

DECEMBER 17, 2013

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Building Inspector George Knight, G.I.S. Coordinator Scott Warner, Maintenance Superintendent Steve Mork, Planner David Richardson, and Public Works Director Joe Danford.

Chairman Smiley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., E.T.

PUBLIC HEARING – ENTERPRISE ZONE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY RESOLUTION

Chief Administrator Butler presented a handout to the Board and discussed the proposed changes in the Gulf County Enterprise Zone. Upon recommendation by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager motioned to adopt a resolution for the purpose of expanding the Gulf County Enterprise Zone. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion for discussion. Chairman Smiley called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PERTAINING TO GULF COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE 2301, SUPPORTING THE GULF COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY'S (G.C.E.Z.D.A.) RECOMMENDATION TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (F.D.E.O.) FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPANDING THE GULF COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE.

WHEREAS, in 1996, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution 96-8 which set the boundaries of the Gulf County Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has allowed through Chapter 2013-39, Laws of Florida (CS/SB 7007), certain enterprise zones, (including EZ2301), to make applications for boundary amendment(s); and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Enterprise Zone Development Agency recommended to the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners that up to three (3) square miles of land area be added to the current Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, Gulf County has determined that the proposed addition to the Enterprise Zone is an area that chronically exhibits extreme and unacceptable levels of poverty, unemployment, physical deterioration, and economic disinvestment; and

WHEREAS, in particularity since Gulf County was eligible to expand EZ2301 by three (3) square miles, it was determined that the expansion could help alleviate unacceptable levels of poverty, unemployment, physical deterioration, and economic disinvestment; and

WHEREAS, Gulf County has determined that the rehabilitation, conservation, or redevelopment of such area is necessary in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare of the residents; and

WHEREAS, Gulf County has determined that the revitalization of such area can address some of the above mentioned issues; and

WHEREAS, a map that outlines specifically the area that is being nominated is included that shows the current zone and proposed expansion; and

WHEREAS, acknowledgement from any and all jurisdictions affected by the proposed change be made by resolution of each respective jurisdiction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, as follows:

SECTION 1: The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners supports the recommendations of the G.C.E.Z.D.A. as to the proposed boundary changes to the Gulf County Enterprise Zone.

SECTION 2: Through this Resolution, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners hereby amend the current boundaries of the Gulf County Enterprise Zone to reflect the new proposed (current and expanded areas) Enterprise Zone as depicted on the attached map(s);

SECTION 3: A certified copy of this Resolution, upon execution, shall become part of the application package for the Enterprise Zone boundary amendment to F.D.E.O.

SECTION 4: This Resolution shall become effective in accordance with law.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Yeager, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McLemore and, being put to vote, it passed as follows:

Commissioner McLemore	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner McDaniel	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Bryan	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Smiley	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Yeager	<u>Yes</u>

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th day of December, 2013.

(End)

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the meeting did then adjourn at 9:07 a.m., E.T.

**TYNALIN SMILEY
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**