

JANUARY 24, 2012

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 Bill Williams, Vice Chairman Tan Smiley, and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Ward McDaniel, and Warren J. Yeager, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, Planner David Richardson, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, 911 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Sheriff Joe Nugent, and T.D.C. Director Tim Kerigan.

Sheriff Nugent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., E.T.

Clerk Finance Director Hand opened the meeting with prayer, and Chairman Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner McLemore moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smiley. County Attorney Novak recommended the removal of pages 21-30 due to amendments to the contracts after the inclusion in the agenda. Commissioner McLemore amended his motion to approve the consent agenda with the exclusion of (item #2) pages 21-30. With Commissioner Smiley's second, the motion passed 5-0.

1. Minutes – December 13, 2011 – Regular Meeting
 - January 5, 2012 – Special Meeting
 - January 10, 2012 – Special Meeting

2. DELETE - Agreement – Professional Health Insurance Agent of Record Services (Combined Insurance Services, Inc. Representative Todd Torgerson)

DELETE - Agreement – From the Heart Music Hour

- Sound Service (T.D.C. Event for April 6-8, 2012)
- 3. Appointment – 2012 Apalachee Regional Planning Council (Colbert/Smiley)
Appointment – Apalachee Regional Planning Council - Transportation
Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (Colbert/Smiley)
- 4. Invoices – C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. – Beaches Resurfacing Project
(Application #3 * \$317,807.17 * to be paid from Account
#223541-63000)
 - County Attorney Jeremy Novak – Professional Services (January
1-15, 2012 * \$5,168.75 * to be paid from Account
#21314-31100)
 - Legal Services of North Florida (October 1 – December 30, 2011 *
to be paid from Account #71015-82000)
 - Milliman – Professional Services (Invoice #082-GCF03:121 * \$5,000.00
* to be paid from Account #21111-31000)
 - Roberson & Associates – Auditing Services (Invoice #PSJ9177 *
\$20,000.00 * to be paid from Account 346513-32000)
 - St. Joseph Bay Humane Society – Animal Control (December, 2011 *
\$3,283.00 * to be paid from Account #43262-82000)
 - The Ferguson Group, LLC – Federal Lobbyist (Invoice #0212175 *
6,500.00 * to be paid from Account #21111-31200)
- 5. Invoice Ratification - From the Heart Music Hour (Invoice #76 * \$3,250.00 *
to be paid from Account #BP3 27452-48000)
- 6. Letter Request – E.D.C./Chamber of Commerce
- 7. Road Closure - (Temporary) – U.S. Highway 98 in the vicinity of Veterans'
Memorial Park for the Beach Blast Sprint and Olympic
Distance Triathlon and Duathlon (April 28, 2012)

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2012-01 – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

Pursuant to advertisement to hold the final public hearing to consider adoption of a proposed ordinance for the Five (5) year Capital Improvement Schedule, County Attorney Novak read the proposed ordinance by title. Chairman Williams called for public comment. Planner Richardson informed the Board the City of Port Joe's Capital Improvement Schedule was received today and it did not reference the Beacon Hill Sewer project. Planner Richardson recommended the Board maintain it and keep it in the County Capital Improvement Schedule. Upon inquiry by Chairman Williams, Planner Richardson confirmed the City did not include the Beacon Hill Sewer project in their plan. Chairman Williams directed Chief Administrator Butler to follow up with the City on this matter, and directed County Attorney Novak follow up with the City in regards to the Interlocal Agreement. There being no further comment, Commissioner Yeager motioned to adopt by ordinance the Five (5) year Capital Improvement Schedule. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, as follows:

ORDINANCE 2012-01

AN ORDINANCE PER THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA STATUE 163.3177(3)(b) TO YEARLY REVIEW AND UPDATE THE GULF COUNTY FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SHEDULE; ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE GULF COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2011/2012 WORK PLAN; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE UPDATED CONCURRENCY TRACKING DATA; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABLITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereas, Florida Statue 163.3177(3)(a) requires each Comprehensive Plan to have a Capital Improvements Element, and

Whereas, Florida Statue 163.3177(3)(a)1 requires the Capital Improvements Element to implement a five (5) year capital improvements planning period, and

Whereas, the Gulf County Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvements Element has identified the five year capital improvements planning period as the Gulf County Five Year Capital Improvements Schedule, and

Whereas, the Gulf County Five Year Capital Improvements Schedule will be submitted for approval after the adoption of the Gulf County Annual Budget, and

Whereas, authority for adoption by the Gulf County Commission in accordance with and under the authoritative powers permitted by home rule, the County's police powers to protect the public health, safety and welfare for implementation and enforcement of standards, rules and regulations set forth herein, and

Whereas, Florida Statute 125.66 (2)a specifically provides for the proper publication, notice and announcement of Gulf County's intent and consideration of any and all land use modification and ordinance adoption; and such notice has been properly published for general circulation in the county, and

Whereas, Florida Statute 163.3177(3)(b) requires a Five Year Capital Improvements Schedule to be reviewed annually and amended by ordinance as necessary, and

Whereas, Florida Statute 163.3180(1) stipulates that only sanitary sewer, solid waste, drainage and potable water are subject to concurrency on a statewide basis, and

Whereas, Gulf County under the provisions of Florida Statute 163.3180(1) and 163.3180(1)(a) has opted to continue concurrency for transportation, recreation and open space and schools, and

Whereas, Gulf County has no roadways that are operating below LOS "D" as specified in the Comprehensive Plan, and

Whereas, DOT capital projects or projects subject to DOT grant funding listed in the DOT Five Year Transportation Plan and the Gulf County Capital Improvement Schedule are subject to budget priorities by the State of Florida/DOT and projects may be advanced or delayed as necessary by DOT, and

Whereas, Gulf County has no facilities operating below LOS concurrency specified in the Comprehensive Plan, and

Whereas, no Gulf County project is needed to eliminate a concurrency deficit, only to maintain, improve or enhance the quality of service, and

Whereas, the updated concurrency tracking data is incorporated by reference into the yearly review, and

Whereas, Gulf County adopts by reference the Gulf County School District 2011/2012 Work Plan with no financial obligations by Gulf County, and

Whereas, the capital improvement projects of the Port of Port St. Joe are referenced as an economic benefit to Gulf County with no financial obligation by Gulf County, and

Whereas, projects in the Five Year Capital Improvement Schedule for years 1, 2 and 3 are funded and projects in years 4 and 5 can be funded or projects that are proposed pending funding, and

Whereas, the City of Port St. Joe has delayed the construction of the Sports Complex and therefore the Gulf County agreement to match the City of Port St. Joe contributions up to a maximum of \$600,000 has been delayed to the fifth year of the schedule or until the local economy and the burden on the tax payers has improved, and

Whereas, the WindMark Annexation Phase III Sewer Project for Beacon Hill by the City of Port St. Joe has delayed the construction date until additional project funding is secured, and

Whereas, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners has made no Goals, Objections or Policy text changes to the Capital Improvements Element, and

Whereas, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners updates the Five Year Capital Improvement Schedule to reflect the planning period of 2011/2012 through 2015/2016, and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS IN EXHIBIT A:

If any part of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutionally void or invalid, the validity of the remaining part of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Any other Ordinance or portion of any Ordinance in force at the time this Ordinance becomes effective, which may be in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been replaced and repealed to the extent of such conflict, otherwise, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

This Ordinance shall become effective as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 24th day of January, 2012.

**EXHIBIT A:
2011/2012 - 2015/2016
Five Year Capital Improvements Schedule Updates
and by reference the
Yearly Data Updates for Concurrency Tracking**

and
Gulf County School Board 2011/2012 Work Plan

(Complete copy of Exhibit A on file in the Clerk's Office)

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P.D.R.B. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board then considered the following recommendations from the January 16, 2012 meeting of the Planning Development and Review Board.

VARIANCE APPLICATION-WEITMAN PARCEL ID #006268-119R

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider a variance for Michael Weitman,(parcel ID#006268-119R – located in Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida – encroach into a twenty-five (25) foot setback by five (5) feet), County Attorney Novak read the public notice. Chairman Williams called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Yeager motioned to grant the variance as recommended by the P.D.R.B. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

VARIANCE APPLICATION-BAILEY'S CRAB HOUSE & SEAFOOD MARKET PARCEL ID #03946-000R

County Attorney Novak noted this variance application was tabled and will be re-addressed at the February 2012 meeting of the P.D.R.B. Commissioner Yeager motioned to table this matter. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (C.D.B.G.)-AVENUE "A"

Grant Writer Kopinsky discussed the C.D.B.G. disaster recovery initiative and related grants, noting the Avenue "A" project is now complete. Ms. Kopinsky advised the Board there was about \$20,000.00 remaining on that contract and the City of Port St. Joe has requested the County install a pump at one of their lift stations with this additional money. She noted several issues with this request; the grant deadline of May 31st, and the extended time to get the pump ordered, onsite, and installed. Grant Writer Kopinsky asked for direction from the Board on how to proceed. Commissioner Yeager noted this as an opportunity to assist another agency and suggested staff work with the C.D.B.G. agency to see if it could be worked out, and if the pump can be acquired and paid for with these grant funds, instead of sending the money back or filling them in on another project. Commissioner McLemore asked whether the funds could be used on other projects and if this was a county grant. Grant Writer Kopinsky confirmed this to be

a county grant but noted the County agreed to do this Avenue "A" project within the City of Port St. Joe. She stated there are two (2) other service areas in that particular grant, one being the Stumphole and the other being Affordable Rental Housing. If those funds are not used in the Avenue "A" project, she stated, the funds will not go back to the State but could be moved over to one of the other service areas through a grant budget modification. Chairman Williams stated he would rather see the money go toward a county project, such as the Stumphole. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Grant Writer Kopinsky stated the funds could not be used on the Washington Recreational Center because these are disaster relief funds and can only be used on the three service areas (Avenue "A", Stumphole, or Affordable Rental Housing). Commissioner Smiley stated he agrees with Commissioner Yeager on providing a pump for the City. Commissioner Yeager recommended allowing staff to work it out for the pump, if time permits and if approved by D.O.A., if not, apply it toward the Stumphole project. Chief Administrator Butler expressed concerns with deadlines if used on the Avenue "A" project, and reminded the Board of issues on the Overstreet project due to delays by the City. Upon inquiry by Chairman Williams, Grant Writer Kopinsky stated the pump has an estimated delivery time of twelve (12) weeks, according to the County Engineers. Ms. Kopinsky reported on the available funds remaining for the Stumphole project. Upon inquiry by Chairman Williams, County Engineer Clay Smallwood confirmed delivery of the pump will take approximately twelve (12) weeks, according to the vendor. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore concerning the available projects for the use of these funds, Ms. Kopinsky stated it can be used for the Affordable Rental Housing projects (Pine Ridge, Moss Creek, and Liberty Manor). Commissioner McLemore motioned to move the remaining \$20,000.00 on the Avenue "A" project to the Affordable Rental Housing project. Commissioner McDaniel seconded for discussion. Commissioner McDaniel asked if the \$20,000.00 was allocated for one particular area, or if it can be used anywhere in the County. Ms. Kopinsky explained it can be used for any of the three projects within the Affordable Rental Housing project. The motion then passed 5-0.

RETIREE APPRECIATION LUNCHEONS

Deputy Administrator Lanier noted several employees (3-4) are retiring this year and asked if the Board would approve appreciation luncheons for them, to be paid from funds already available in budgets. Commissioner Yeager approved this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

TRAVEL – B.P. ISSUES

Deputy Administrator Lanier requested approval for travel for those relating to B.P. issues, noting reimbursement would come from B.P. funds. Chairman Williams explained this is referred to a D.C. fly-in prior to the NACo conference where all eight (8)

counties and the Association of Counties will meet not only with our Legislators but with members of committees of Natural Resources and Transportation. Chairman Williams noted this as the last opportunity to address this under the Clean Water Act penalties and try to bring these dollars back to the panhandle. Deputy Administrator Lanier stated this one particular trip is in February, but asked for a blanket motion to cover all B.P. travel. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Yeager concerning where we are in the claims process, County Attorney Novak reported the last quarter numbers will be gathered and submitted with a supplemental claim. He stated he would ask the Beasley-Allen Law Firm attend the first meeting in February to give a claims status update. Chairman Williams noted only himself (as the Florida Association of Counties President-Elect), and Commissioner Yeager (as Chairman-Elect of the Small County Coalition and member of the Federal Task Force) will be traveling. Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve the travel request. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FEE WAIVER-HONEYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER-AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Deputy Administrator Lanier presented and reported on a letter received from the American Cancer Society requesting permission to use the Honeyville Community Center on four (4) dates for their annual Relay for Life event, and requested waiver of the fees. Commissioner Yeager moved to allow use of the facility and waive the fees. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Commissioner McLemore noted the lights at the Honeyville Park will need to be left on for this event. The motion then carried 5-0.

ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT APPLICATIONS

Deputy Administrator Lanier reported the application for appointments to advisory boards has been placed on the County website on the homepage. Chairman Williams asked if it was clear that all advisory boards are open even if there is not an immediate position. Chairman Williams suggested a note be posted to contact the Deputy Administrator for additional information. Discussion continued concerning the process of maintaining and tracking applications for positions that may become available.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER TRAINING

Emergency Management Director Nelson noted Gulf County applied for Emergency Operations Center staff training through the Governors Hurricane Conference and was the second County in the State that will receive this training. He stated the planning meeting will be next Monday and invited commissioners to stop by, welcoming their input. Mr. Nelson reported the training and exercise will be sometime around April 1st. Chairman Williams commended Mr. Nelson for securing this training and noted the importance of it. Commissioner Yeager referenced the many staff members who serve

on State level boards and committees. Planning Richardson stated this is great training.

LAND USE-APPLICATION WAIVERS

Planner Richardson discussed from time to time the County gave land uses, when the Comprehensive Plan was done, that was assigned wrongfully and requested the Board to consider waiving these applications when they come up. He stated there are not many of them and they do create hardships for the owners where the property never should have been put in the land use and ask the Board consider waiving these on a case by case basis. Upon inquiry by Chairman Williams, Chief Administrator Butler explained prior to G.I.S. days, some private lands were classified as conservation lands, at no fault of the private land owner. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FLORIDA BUILDING CODE-FLOOD PLAIN

Planner Richardson informed the Board that the Florida Building Code is incorporating a flood plain management into it and the County will have to re-do it's flood ordinance to incorporate the building code into it.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS-AGENT OF RECORD/FROM THE HEART MUSIC HOUR

County Attorney Novak addressed the pulled consent agenda items (pages 21-30) for two contracts. Most notably, on the Agent of Record for Health Insurance services contract, the insurance coverage per occurrence for the Errors and Omissions policy for the Agent of Record was updated from \$500,000.00 up to \$2,000,000.00, noting the finalized copy was provided to the Commission. County Attorney Novak noted the second, From the Heart Sound Production (a for-profit entity) services contract for a T.D.C. event and sponsorship that was pulled from the January 10, 2012 meeting due to the absence of a contract. Mr. Novak stated he now has a contract for the Board's consideration with the proper allocation of funds identified to go to the advertisement fund (agency), artist, and sound production. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the Agent of Record agreement with Combined Insurance Services, Inc./Todd Torgerson (pages 21-25 on the consent agenda). Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motioned. The motioned passed 4-1, with Chairman Williams opposing due to not following proper procedure for an R.F.P. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the contract/agreement for From the Heart Music Hour (pages 26-30 of the consent agenda). Upon second by Commissioner Smiley, the motioned carried 5-0. County Attorney Novak referenced the From the Heart Music Hour contract, noting on December 6, 2011 the T.D.C. voted to recommend the approval of the expenditures for

this event. Mr. Novak stated this Commission had a list presented to them at a subsequent meeting for which this Board approved the funding. County Attorney Novak discussed the need for a contract for sound, as well as the proper instruction for the distribution of those funds, noting he had a breakdown on the distribution of those funds from the T.D.C.; the contract for the sound, an agreement for the entertainment, and the advertising expenses for that event that he will provide to the Board. County Attorney Novak requested the Board ratify the distribution of the funds for this event, working with the Clerk to make sure the advertising vendor and artist are paid directly and not filtered through the production company. Commissioner Yeager moved to approve the recommendation under those guidelines. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

APPLICATION FOR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS

County Attorney Novak referenced the application for county advisory boards, stating he provided a copy with his memorandum to the Commissioners to give out to constituents. Chairman Williams and Commissioner Yeager expressed the need to have a process in place and a data base to keep up with these advisory boards.

S.H.I.P. LOAN/MORTGAGE SATISFACTION-JOLYNNE PARKER

County Attorney Novak referenced item #4 of his memorandum, Satisfaction of S.H.I.P. Mortgage for JoLynne Parker, noting the Board previously approved the satisfaction due to hardship. At County Attorney Novak's request, Commissioner Yeager motioned for the Chairman to execute the Satisfaction of Mortgage document. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

LOTS 16 & 19, BLOCK A AND LOT 16, BLOCK B, WILLIAMSBURG SUBDIVISION/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

County Attorney Novak referenced item #5 of his memorandum, noting the Board voted at a previous meeting to accept Lots 5 and 6 of Williamsburg subdivision. He stated the President of Habitat for Humanity, Joan Cleckley is now offering Lots 16 and 19, Block A and, Lot 16, Block B in Williamsburg subdivision (Parcel ID#02480-000R, and Parcel ID#02494-000R). County Attorney Novak noted, without the benefit of a title search, there are no taxes owed on it, Habitat owns it outright and is offering to Quitclaim the lots to the County. Commissioner Yeager motioned to accept the lots as presented from Habitat for Humanity. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motioned and it passed 5-0.

INVENTORY-FIRE TRAINING TRAILER

Chief Administrator Butler presented a copy of a letter from Gulf Coast State College which is in response to his letter on page twelve (12) of the Information Packet. By this

letter, Gulf Coast State College is accepting the donation and transfer of ownership of the county's Fire Training trailer (ML-500 Mobile Live Fire Trainer, inventory #150-102), Chief Administrator Butler stated. Upon inquiry by Chairman Williams, Chief Administrator Butler confirmed that County Firefighter's will receive training at no cost to the County.

PEG CHANNEL/PROPOSAL FROM TROY WHITE

Chief Administrator Butler presented and discussed an email proposal of services between himself and Troy White. He stated the Board agreed for him to make contact with Mr. White. Mr. Butler requested permission to continue discussions with Mr. White, stating the email is a little different flavor than what was discussed last week. He noted what the County is looking for is a better signal in the North end of the County, stating if he can get something worked out temporarily on the North end then he can work on the entire County later. Mr. Butler stated he would have a recommendation at the next meeting. Commissioner McDaniel discussed problems with the broadcast of the last meeting, stating it is out of date. At the request of Commissioner McDaniel, Troy White appeared before the Board. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Troy White stated he can correct the audio and visual problems, and stated it is possible to air a meeting live, or delayed. Commissioner McDaniel thanked Mr. White for coming.

CONTRACT AGREEMENT-GULF COAST GOSPEL FEST

Chief Administrator Butler noted on December 6, 2011, the T.D.C. agreed to fund \$5,000.00 toward the Gulf Coast Gospel Fest at the Washington High School Gym. Mr. Butler noted this will be paid in two (2) installments, \$2,500.00 up front, and \$2,500.00 when it is complete. Chief Administrator Butler recommended the approval. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Chief Administrator Butler confirmed that was his recommendation. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve as recommended by Chief Administrator Butler. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion. Chairman Williams stated he met and discussed with Mr. Kerigan this week on the need to have quick basic summations of the events, what they are trying to do, how many events, how it will be tracked, etc., commenting that if he (Mr. Kerigan) will get this to them, he will not have a problem moving ahead. The motion carried 5-0.

PORT ST. JOE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT GOVERNMENT/MOCK CRASH

Sheriff Nugent advised the Board of a panhandle area wide Student Government Conference being held this Saturday in which local law enforcement and emergency personnel will participate in a mock crash at the high school at 11:30 a.m., E.T. and invited the public to attend. Sheriff Nugent mentioned this morning's crash in which two (2) twenty-three year olds were killed in a traffic accident and asked everyone to keep the families in prayer.

PORT ST. JOE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Gail Alsobrook appeared before the Board and gave an update of the following: 1. Billy Joe Rish Memorial Park, 2. Proposed Observation Tower, 3. Facade grant for downtown, 4. Discussions with Commissioner Smiley and Pastor David Woods to make sure the D.R.A. is aware of the priorities of North Port St. Joe, and 5. Possible grants for infrastructure for Martin Luther King Boulevard and improvements to Langston Drive. Chairman Williams commended Ms. Alsobrook for her vision and commitment. Ms. Alsobrook discussed the "Branding" efforts in celebrating our county's history.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Commissioner McLemore presented pictures and discussed a recent incident involving the chaining of a dog on Avenue C, stating he is not against chaining an animal as long as it is done properly. Commissioner McLemore requested to work with the County Attorney to give the Animal Control Officer authority to correct some of these issues. Melody Townsend appeared and presented folders to the Board, stating the Humane Society hopes the County will work on addressing this. Commissioner Yeager suggested County Attorney Novak also work with Ms. Townsend and the Humane Society volunteers to assist in drafting an ordinance. Chairman Williams encouraged the Humane Society to not only work through the Attorney but to discuss their ideas with each individual Commissioner. Butch Colbert appeared before the Board and introduced himself as the President of the Board of Directors for the Humane Society. He noted the contact information on the packet and thanked the Board for taking the time to look into this matter. Chairman Williams thanked Mr. Colbert and the work they are doing. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Ms. Townsend reported they do not know the owner of this animal. Commissioner McDaniel asked Mr. Colbert to pass the book around for the audience to view. Discussion continued among Commissioners about the incident and animal abuse. Chairman Williams recommended moving forward, with he as Chairman overseeing the process.

ODENA BOAT RAMP DOCK

Commissioner Yeager requested permission to spend up to \$7,500.00 of the Boating Improvement Funds on a dock at the Odena boat ramp, working through staff. Commissioner Yeager so moved. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

DEAD LAKES PARK

Commissioner McDaniel gave a report on Dead Lakes Park, stating for 2011 there were \$12,294.10 collected in revenues, noting this park is the only one in the County that generates revenue. He reported after expenses the park had \$9,000.00 on the plus

side. Commissioner McDaniel stated he would like to get enough revenue so the driveways can be paved, at no expense to the taxpayers. Commissioner McDaniel commended Raymond Atchison for an excellent job.

CREEKWOOD SUBDIVISION/LIMITED MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Commissioner McDaniel stated he asked County Attorney Novak to draft a limited maintenance agreement for Creekwood Subdivision. He noted the County does not own the roads, and no one knows who owns them. Commissioner McDaniel stated he would like a limited maintenance agreement for this subdivision so the County can go on this property and service this area legally; noting these folks deserve it and need a little help. Chairman Williams stated some subdivisions are unclear, having no Homeowners Associations. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to do a limited maintenance agreement for Creekwood Subdivision. Commissioner Yeager seconded but made the statement that the County needs to be careful and follow the guidelines. The motion then passed 5-0.

SOLAR LIGHTING

Commissioner McDaniel reported on complaints received this weekend concerning the new solar lights that were acquired through a grant. Commissioner McDaniel stated he looked at the solar lighting at both the Honeyville and Dead Lakes parks and asked Ms. Kopinsky if anyone looked at solar lighting in other Cities or Counties. Grant Writer Kopinsky explained the City of Port St. Joe has solar lighting along Highway 98 and noted it has been cloudy this week and requires sun light to charge the solar panels. Commissioner McDaniel noted the solar panels are under the oak trees and asked how the sun will get to them. Ms. Kopinsky stated they looked at the park during daylight hours to determine where the sun was shining and were placed there so the panels will get light. Commissioner McDaniel discussed the radius of the lights, noting you cannot see. Commissioner McLemore discussed the past decision of this Board to cut off the lights in the parks and noted the parks now have some light with the solar panels. Commissioner McLemore stated that lights were turned back on today in the Honeyville and Highland View parks. Grant Writer Kopinsky explained the solar lighting was provided for security, not to light up the whole park. Commissioner McDaniel stated there was only one solar panel working at the Honeyville Park, noting this is very inadequate. Commissioner McLemore stated another problem with solar lighting is it is like a battery and they lose their charge during the night. Ms. Kopinsky stated the intent was to provide security lighting in the parks. Commissioner Yeager stated he will review parks (in his district), noting if there are parks that need lights on in strategic areas we'll turn the park lights back on. Chairman Williams suggested each Commissioner review the parks in their districts and bring the matter back to the Board.

T.D.C. AUDIT

Chairman Williams reported the special T.D.C. audit is scheduled to be complete next Tuesday and noted he may call a special meeting of the Board to discuss it.

WINDMARK BEACH “NO TRESPASSING SIGNS”

Chairman Williams noted County Attorney Novak is working on having the “No Trespassing” signs removed at WindMark Beach and asked the public to contact the Sheriff’s department should they be asked to leave because this is a direct violation of the WindMark D.R.I. and will not be tolerated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

JOHN W. COMER/RETRAC

John Comer of Retrac appeared before the Board and stated he is here tonight to do three (3) things. 1. Read the material presented, 2. Look at what’s presented as a bridge between the E.D.C.’s effort to go out and recruit companies to come to Gulf County, taking some pressure off of them so they don’t make the same mistakes of neighboring counties, and 3. Consider attending a meeting with Bobby Pickels and Jim Norton. He stated he is a new-comer only being here seven (7) months, noting what he found in Gulf County is a treasure. Mr. Comer stated he came up with the idea to recruit people, not companies, who bring their own jobs with them, and began giving an overview of his material. Commissioner Yeager motioned to allow more time for Mr. Comer to speak. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. Mr. Comer continued by discussing the school, business community and the local government elements of his proposal. Mr. Comer stated this can all be fixed by Bobby Pickels and the business community, Jim Norton and the school system, and the Commissioners who are the political power in the County. Mr. Comer requested the Board consider the possibility that all Commissioners attend a meeting of Bobby Pickels, Jim Norton, and himself to discuss how they might bring all these people directly and bring their jobs with them. Chairman Williams thanked Mr. Comer for coming.

COASTAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Patricia Hardman appeared before the Board and announced the winter meeting of the Coastal Community Association at the St. Joseph Bay Country Club on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., E.T. inviting the Commission and Sheriff to attend.

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Jim McKnight appeared before the Board and asked the Board to recruit additional members to serve on the P.D.R.B.

PRISON PRIVATIZATION

Jim McKnight appeared and presented material to the Board on criteria the State uses to close prisons, noting Gulf County is not on the list to close. Mr. McKnight asked the Board to consider sending occasional letters to State officials expressing what these entities mean to our communities. Commissioner Yeager motioned for the Chairman to send a letter to Governor Rick Scott and the head of the Department of Corrections thanking them for what this entity (prison) means to our community. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

GULF COAST GOSPEL FEST

Chester Davis appeared before the Board and invited everyone to attend the Gulf Coast Gospel Fest on February 18, 2012 (at 5:30 p.m., E.T.) as sponsored by the T.D.C and approved by this Board tonight. Mr. Davis stated that what started as a Church event has expanded to a County-wide event and has been enhanced to include a children's program that will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the entire community. Mr. Davis informed the Board the event will be filmed and broadcast, showing what this community is all about. Chairman Williams thanked Mr. Davis for appearing and discussed the benefit of our family friendly beaches and the contributions made through local churches and the organization lead by Dianna Sealy Burkett who bring young people into our community who give back through community service projects.

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Yeager asked if there had been any applications for the P.D.R.B. vacancies. Planner Richardson stated he has two (2) interested in serving on the P.D.R.B. Commissioner Yeager suggested this process be figured out and report back to the Board within the next three (3) weeks. Discussion continued about the need to standardize the process. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Planner Richardson informed the Board the two (2) applicants were Andrew Rowell and Dave Wich. Chairman Williams recommended following protocol and discussing at the next meeting. Deputy Administrator Lanier stated she will prepare a list of advisory boards, their appointments by District, with Grant Writer Kopinsky's assistance and post the information on the website. County Attorney Novak suggested the Board pick a deadline date for applications. Commissioner Yeager reiterated the need to establish and follow the same process for appointments. Commissioner McDaniel stated he served on the P.D.R.B. for two (2) years and noted problems with not having a quorum.

APPOINTMENT-SOUTHERN BASIN CAUCUS

Chairman Williams stated he appointed Commissioner McDaniel to serve on the Southern Basin Caucus of the Riparian Counties dealing with the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint Rivers (ACF). Commissioner McDaniel reported he will handle manufacturing and marketing, noting they met last week. He stated some of the problem is that Atlanta, GA is holding the water and there is speculation that Miami, FL wants to tap into it. Commissioner McDaniel stated we must work hard to protect the interest of Franklin and Gulf County, noting he will keep the Board informed.

The meeting did then adjourn at 7:38 p.m., E.T.

**WILLIAMS C. WILLIAMS, III
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:
REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**