

JUNE 12, 2012

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in a special budget meeting with the following members present: Vice Chairman Tan Smiley, and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Ward McDaniel, and Warren Yeager, Jr. <Chairman William C. Williams, III entered the meeting at 8:09 a.m., E.T.>

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, G.I.S. Coordinator Scott Warner, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, Gulf County Health Department Administrator Marsha Lindeman, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Joe Nugent, Sheriff's Office Major Bobby Plair, and Tax Collector Shirley Jenkins.

Vice Chairman Smiley called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., E.T.

BUDGET

Chief Administrator Butler stated the Budget Committee needs direction from the Board, and discussed the Board options for revenue as follows: (1) increase tipping fees. Commissioner Yeager motioned to get an average of surrounding Counties and charge out-of-County residents \$70.00 per ton. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (4-0). (2) Five Cent Local Option Gas Tax. Commissioner McLemore motioned to deny this recommendation. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0). (3) Mexico Beach payments for E.M.S. Commissioner McLemore motioned to proceed with recommendation. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0). <Chairman Williams entered the meeting at 8:09 a.m., E.T.> ice Chairman Smiley passed the Chair to Chairman Williams. (4) E.M.S. dry run fees. Commissioner McLemore motioned to charge \$75.00 for dry run fee. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. County Attorney Novak discussed that he will work on a policy concerning the dry run fees. (5) Increase E.M.S. fees. Chief Administrator Butler discussed that they will bring a recommendation back to the Board concerning this issue. (7) Increase Building Department fees. Chief Administrator Butler discussed that

Gulf County is much lower than the City of Port St. Joe and surrounding Counties. Commissioner Yeager discussed that this needs to be reviewed with the surrounding counties and bring a recommended fee schedule back to the Board. He reported on the budget increases as follows: (1) Decrease coverage for Property/Casualty insurance by establishing a minimum value to be covered. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (2) Utility increases estimated at 10% per Progress Energy. (3) Medicaid, (4) Retirement, and (5) I.T. Department. Chief Administrator Butler discussed possible budget decrease opportunities as follows: (1) Discuss with the City of Port St. Joe on the current and future Downtown Redevelopment Area for the possibility of delaying collections of this fee. Commissioner Yeager recommended for Chief Administrator Butler to contact the City concerning this issue. Commissioner McLemore discussed that he opposes paying the \$153,596.00. (2) Discontinue Coastal Fitness program. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0, with Chairman Williams abstaining due to owner of the facility. (3) Decrease E.D.C. by \$16,600.00. County Attorney Novak discussed that he will provide E.D.C. Director Sellers with the Interlocal Agreement, and Chairman Williams recommended holding the 4th quarter payment until the amount has been rectified. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (4) Public Works attrition losses, (5) stop picking up debris from R.O.W. Commissioner McLemore discussed that he opposes stopping road side pick-up. Commissioner Yeager discussed the County needs to look at mandatory garbage pick-up and let the company handle the roadside pick-up. Chairman Williams discussed that this County needs mandatory garbage pick-up. Commissioner Yeager suggested for the Budget Committee to bring a recommendation for mandatory garbage and roadside pick-up and how to proceed. Commissioner McLemore discussed that he agrees with combining the two services of mandatory garbage and roadside pick-up. Commissioner Yeager motioned for the Budget committee to review mandatory garbage pick-up and roadside pick-up and bring recommendation back to the Board. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed 4-1, with Commissioner McLemore voting no. (6) Use T.D.C. funds to cover parks & recreation repairs/additions. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (7) Decrease outside agencies by 6% each. Commissioner McLemore recommended tabling this item. (8) Decrease local contribution to Library by \$50,000.00. Commissioner McLemore motioned to deny this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (9) Decrease Ad Valorem dollars for Clerk Admin/BOCC HR-RM/Building Department Admin costs by replacing with S.H.I.P. funding. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner

Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (10) Cut the City of Wewahitchka for T.L. James Park under parks & recreation \$13,671.00. Commissioner Yeager recommended tabling this issue. (11) Life Management decrease \$5,476.00. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (12) Turn the commodity program over to a not for profit organization. Commissioner McLemore motioned to deny this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (13) Cut \$50,000.00 from Maintenance for the County Courthouse renovations. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Yeager seconded for discussion. Commissioner Yeager discussed that the outside of the Courthouse needs to be addressed and made presentable. The motion then passed unanimously. (14) Decrease unemployment by \$22,000.00. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (15) Discontinue use of message board signs. Commissioner McLemore motioned to deny this recommendation. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (16) Decrease number of polling places to one per district for the 2014 election. Commissioner Yeager motioned to proceed with this recommendation. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed 3 to 2, with Commissioner McLemore and Chairman Williams voting no. (17) Fuel decreases by \$22,875.00. Public Works Director Danford discussed that activity will increase all summer long. Commissioner McLemore suggested if Public Works needs additional funds for fuel to come before the Board for approval. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve recommendation and allow Public Works to come before Board for approval if additional fuel is needed. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel concerning fuel depot, Public Works Director Danford discussed that he only has the capacity for 1,000 gallons. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (18) Decrease Honeyville Community Center \$4,500.00. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, and (19) Restrict radio \$12.50 surcharge fund to repeater and tower repairs only. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion for discussion. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel concerning usage of towers, Chief Administrator Butler reported that no one is paying for the tower usage. Commissioner McDaniel amended the motion to approve this recommendation and allow Chief Administrator Butler to send a letter to everyone using the tower to pay for usage. Commissioner Smiley stated his second stands, and the motion passed unanimously. Chief Administrator Butler recommended decreasing the St. Joe Fire Control District to .25 mils. Commissioner Yeager recommended tabling this issue. Commissioner Yeager motioned to cut the

Fireman's Association. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner McLemore voting no.

The meeting did then recess at 9:28 a.m., E.T.

The meeting did then reconvene at 9:34 a.m., E.T.

Chairman Williams discussed that approximately \$222,970.00 has been cut to keep the balanced budget and stay at the same millage rate, stating that they need to look at an additional \$334,451.00. Chairman Williams called for public comment. There was no public comment. Chairman Williams requested for Chief Administrator Butler to schedule the next budget meeting. Commissioner Yeager discussed the possibility of a procurement position, and Chairman Williams requested him to bring information back to the Board.

Chairman Williams called for public comment. There was no public comment.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Smiley, the meeting did then adjourn at 9:40 a.m., E.T.

WILLIAM C. WILLIAMS, III
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK