25 MILLION FUNDING – DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

Commissioner Williams discussed the \$25 million funding from B.P. for berm rates, stating that there will be an additional \$25 million direct procurement possible to the Counties.

DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL – LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC TASK FORCE

Commissioner Williams discussed the oil recovery, stating that the Board needs their own environmental and economical task force, and requested E.D.C. and T.D.C. Co-Chair this committee. He requested that each Commissioner bring names of appointments to the next meeting.

2010-2011 BUDGET PROCESS

Commissioner Peters discussed the possibility of cutting carry over time which they allow for employees, stating that this is a cost which comes from Reserves, and requested for the Board and Budget Committee to review. Chairman McLemore discussed that this is a fine committee and recommended that the Board take the recommendation from the Budget committee and move forward. Commissioner Yeager discussed that the Budget Committee needs direction from the Board once the numbers are received from the Property Appraiser, starting with a zero-based budget. Commissioner Williams discussed the variables, stating that there will be a 20 to 24 percent reduction in assessments, and expressed that the Board needs to stay focused on the budget. Commissioner Peters recommended for the Budget Committee to review this issue, stating that he does not want to cut anymore employees.

DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL / EMPLOYMENT

Commissioner Peters stated that there is work available if people want to work, reporting that S.W.S. is employing 200 people per day, Gulf Coast Workforce Board is hiring 200 people, and GAC, Inc. is going to hire 200 people. Commissioner Traylor discussed that this is a bad situation. He reported that the owner of S.W.S., Harry Marsh (local person) has done a great job putting Gulf County people to work. Commissioner Traylor discussed that he has taken a new light to our shoreline, and he is proud to live in Gulf County, stating that he is working alongside some great people.

Chairman McLemore called for public comment.

AUDITOR CONTRACT – ADVERTISE FOR R.F.P.'S

Keith Jones, C.P.A., appeared before the Board and discussed that the Audit Contract with Carr, Riggs and Ingram ends September 30, 2010, and requested that the Board advertise to receive new bids. Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore, Chief Administrator Butler recommended advertising to receive sealed bids/R.F.P.'s for the new Audit Contract. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

AIRBOATS – ST. JOSEPH BAY

Brad Cook, Progress Energy Employee, appeared before the Board and requested the Board reconsider the airboat ordinance (#2005-01) for limited use of airboats in St. Joseph Bay. The Board took no action.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Williams, the meeting did then adjourn at 6:43 p.m., E.T.

**CARMEN L. MCLEMORE
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:
REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**