

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

SPECIAL MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in special session with the following members present: Chairman Billy E. Traylor, Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Nathan Peters, Jr., Jerry W. Barnes, and Bill Williams.

Others present were: County Attorney Tim McFarland, Clerk of Circuit Court Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kayla Duke, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Planner David Richardson, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, EMS Director Marshall Nelson, EMS/911 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, GIS Director Scott Warner, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Road Department Superintendent Bobby Knee, Building Inspector George Knight, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Public Works Director Gerald Shearer, S.H.I.P. Coordinator Rocky Farmer, Transportation Committee Chair Steve Norris, and Sheriff Joe Nugent. <Solid Waste Director Joe Danford arrived at 4:53 p.m., E.T.

Chairman Traylor called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m., E.T.

S.H.I.P./LINDA TAYLOR

Chief Administrator Don Butler presented a recommendation from CDC, requesting approval of S.H.I.P. funding for Linda Taylor, in the amount of \$17,500.00 Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PRIVATE ROADS

Commissioner McLemore discussed a 1,700 acre development at Howard's Creek, and stated that he has no problem with approving the development, but expressed concerns with the County being responsible for maintaining the roads. Chairman Traylor discussed a policy that the Board implemented in 2002, in which the County takes responsibility of roads after a one year period, once they have been approved by the Engineers. Commissioner Williams stated that the Board should not change plans mid-stream, and discussed arguments that can be raised against an agreement to hold the developer accountable. Upon Chairman Traylor's inquiry, County Attorney Tim McFarland stated that the Board is not required to accept these roads, but a disclaimer needs to be added to the plat, stating that these will be private roads, and the County will not maintain them. He further stated that Ordinance #2008-01 will have to be amended as well. Commissioner McLemore discussed an agreement with the City of Wewahitchka that states the County will be responsible for maintaining City roads, and inquired what would happen if the City accepted a subdivision that does not follow the County ordinance concerning subdivisions. After discussion, County Attorney McFarland stated that he will amend Ordinance 2008-01 and send it to the Star for publication. Transportation Committee Chair Steve Norris discussed the possibility of including a transportation element to the impact fees, as an alternate option for bringing in revenue to the County. Mr. Norris inquired about the required

amount of lots for a traffic study, and the possibility of changing the requirements.

AMERICUS AVENUE DITCH PROJECT/BID#0708-01/CHANGE ORDER #3

Chief Administrator Butler presented Change Order #3 for the Americus Avenue Ditch Project, due to the fencing not being completed. He further stated that DEP has made several requirements to control erosion. Chief Administrator Butler explained that the change order will decrease the contract by the amount of fencing that was not put up, which equals \$14,000.00 and increase it according to the cost of meeting DEP requirements, which equals \$19,000.00. Chief Administrator Butler stated that the total increase will be \$5,712.50. He further stated that the money will be taken from Secondary Road and Bridge funds. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve this change order. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed 4-1, with Commissioner Peters opposing.

There being no further business and upon motion by Commissioner Peters, the meeting did then adjourn at 4:59 p.m., E.T.

BILLY E. TRAYLOR

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

REBECCA L. NORRIS

CLERK