

APRIL 7, 2015

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

SPECIAL MEETING

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

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Building Inspector George Knight, Deputy Grant Coordinator Kari Summers, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, County Planner Brett Lowry, Public Works Director Joe Danford, and Sheriff Mike Harrison.

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

ROAD BOND

Chief Administrator Butler discussed paperwork for the Board to consider utilizing the anticipated Gas Tax to bond again to obtain money to pave roads Countywide. After discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, he introduced Mr. Ralph Cellon of Harbor Financial Services who appeared before the Board to request approval from the Board to authorize the County Attorney to advertise to hold a Public Hearing on April 22, 2015 at noon. Mr. Cellon reported that with the new proposed 2015 Road Bond the County would get back the \$1,000,000.00 it had to put up to fund the Debt Service Reserve when the insurance company was downgraded, refund the current Bonds that could be refunded with an estimated \$240,000.00 savings, and save \$10,000.00 per year over the life of the Bond. He also reported that the proposed 2015 Road Bond would provide approximately \$1,000,000.00 to the City of Port St. Joe and \$500,000.00 to the City of Wewahitchka. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Bryan, Mr. Cellon reported that the Bond is mostly tax free, but there is a taxable tail to it; stating the rates are pretty much the same. After further discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to move forward. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. After discussion, Commissioner Yeager recommended that the \$1,000,000.00 that the County would get back be placed in a Reserve account for unexpected event costs. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. Mr. Cellon discussed the wording of the motion to hold a Public Hearing on April 22, 2015 at noon. Commissioner McLemore changed his motion; moving to hold a Public Hearing on April 22, 2015 at noon. Commissioner Yeager noted that his second would stand. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting did then adjourn at 9:40 a.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**