

JANUARY 6, 2016
PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA
EMERGENCY MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in special session with the following members present: Chairman Ward McDaniel, and Commissioners Joanna Bryan, Sandy Quinn, Jr., and Jerry W. Barnes.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Director of Finance & Management Rhonda Woodward, Clerk Budget & Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Kari Summers, Building Official George Knight, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, County Planner Brett Lowry, Public Works & Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Warren Yeager, Jr., Sheriff Mike Harrison, Sheriff's Department Captain Chris Buchanan, and T.D.C. Executive Director Jennifer Jenkins.

Chairman McDaniel called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m., E.T.

EXTENSION OF THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY – FLOODING

E9-1-1 Coordinator Guthrie appeared before the Board to discuss the water gauges at the Apalachicola and Chipola Rivers; reporting that the levels are dropping. He stated as the water goes down the Emergency Management will go into a recovery phase; discussing collecting debris that has washed inward. E9-1-1 Coordinator Guthrie reported that water wells and septic tanks that were under water will have to be looked at by the Health Department. He requested the County extend the Declaration of Local State of Emergency. After discussion, Health Department Administrator Marsha Lindeman appeared before the Board to report that the Health Department is getting information out to the public based on the stage of events. After discussion by Chairman McDaniel, Department of Health Department Environmental Health Services Manager Zach Hodges appeared before the Board to discuss assisting the public with well water testing and instructions on how to flush and disinfect their wells. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There was no public comment. County Attorney Novak discussed the proposed extension of the declaration of local state of emergency. Upon motion by Commissioner Barnes, second by Commissioner Bryan, and unanimous 4-0 vote, the Board extended the Declaration of the Local State of Emergency due to flooding.

There being no further business, the meeting did then adjourn at 2:12 p.m., E.T.

WARD MCDANIEL
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK