

JUNE 10, 2014

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, Tynalin Smiley, and Warren J. Yeager, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Central Services Director Denise Manuel, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, Deputy Grant Coordinator Kari Summers, Maintenance Superintendent Steve Mork, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, County Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Assistant Public Works Director Jake Lewis, Sheriff Mike Harrison, T.D.C. Executive Director Jennifer Jenkins, and Veterans' Service Officer Joe Paul.

Sheriff Harrison called the meeting to order at 8:59 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. There being no public comment. Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Chairman McDaniel pulled page 17 (Item #3 * Award Bid #1314-20) from the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of page 17 (Item #3 * Award Bid #1314-20 * Two Bay Addition for South Gulf Fire Department). Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously, as follows:

1. Approval of Checks and Warrants for May, 2014 which are incorporated herein by reference, pursuant to Chapter 136.06 F.S.
2. Agreement – Alday-Howell Engineering, Inc. – Bid #1314-13 (Striping CR386 * \$37,100.00)
3. Bid Advertisement – South Gulf Fire Department (Sealed Bids * Purchase Jet Ski * \$10,000.00)

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Bid Award #1314-20 – South Gulf Fire Department –
Two Bay Addition (Cathey Construction)

4. Inventory – South Gulf Fire Department (Remove of Sale * #295-98 * 40hp Evinrude * Serial #evinro5240512 * #295-97 * 14' Aluminum Metal Shark Boat * Serial #GAJ16002A010 * #295-99 * 16' Boat Trailer * Serial #mcclah002639)

- State Attorney's Office (Junk * Dell Optiplex 320* Serial #5882LC1 * Dell Latitude D830 * Serial #3L3SJH1)

5. Resignation Letter – Public Works (Larry Baker * November 28, 2019)
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LETTER OF SUPPORT – DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Upon discussion by Deputy Administrator Lanier, Commissioner Yeager motioned to allow the Chairman to sign a letter of support regarding the Northwest Florida Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC). Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

APPOINTEE – REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP

Upon discussion by Deputy Administrator Lanier, Commissioner Yeager motioned to appoint Chairman McDaniel and Commissioner Yeager to serve on the Bay-Gulf-Holmes-Washington Regional Transportation Partnership Board and appointing Commissioner Smiley as an alternate. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

T.D.C. Director Jenkins appeared before the Board to discuss the T.D.C. May, 2014 Monthly Report.

Following discussion by T.D.C. Director Jenkins, Commissioner Yeager motioned to increase staffing and hours for the Ambassador Program, to be paid from the T.D.C. Budget. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

T.D.C. Director Jenkins discussed website traffic and reported that beach driving permits can be purchased at the Welcome Center. After discussion by County Attorney Novak regarding holding a Public Hearing to amend the Ordinance, Commissioner Yeager motioned to rescind the seven (7) day beach driving permit, effective July 1, 2014 and to increase the fine amount to \$500.00 for violation of driving on the beach without a permit. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

T.D.C. Director Jenkins gave an overview of articles published from the media tour.

T.D.C. Director Jenkins discussed a July Street Dance; noting the City of Port St. Joe is requesting \$1,500.00 for this event. Commissioner Yeager motioned to allow T.D.C. to contribute \$1,500.00 to the City of Port St. Joe for the July Street Dance, to be paid from T.D.C. Budget. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

Following discussion by T.D.C. Director Jenkins, Commissioner Yeager motioned to accept the 2014-15 T.D.C. Special Sponsorship Special Funding. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

T.D.C. Director Jenkins reported that the Kid's Win Fishing Tournament will be held this weekend.

ONE-CENT BED TAX – SPORTS COMPLEX

Commissioner Yeager discussed putting in motion the One-Cent Bed Tax to help fund the Sports Complexes. After discussion by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner Yeager motioned to allow Staff to proceed with the proposed One-Cent Bed Tax ordinance. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

VETERANS – HEALTHCARE

Veterans' Services Officer Joe Paul appeared before the Board to discuss a letter from North Florida South Georgia Veterans Health System Director regarding healthcare. He discussed the reduced wait time for Veterans healthcare visits.

MEETING – MICHAEL SPELLMAN

County Attorney Novak reported that Special Counsel Spellman will be attending the June 24th meeting to give the Board an update to the Countywide Data Research and District Wide Voting.

MEETING – PORT AUTHORITY

County Attorney Novak reported that the Port Authority called a special meeting to be held tomorrow at 10:00 a.m., E.T. at the E.O.C. Building; noting the County and City of Port St. Joe have been invited to attend.

MEETING – BOARD

County Attorney Novak reported that the Board will hold a joint workshop tomorrow at 10:30 a.m., E.T. at the E.O.C. Building with the City of Port St. Joe.

RESOLUTION 2014-09 – APPOINTEE TO NACO

County Attorney Novak reported that Brian Desloge extended his thanks to the Board for adopting Resolution 2014-09 supporting his nomination to NACO.

POLICY – ROAD ABANDONMENT

County Attorney Novak discussed the Road Abandonment Policy that was adopted in 2000. He stated that a draft road abandonment policy will be placed in the next Agenda for Board approval.

AWARD BID #1314-23 – ROOF FOR SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUILDING

Upon recommendation by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager motioned to award Bid #1314-13 for the roof installation on the Supervisor of Elections Building to Rodney Hall Roofing, Inc. (low bidder), in the amount of \$28,840.00. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

APPOINTEE – NACO

Following discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager motioned allow the Chairman to sign the 2014 Annual Conference Voting Credentials and appoint Commissioner Smiley as the alternate. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

BID #1314-22 – LOTS/WIMICO PLACE SUBDIVISION

Chief Administrator Butler reported that no bids were received for Bid #1314-22 for the sale of two (2) lots at Wimico Place Subdivision. He discussed receiving a letter from Michael Latta who expressed an interest in purchasing these two lots. County Attorney Novak discussed the history of the development of Wimico Place; noting Florida Housing and the S.H.I.P. Program recommended the County not pursue improvements on the two parcels but to place them up for sale, securing a fair market value, and to place the funds back into the S.H.I.P. Trust Fund. He discussed the interest that Mr. Latta has in purchasing the two parcels and requested direction from the Board regarding negotiating a price with Mr. Latta. Commissioner Bryan discussed her concerns regarding no action taken on the Letter of Credit. After further discussion, Commissioner Yeager motioned to allow Staff to negotiate with Michael Latta regarding the sale of two lots in Wimico Place Subdivision and bring a recommendation back to the Board. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. Michael Latta appeared before the Board to discuss his desire to purchase the two lots at Wimico Place; stating he had already acquired the remaining lots within the subdivision from the bank. He further discussed his desire to move back to Gulf County and make this property his homestead. After discussion, the motion then passed unanimously.

AGREEMENT – BEACH ACCESS / EGLIN AIR FORCE

Chief Administrator Butler discussed a Right-of-Entry from Eglin Air Force regarding driving beach access for one year on Eglin property. He discussed the Right-of-Entry agreement and the new conditions involved in the beach access. After discussion, Commissioner Yeager motioned to allow the Chairman to sign the Right-of-Entry Agreement with Eglin Air Force regarding beach access. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

HOME GRANT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the potential for a Home Grant, in the amount of six (6) million dollars with a 5% match that would assist in affordable housing. Mark Dumas, of Paces Foundation, appeared before the Board to discuss the Home Grant for affordable housing; reporting the deadline to apply is July 1, 2014. He reported the award will be in four (4) to five (5) months after the application process, allowing for approximately fifty (50) homes to be built. Commissioner Smiley motioned to allow Mr. Dumas additional time to speak. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Dumas discussed the match required for the grant. After discussion, Chief Administrator Butler stated a recommendation regarding this grant will be presented to the Board at the next Board meeting for review.

OFFICE SPACE – STATE PROBATION

Sheriff Harrison appeared before the Board to report that the State Probation will hold office space at the Wewahitchka Sheriff's Substation a few days a month.

OFFICE SPACE – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Harrison appeared before the Board to report that the Sheriff's Office is still looking for a building to move into.

RESOLUTION – IN GOD WE TRUST

Commissioner Yeager discussed adopting a proposed resolution supporting the display of the National Motto "In God We Trust" in the Boardroom. Commissioner Yeager motioned to allow County Attorney Novak to draft a proposed resolution for the Board to adopt at the next Board meeting. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

BOARDROOM – MICROPHONES

Commissioner Yeager discussed his concerns regarding the microphones and requested that Chief Administrator Butler get them fixed. Chief Administrator Butler reported that this system was purchased with a grant fourteen (14) years old ago. He stated he would work with Planner Richardson and bring a recommendation to the Board for consideration.

BOAT RAMP / DOCK – WHITE CITY PARK

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Bryan, Chief Administrator Butler discussed the recent accident that took place at the White City Boat Ramp; reporting that a barge hit the dock and left the scene. He stated that F.W.C. is aware of who created the damage, but no insurance information has been obtained. Deputy Administrator Lowry reported that the County filed a claim yesterday and the insurance adjustor is working with the barge company. He stated that Preble-Rish, Inc./County Engineer Smallwood, III provided an estimate of approximately \$27,000.00 worth of damage to the dock. Deputy Administrator Lowry discussed advertising for sealed bids for the dock repairs. Commissioner Bryan reported that there are other issues that need to be address concerning the dock other than the damage by the barge; discussing the steps, the rises, and the wood underneath that needs to be replaced. She requested that Chief Administrator Butler and staff review this project and provide a recommendation to the Board. Commissioner McLemore reported that the White City Boat Dock was built approximately 15 to 18 years ago by Public Works with inmate labor. He discussed his concerns regarding the stepping system due to the tide issues. After discussion, Commissioner Bryan motioned to advertise to receive sealed bids to repair the entire length of the White City Boat Dock. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

CLOSURE – LAND'S LANDING BOAT RAMP

Commissioner McLemore reported that the contractors began work on the Land's Landing Boat Ramp and the boat ramp will be closed June 16, 2014 due to the repairs.

AIR CONDITIONER – HONEYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Commissioner McLemore discussed his concerns regarding the air conditioner unit at Honeyville Community Center. Commissioner McLemore then motioned to accept three (3) quotes from contractors and to appoint Building Official Collinsworth to oversee this project. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion for discussion. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Yeager, Commissioner McLemore stated the funds for this project would be paid from Maintenance Infrastructure. After discussion, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING – GULF COUNTY

Commissioner Smiley discussed his concerns regarding the need for affordable housing in Gulf County and wanting to work on obtaining the Home Grant to help fund this need.

BID #1314-15 – SOLID WASTE SERVICES / WASTE PRO

Chairman McDaniel discussed the recent change in vendors for the County's Solid Waste Services to Waste Pro. He discussed his concerns regarding the transition; stating that if the public has issues with the transition, they need to contact the Administration Office or a County Commissioner. Chairman McDaniel requested that Chief Administrator Butler contact Waste Management regarding his concerns. Bob Sutton, of Wewahitchka, appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding

the transition; reporting that he owns a commercial RV park and trailer park and has not received any Waste Pro carts for either park. He reported that he has contacted Waste Management six (6) times and they will not come to pick up their carts. Chairman McDaniel stated that this matter will be addressed as soon as this meeting is adjourned.

LIGHTHOUSE – CAPE SAN BLAS

Patricia Hardman, of Port St. Joe appeared before the Board to discuss her concerns regarding the movement of the Lighthouse at Cape San Blas. After further discussion by Ms. Hardman, Commissioner Yeager motioned to allow Ms. Hardman additional time to speak. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Ms. Hardman requested the Board make a motion; having believed the Lighthouse should have remained on the Cape at Salina's Park, that the Board will not use any man power or funding support to help move of the Lighthouse to the City of Port St. Joe, or provide future support for the Lighthouse. Commissioner Yeager discussed fighting to keep the Lighthouse at Salina's Park. He stated that the Board would have preferred the Lighthouse remain at the Cape and the County has stated that County tax dollars were not going to be used to help fund the move of the Lighthouse to the City of Port St. Joe. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, County Attorney Novak discussed speaking with Ms. Hardman regarding this matter and discussed his concerns regarding the grant funding that has been applied for by the City to assist with the relocation of the Lighthouse.

LEASE – INDUSTRIAL PARK

Chief Administrator Butler reported that E.D.A. has been contacted regarding approval to lease the Industrial Park to Ms. Mildred Smith, of Florida Rural Veterans of America and is waiting on a response.

SECURITY – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the security problem at the Sheriff's Office and the need for a building for the Sheriff's Office. He discussed the space at the Supervisor of Elections Building. Commissioner Yeager discussed staff working with Sheriff Harrison to provide options to the Board for review. Commissioner Smiley discussed installing a buzz system, like the County Jail has for a temporary fix.

APPOINTEE – CANVASSING BOARD 2014

Chairman McDaniel requested that Deputy Administrator Lanier submit a letter to Supervisor of Elections Hanlon that Commissioner Yeager will serve on the Canvassing Board.

APPOINTEE – VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

Upon inquiry by Deputy Clerk Roberts concerning appointees for the upcoming Value Adjustment Board; Commissioner Smiley motioned to appoint Chairman McDaniel, Commissioner Smiley, and Eugene Raffield (citizen appointee) to serve on the 2014 Value Adjustment Board. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Smiley, and unanimous vote, the meeting did then adjourn at 11:00 a.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**