

JANUARY 5, 2012

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

SPECIAL MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in a special meeting with the following members present: Chairman Warren J. Yeager, Jr., Vice Chairman Bill Williams, and Commissioners Ward McDaniel, and Tan Smiley. <Commissioner Carmen L. McLemore was absent.>

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 Brett Lowry, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, E.D.C./Chamber Director Barry Sellers, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Joe Nugent, and T.D.C. Director Tim Kerigan.

Chairman Yeager called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., E.T.

LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION REVIEW

Chairman Yeager reminded everyone that Senator Bill Montford and Representative Jimmy Patronis will be here at 5:30 p.m., E.T. to answer questions.

FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FORECAST DISCUSSION

Commissioner Williams discussed the budget forecast, stating he would like to keep the budget committee in place and get the Boards thoughts so direction could be given to the Committee. Chairman Yeager stated the budget committee and staff worked well in the past and agreed to keep the committee in place. Commissioner Williams noted the need to be look at efficiency and affective business models; suggesting centralizing purchasing and focusing on internal controls. Chief Administrator Butler stated he agrees with centralizing purchasing. Commissioner Williams noted Walton County's purchasing system. Chairman Yeager agreed with the idea of a purchasing agent and internal controls. Commissioner McDaniel stated this will give some accountability and will eliminate some of the problems experienced; agreeing centralized purchasing will pay for itself. Commissioner Williams discussed Board members serving as liaison to different committees and departments, requesting each Board member get with Chief Administrator Butler on areas they would like to serve. Commissioner Williams requested Chairman Yeager remain the Board Liaison on the T.D.C. Board. He

discussed issues dealing with personnel, fleet management, and equipment; requesting fleet management be added as a priority. Assistant Administrator Hammond reported the budget is approximately 40% less than what it was five years ago and this has been done through a myriad of different things and discussed areas the Board needs to address in the future. Discussion continued.

Planner Richardson requested a Special Meeting for Tuesday, January 10th at 5:30 p.m., E.T. to discuss the Five (5) Year Capital Improvement Schedule. Chairman Yeager scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, January 10th at 5:30 p.m., E.T.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Williams, the meeting did then adjourn at 5:19 p.m., E.T.

WARREN J. YEAGER, JR.
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK