

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

JUNE 15, 2010

EMERGENCY MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioner met this date in emergency session with the following members present: Vice Chairman Warren J. Yeager, Jr., and Commissioner Nathan Peters, Jr. Commissioner Bill Williams attended via telephone. <Chairman Carmen L. McLemore and Commissioner Billy E. Traylor were absent.>

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy J. McFarland, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, G.I.S. Director Scott Warner, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Joe Danford, and T.D.C. Director Tim Kerigan.

Vice Chairman Yeager asked Emergency Management Director Nelson to give an update on the Deepwater Horizon oil spill while they wait for Commissioner Peters to arrive (running late).

DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL UPDATE

Emergency Management Director Nelson reported on the 72 hour forecast, stating that 90% of tier 1 and tier 2 are complete. He stated that boom will be placed off the entire area of St. Joseph Bay around the grass beds. Mr. Nelson reported that there have been a lot of problems with the boom placement due to the tide changes. Upon inquiry by Vice Chairman Yeager, Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that they will have skimmers, air boats and be pulling absorbent boom to capture or contain the oil around the Cape and Bay areas. He reported that the United States Coast Guard is placing the heavy duty skimmers off-shore. Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that they are having tar balls mid level in the Pensacola area, and they are using nets to scoop them up and keep off the beaches. <Commissioner Peters entered the meeting at 11:52 a.m., E.T.>. Upon inquiry by City Mayor Mel Magidson, Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that there has been 100% cooperation from British Petroleum (B.P.). Upon inquiry by Vice Chairman Yeager, Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that there have only been minor claims; nothing major at this point. Emergency Management Director Nelson encouraged the public to call the E.O.C. hotlines (850-229-9112 or 850-229-9114) or go to the County website www.gulfcounty-fl.gov for additional information on the oil spill.

Acting Chairman Yeager called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m., E.T.

DEEP WATER HORIZON (OIL SPILL UPDATE)/LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

County Attorney McFarland reported that we have been in a briefing and have now called the meeting to order with Commissioner Williams appearing by telephone. Commissioner Williams (via telephone) motioned to re-adopt the Local State of Emergency and designate Vice Chairman Yeager to sign the Local State of Emergency Proclamation and continue to sign the Proclamation as needed without having to hold weekly meetings. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (3-0).

ST. JOE BEACH SEWER PROJECT

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the he received the final invoice from the City of Port St. Joe for the St. Joe Beach sewer project, stating that there is a check list of items which need to be fixed, including two lift stations, and they have to be fixed. Chief Administrator Butler recommended to allow payment with the assurance that these issues will be fixed. Ralph Rish appeared before the Board and recommended the Board allow the payment, stating on behalf of the City of Port St. Joe, that these issues will be fixed. County Attorney McFarland reported that the sewer project is not an emergency, and the Board does not need to take a vote on this sewer project. He recommended that Chief Administrator Butler review and meet with all five Commissioners, and report back to the Board. Ralph Rish discussed that the County can use the funds if the lift stations are not repaired. City Mayor Magidson reported that they are meeting with the Engineers today on this issue. Acting Chairman Yeager scheduled a Special Meeting for Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., E.T. to address this issue.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Peters, the meeting did then adjourn at 12:05 p.m., E.T.

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

**ATTEST:
REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**