

JANUARY 13, 2015
PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING

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

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Building Inspector George Knight, Central Services Director Denise Manuel, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, Maintenance Superintendent Steve Mork, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, County Planner David Richardson, Preble-Rish, Inc./County Engineer Clay Smallwood, III, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Mike Harrison, and T.D.C. Executive Director Jennifer Jenkins.

Sheriff Harrison called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., E.T.

Chairman McDaniel opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman McDaniel called for public comment regarding the Consent Agenda or the Information Packet. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and the Information Packet. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously, as follows:

1. Minutes - November 5, 2014 – Special Meeting
- November 24, 2014 – Supplemental Budget Hearing
2. Approval of Checks and warrants for December, 2014 which are incorporated herein by reference, pursuant to Chapter 136.06 F.S.
3. Agreement – American Fidelity Assurance Company (Amendment * Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan)

- Florida Department of Corrections (Agreement #A3331 * Amendment #1 * Modification to Comply with Prison Rape Elimination Act)
4. Management Plan – Dead Lakes County Park Lease No. 4355

– Gulf County Tucker Tract Lease No. 3975

6. Purchase Request Sole Source – E9-1-1 Department (E-911 System Servicers Replacement * Fairpoint Communications * \$11,030.94)

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CHIP 2015 FITNESS CHALLENGE

Sarah Hinds, of the Gulf County Health Department appeared before the Board to discuss the twelve (12) week fitness challenge that is available to the public.

PUBLIC HEARING – LEAVE NO TRACE ORDINANCE

County Attorney Novak discussed the Public Hearings and the published dates regarding the three proposed ordinances. He then read this proposed ordinance by title. County Attorney Novak reported that the second Public Hearing will be held on January 27th at 5:01 p.m., E.T. After discussion by T.D.C. Director Jenkins, County Attorney Novak discussed highlighted points within the proposed ordinance. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. Pat Hardman of the Coastal Community Association appeared before the Board to discuss her support of this proposed ordinance. After discussion by Chairman McDaniel, Charles Burlingame, of St. Joe Beach appeared before the Board to discuss the property lines in Yon's Subdivision and his deed; stating that this proposed ordinance takes in part of his property. After discussion by County Attorney Novak, Victor Ramos, of Indian Pass appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding this proposed ordinance. After further discussion, Sharon Winchester, of Beacon Hill appeared before the Board to discuss her concerns regarding the proposed ordinance. After discussion regarding the bonfire section of the proposed ordinance, Belinda Ellis, of St. Joe Beach and Clay Lewis, of Cape San Blas appeared before the Board to discuss their concerns regarding the proposed ordinance. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Yeager, T.D.C. Director Jenkins reported that on Indian Pass Beach a trash can is located every mile, and one is located at every Beach access on Cape San Blas. Gail Alsobrook, of Port St. Joe and Candice Warren, of Cape San Blas appeared before the Board to discuss their concerns regarding the proposed ordinance. After discussion, Chairman McDaniel reported that the second Public Hearing regarding this proposed ordinance will be held on January 27th at 5:01 p.m., E.T.

PUBLIC HEARING – RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (RV)

County Attorney Novak discussed the proposed recreational vehicles (RV) ordinance <Commissioner Quinn left the meeting at 9:53 a.m., E.T.>. County Attorney Novak read the proposed ordinance by title and discussed definitions. He reported that the second Public Hearing will be held on January 27th at 5:01 p.m., E.T. <Commissioner Quinn returned to the meeting at 10:04 a.m., E.T.>. County Attorney Novak called for Linda Sertich, Jay Rish, and Clay Lewis to appear to speak. Linda Sertich, of Port St. Joe appeared before the Board to discuss her concerns regarding the proposed ordinance. After discussion, Clay Lewis, of Cape San Blas appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding the proposed ordinance. Commissioner Yeager motioned to allow additional time for Mr. Lewis to speak. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. After discussion, Jay Rish, of Gulf County appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns

regarding the proposed ordinance. Building Official Knight appeared before the Board to discuss the wind lines that relate to building within Gulf County. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. Paul Digby and Rob Haney, both of Highland View appeared before the Board to discuss their concerns regarding the proposed ordinance. After discussion, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. Greg Sertich, of Port St. Joe, Doug Smith, of St. Joe Beach, and Dawn Newberry, of Cape San Blas appeared before the Board to discuss their concerns regarding the proposed ordinance. After discussion by County Attorney Novak, Jennifer Corbin, of Beacon Hill and David Gainous, of Highland View appeared before the Board to discuss their concerns regarding the proposed ordinance. Cole Mayo and Ted Elliott, both of Beacon Hill appeared before the Board to discuss their concerns regarding the proposed ordinance. After further discussion, Jeanette Palmer, of Highland View and Pat Hardman, of Coastal Community Association appeared before the Board to discuss their concerns regarding the proposed ordinance. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There was no more public comment.

The meeting did then recess at 11:12 a.m., E.T.

The meeting did then reconvene at 11:30 a.m., E.T.

UNION CONTRACT – SHOP COORDINATOR

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the Local Union Contract, reporting that all items were agreed upon, except the Shop Coordinator position. He stated that the County is proposing that Mechanic I be a Shop Coordinator with a \$2.00 per hour increase in pay; he then read the job description. Allen Steadham, I.U.O.E. Business Manager appeared before the Board to report that they are at an impasse and that he has filed with PERC (Public Employees Relations Commission) to skip the Special Master. After discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner McLemore motioned to support Chief Administrator Butler's proposal regarding this matter and to move forward. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (LDR)

County Attorney Novak read the proposed ordinance by title; reporting that the second Public Hearing will be held on January 27th at 5:01 p.m., E.T. After discussion by County Attorney Novak regarding the proposed ordinance, Commissioner Bryan discussed various sections within the proposed ordinance. After further discussion, Commissioner Bryan motioned to alter the language of Section 2.05.07 for variances that they meet all of the following conditions. Chairman McDaniel requested that Commissioner Bryan hold her motion. After discussion, Commissioner Bryan restated her motion. The motion failed for a lack of a second. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. Bo Williams, of Beacon Hill appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding the advertisement of the proposed ordinance. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no further public comment, Chairman McDaniel stated that the Second Public Hearing will be held on January 27th at 5:01 p.m., E.T.

REPORT – TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

T.D.C. Director Jenkins appeared before the Board to present the December, 2014 monthly status report. She reported they are working with the County regarding the film production paperwork.

ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS – BEACH RAKING

Following discussion by T.D.C. Director Jenkins, Commissioner Yeager motioned to advertise for sealed bids for beach raking service. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

FILMING – TV PRODUCTION COMPANY

Following discussion by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner McLemore motioned to authorize T.D.C. to move forward with this TV Production Company (Rivr Production). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS – RECYCLABLES AT FIVE POINTS LANDFILL

Upon request by Solid Waste Director Danford, Commissioner Bryan motioned to advertise for sealed bids for the sale of recyclables (metal, cardboard) at Five Points Landfill. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously. Upon discussion by Solid Waste Director Danford, Commissioner Bryan motioned to allow any monies from the sale of the recyclables from Five Points Landfill be placed in the Public Works Budget. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

JOB POSITION – SHOP COORDINATOR

Mosquito Control Director Cothran thanked the Board for approving the Shop Coordinator position; stating Public Works will be more efficient.

PUBLIC HEARING – MSTU

County Attorney Novak discussed the proposed advertisement dates scheduled to run on January 19th, January 26th, February 2nd, and February 9th regarding the proposed MSTU resolutions; reporting that a Public Hearing will be held on February 10, 2015.

MEETINGS – P.D.R.B.

County Attorney Novak reported that there will be two (2) public P.D.R.B. meetings that will be held on January 26th and February 9th, stating one (1) notice has been published and one (1) will be published.

APPOINTEE – P.D.R.B.

Upon recommendation by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager motioned to appoint David Brewer to serve on the P.D.R.B. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

CONTRACT – WASTE PRO (BID #1314-15)

Chief Administrator Butler discussed receiving phone calls regarding the rates with Waste Pro; reporting that there was an increase in rates. He discussed the bids for solid waste services; stating that only two (2) bidders submitted bids for this service. Chief Administrator Butler discussed the rates between the two (2) bidders and the services offered. He discussed his concerns regarding the County maintaining the landfill. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Chief Administrator Butler stated that the rate is set for five (5) years and after the five (5) years the rate can go up 2%. Commissioner McLemore discussed the additional \$5.00 increase per month for roadside pickup service. After discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner McLemore discussed doing away with the roadside pickup service to save \$15.00 per quarter. After discussion by Chairman McDaniel, Commissioner McLemore motioned to allow County Attorney Novak and Chief Administrator Butler to go back to Waste Pro to see if they will remove the roadside pickup service from the contract and reduce customers' billing \$15.00 per quarter. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. After further discussion, Norm Girardin, Division Manager for Waste Pro appeared before the Board to discuss the transfer station location, the use of the roll-offs, and the yard debris pick-up schedule. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Bryan regarding the Transfer Station being built by January 1, 2015, Mr. Girardin reported that a permit application has been submitted to D.E.P. and D.E.P. is waiting on NW Florida Water Management District. After further discussion regarding permitting and the liquidated damage provision within the agreement, Commissioner McLemore withdrew his motion. Tom Semmes, of Wewahitchka appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding public notification regarding the additional charge for yard debris. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Bryan, Chief Administrator Butler reported that the transfer station is operational 5 ½ days a week. After discussion by Mr. Semmes, Chief Administrator Butler stated that the notice regarding the increase in rates and the transfer station did not make it in the newspaper or in the mailing (customers' billing). After discussion, Commissioner Yeager discussed his concerns regarding notifying the public of these service changes. Chairman McDaniel discussed his concerns regarding the road at Five Points not being paved and the need for a sign to notifying the public of the transfer station's hours of operation.

The meeting did then recess at 1:14 p.m., E.T.

The meeting did then reconvene at 1:18 p.m., E.T.

EMAILS – VARIANCE REQUEST

Chief Administrator Butler discussed his concerns regarding an email from Commissioner Bryan; stating that he will not respond to emails when they contain inaccurate information. He then read the emails from Commissioner Bryan regarding the Smith Variance

Request. After discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Bryan discussed the accretion land at the Beacon Hill Park area and the emails sent to Chief Administrator Butler. Further discussion followed.

EMAILS – E.D.C. DIRECTOR POSITION

Chief Administrator Butler discussed his concerns regarding an email from Commissioner Bryan regarding the E.D.C. Director position. He then read the emails from Commissioner Bryan. Chief Administrator Butler reported that the County has an interim E.D.C. Director and hopefully soon the County will have an E.D.C. Director. After discussion, Commissioner Bryan inquired as to Mrs. Kopinsky being the interim E.D.C. Director and the County sending her (using taxpayer dollars) for training. Further discussion followed.

INDIAN LAGOON

Commissioner Yeager reported that he has spoken with a representative from the Department of Agriculture regarding Indian Lagoon.

BEACH NOURISHMENT

Commissioner Yeager reported that he made contact with F.D.O.T. regarding the nourishment project. He requested permission to submit a letter to D.O.T. requesting funding support for road projection at the Stumphole area. Chairman McDaniel requested that Chief Administrator Butler take care of this.

EXCHANGE – BOARD MEETINGS

Tommy Mayes, of Port St. Joe appeared before the Board to voice his concerns about the exchange that just occurred between Commissioners and staff regarding emails.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Christy McElroy, of Port St. Joe appeared before the Board to discuss her concerns regarding Chief Administrator Butler being put into a box. She discussed working within a system.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, second by Commissioner Quinn, and unanimous vote, the meeting did then adjourn at 1:56 p.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK OF COURT**