

**APRIL 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 William C. Williams, III, Vice Chairman Tan Smiley, and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Ward McDaniel, and Warren J. Yeager, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Emergency Medical Services Director Houston Whitfield, Fire Coordinator Brad Price, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Public Works Director Bobby Knee, Sheriff Joe Nugent.

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

Assistant Administrator Hammond opened the meeting with prayer, and Chairman Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, second by Commissioner McDaniel, and unanimous 5-0 vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda after removal of Item #7 (pages 38-47), Item #8 (page 53), and with Commissioner Yeager abstaining from Pages 34-35. Grant Writer Kopinsky requested to modify Change Order #2 from C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. regarding the Cape Bike Path Phase IV Project, stating the amount should be an increase of \$6,050.00 instead of the \$8,000.00. The agenda was approved as follows:

1. Minutes – April 10, 2012 - Regular Meeting  
- Correction to the Minutes of March 27, 2012
2. Agreement – Administrative Services - Jordan & Associates (CDBG Housing –  
\*\$94,500.00)

3. Agreement – Gulf County Emergency Management (Gulf County Hazards Analysis (HA) and Apalachee Regional Planning Council \* \$2,000.00)
3. Agreement Amendment #1 – Preble-Rish, Inc. (Stumphole Revetment Project CDBG Contract #10DB-K4-02-33-01-K15 \*CDBG Grant #12DB-P5-02-33-01-K46 DREF Single Source Procurement\* \$26,892.00)
4. Agreement Amendment #2 – Preble-Rish, Inc. (Stumphole Revetment Project CDBG Contract #10DB-K4-02-33-01-K15 \*CDBG Grant #10DB-K4-02-33-01-K15 DRI \*Increase \$8,800.00)
5. Change Order #2 – C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. (Cape San Blas Shared Use Path, Phase IV Bid #1011-30 \* Increase \$8,000.00)
6. Grant Applications – Recommendation of Gulf County CTST/  
Transportation Committee
  - (A) Small County Outreach Program (SCOP)
    1. Jarrott Daniels Road, Phase 2
    2. C.R. 30-B (Indian Pass Road)
  - (B) Small County Rural Assistance Program (SCRAP)
    1. C.R. 386 (Overstreet Road)
  - (C) County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP)
    1. Old Bay City Road, Phase 3
    2. Iola Road, Phase 2
  - (D) Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP)
    1. Americus Avenue Ditch Outfall Project
    2. Multi-Use Path from Pine Street to Beacon Hill Park
  - (E) Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)
    1. C.R. 386 (Overstreet Road) from U.S. 98 to Overstreet Bridge
    2. C.R. 382 (Industrial Road)
7. Inventory – Gulf County Fire Coordinator Requests

**\*\*DELETE\*\*** - Dalkeith Fire Department – Asset #320-32,  
1995 Seadoo Jet Ski - Junk & Donate to #125 Wewa  
Search and Rescue

**\*\*DELETE\*\*** - Dalkeith Fire Department – Asset #320-29,  
1978 Grumman Pumper Fire Truck – Junk & Sell for  
Scrap

**\*\*DELETE\*\*** - Howard Creek Fire Department – Asset #180-  
22, 1973 Mack CF95F Pumper Fire Truck – Junk &  
Sell for Scrap

**\*\*DELETE\*\*** - Howard Creek Fire Department – Asset #180-  
18, 1986 Chevrolet Astro Van – Junk & Sell for Scrap

**\*\*DELETE\*\*** - Stone Mill Creek Fire Department – Asset  
#185-9, 1976 Seagrave Custom Pumper, 1000 GPM  
– Junk & Sell for Scrap

**\*\*DELETE\*\*** - Wetappo Fire Department – Asset #321-07,  
1974 Ford 900 #2 Fire Truck – Transfer / Donate to  
Liberty County BOCC for Estiffanulga VFD

8. Invoices – C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. – Cape San Blas Shared Use Path,  
Phase IV (Application #3 \* \$120,958.99 \* to be paid from  
Account #40341-53000)

- Florida Department of Revenue – Unemployment Tax (\$8,148.85  
to be paid from Account #347511-2500)

**\*\*DELETE\*\*** - Gulf County Chamber of Commerce – (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Billing  
FY 2011-2012 Invoice #11-519 \*\$20,750.00) \* to be paid  
from Account #27152-82000)

- Gulf County Sheriff – Requesting Reimbursement (Clyde G. Cole  
WCU Cadaver Dog Training Course \* \$1,050.10 \* to be paid  
from Account #31021-91002 \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Dollar Funds)

-Gulf County Sheriff – Requesting Reimbursement (Clyde G. Cole &  
Jerome Williams K-9 Training & Problem Solving Workshop  
\* \$1,300.00 \* to be paid from Account #31021-91002 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Dollar Funds)

- JBS Engineering Technical Services – Cape San Blas Bike Path Phase IV (Invoice #412681-03 \*\$17,283.10 \* to be paid from Account #40341-31000)
- JBS Engineering Technical Services – Cape San Blas Bike Path Phase IV (Invoice #412681-02 \*\$8,598.32 \* to be paid from Account #40341-31000)
- Legal Services of North Florida – Disbursement 2011-2012 Legal Aid Services Funds (January 1 – March 31, 2012 \* \$939.20 to be paid from Account #71015-82000)

(End)

#### **P.D.R.B. RECOMMENDATIONS (APRIL 16, 2012)**

The Board then considered the following recommendations from the April 16, 2012 meeting of the Planning & Development Review Board:

#### **VARIANCE APPLICATION – ALLEN & GAY WORLEY**

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider a variance application for Allen & Gay Worley (Parcel ID #03756-005R) located in Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida – 5.9' encroachment into the 25' road setback for D.E.P. C.C.C.L. permitting. Chairman Williams called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the variance application. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chief Administrator Butler reported that the previous motion on the Consent Agenda was carried 5-0, stating that Commissioner Yeager abstained to pages 34-35, and the motion should have passed 4-0.

#### **GULF COAST COUNTY COALITION**

Deputy Administrator Lanier reported that the Gulf Coast County Coalition is lobbying on the Restore Act, stating they are requesting a \$2,500.00 small county share and recommended approval. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **BID AWARD #1112-15 – STUMPHOLE REVETMENT PHASE IV & V**

Grant Writer Kopinsky recommended awarding Bid #1112-15 for the Stumphole Revetment Project Phase IV & V to North Florida Construction, Inc. (low bidder), in the amount of \$1,047,300.00, contingent upon negotiating the two amounts to fit within the grant budget, and allowing the Chairman to execute all documents necessary in conjunction with this award. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Grant Writer Kopinsky read the bids and the amounts. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation and award to the low bidder. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **CHANGE ORDERS – BRYAN-CO SERVICES - AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING COMPLEXES – BID #1011-23**

Grant Writer Kopinsky requested approval of three change orders for the Affordable Rental Housing Complexes, to allow Bryan-Co Services a time extension until June 9, 2012. Commissioner Smiley motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **IMPACT FEES**

Grant Writer Kopinsky discussed the balances of the Impact Fees and what has been allocated to the County Parks, and requested direction from the Board. Discussion followed. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Grant Writer Kopinsky discussed that Jail Administrator Hammond previously requested permission to install air conditioning in some of the cells at the jail, stating she is requesting the Board to set aside their Bid Policy on this project and allow them to proceed, and any funds remaining after completion purchase additional fencing. Commissioner Yeager motioned to donate the funds remaining in Cape Palms Park (\$4.70), Honeyville Park (\$.10), Indian Pass Boat Landing (\$1,502.95), Overstreet Park (\$470.98) and Stonemill Creek Park (\$48.63) to Beacon Hill Park for improvements. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Jail Administrator Hammond reported that the total cost on the air conditioning at the jail will be approximately \$13,000.00, stating they are not exceeding the bid limit on any one item, but because there are different vendors the total will exceed \$5,000.00. Chairman Williams requested for this to be tabled until County Attorney Novak approves. Jail Administrator Hammond reported that this money has to be allocated and spent or it will have to be returned.

### **PROCLAMATION – E.M.S. WEEK**

Emergency Medical Services Director Whitfield reported that National E.M.S. Week is May 20-26, 2012 and read a proclamation for the Board to consider for adoption. Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the proclamation. Commissioner Yeager

seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Emergency Medical Services Director Whitfield reported they have several items planned for the month of May.

### **INVOICES – TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT COMPANY – PUBLIC WORKS LOADER**

Public Works Director Danford requested approval of two invoices from Tractor & Equipment Company for repairs to the Public Works loader, in the amount of (#P59780) \$3,978.93 and (#P59719) \$585.54. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **AMNESTY DAY – APRIL 28, 2012**

Public Works Director Danford reported that Amnesty Day will be held Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., E.T. Chairman Williams requested for Deputy Administrator Lanier to place this on the County website. Commissioner McLemore requested Deputy Administrator Lanier to also place this on the Wewahitchka TV Channel.

### **FLOOD PLAN**

Planner Richardson reported he has submitted the Flood Plan draft and changes to the State, stating he will start the process of adoption once he receives approval.

### **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY – MILITARY BASE COMPATIBILITY**

Planner Richardson reported the Board received a letter from D.E.O. concerning Military Base Compatibility, stating he does not know what the deficiencies are, but according to F.S. 163.3177, it is imperative by the State of Florida that the County participate and make sure we are compatible with E3 on Cape San Blas.

### **TRANSPORTATION RECLASSIFICATION**

Planner Richardson discussed transportation reclassification of roads, stating the P.D.R.B. is going to recommend reclassifying Old Bay City Road and Mace Martin Road from a local road to a minor collector, because they are linking Dalkeith to Howard Creek. He also recommended reclassifying Jarrot Daniels Road from a local road to a minor collector road. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore concerning Road 50 from Howard Creek to Overstreet, Planner Richardson reported it is in the proposed Comprehensive Plan for a study.

### **BID ADVERTISEMENT – WHITE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Assistant Administrator Hammond requested approval for the White City Fire Department to re-advertise for sealed bids for the house located at 6909 Highway 71 in White City, with a minimum bid of \$5,000.00. Commissioner Yeager motioned to

approve this request. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### **BID AWARD #1112-14 – TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TV PRODUCTION**

Chief Administrator Butler recommended awarding Bid #1112-14 for T.D.C. TV Production to Troy White (only Bidder), in the amount of \$425.00. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### **TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL DIRECTOR APPLICATIONS**

Chief Administrator Butler discussed receiving applications for the T.D.C. Director position, stating that Kim Bodine of Gulf Coast Workforce Board is talking with the applicants, and this process is moving forward with some good candidates.

#### **TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL – INVOICES - SIGNATURE AUTHORITY**

Chief Administrator Butler discussed there is a special T.D.C. Board meeting Thursday morning, stating that all invoices turned in have been processed (paid or additional information needed). He reported that Assistant Executive Director Kellee Novak has resigned and her last day will be by May 2, 2012. Chief Administrator Butler recommended temporarily having multiple signature authorities (himself and County Attorney Novak) sign invoices and allow Grant Writer Kopinsky to have single signature authority. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### **BOARD MEETINGS – VIDEO SERVICES**

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the Video Services Report, stating Ken Murphy was the low bidder and he is working on having everything installed in Wewahitchka, and is waiting on Mediacom to install a modem; stating it should be running in Wewahitchka by next week. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel concerning the channel, Chief Administrator Butler reported he does not know what channel the program/meeting will be showing on.

#### **EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT**

Sheriff Nugent reported that the 2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant is \$34,000.00 for Gulf County, and requested permission for the Chairman to execute the documents. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION – INTERNET SCAMS**

Sheriff Nugent reported the Sheriff's Department will be at the Overstreet Fire Department on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., E.T. to give a presentation to the public regarding internet scams.

### **GULF COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NEW DOCTOR**

Marsha Lindeman, Gulf County Health Department Administrator, appeared before the Board and introduced Dr. Robert Sharp, stating he will be working full time in the Wewahitchka Health Department, and both Health Department's are open ten hours a day five days per week. Ms. Lindeman reported they have a new dentist in both sites since January.

### **RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC**

Marsha Lindeman Gulf County Health Department Administrator discussed they will hold a rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, April 28, 2012 in Wewahitchka at the Honeyville Community Center from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., C.T. She reported they did a reverse 911 messaging to push the message out to the community about the clinic, and they ordered 500 vaccines which will be free to the public.

### **ROAD REPAIRS – COUNTY ROAD 386**

Commissioner McDaniel discussed meeting with D.O.T. on C.R. 386, stating that it has been moved to the top of the list for stripping and repairs.

### **ROAD REPAIRS – IOLA LANDING ROAD**

Commissioner McDaniel discussed that he and Public Works Director Knee went over to the Iola Landing Road, stating they are going to place speed limit signs and reflectors on the road tomorrow.

### **TRAVEL – COMMISSIONER MCDANIEL**

Commissioner McDaniel discussed he will be traveling to Columbus, Georgia on May 30-31, 2012 to attend a conference on the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint Rivers, stating there will be no travel expense imposed on the County.

### **LAKE GROVE ROAD – SPEED LIMIT**

Commissioner McLemore discussed the city limit stop signs at the dam on Lake Grove Road, stating from the dam to the river is the County and the speed limit has been changed from 45 to 35 from the river into town, and requested for Commissioner McDaniel to check into this issue. Commissioner McDaniel discussed speaking with D.O.T. regarding this issue and D.O.T. reported that the County has the authority over County roads.

## **MEDICAID**

Chairman Williams discussed the Medicaid Restore Act impact, stating that Governor Scott did not veto this bill, and that the Governor will not give false bills to the County. He reported that Governor Scott directed the Agency for Healthcare Administration to go to each County during the process. Chairman Williams reported that 28 Counties have joined with the Florida Association of Counties to litigate with the State, and requested that Gulf County pay the \$1,000.00 fee to become a part of this litigation. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner Yeager stated this is the right thing to do because there is no way the tax payers of Gulf County should have to pay a bill that may have come from out of state. The motion then passed unanimously.

## **RESTORE ACT**

Chairman Williams gave an update on the Restore Act, stating the County Attorney is at a meeting today in Walton County concerning this issue and they are in the final settlement stage and he will keep the Board updated.

## **TRAINING – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Chairman Williams commended Emergency Management Director Nelson for the three day training recently held at Emergency Management.

## **AGREEMENT – GULF COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES**

Chief Administrator Butler recommended approval of an agreement for health services with the State of Florida regarding the ambulance system, stating the County Attorney has worked with the State of Florida on this agreement and the cost will be \$500.00 (case #2011-19435). Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **PORT ST. JOE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS A CELEBRATION**

Jerry Knapp, Principal of Port St. Joe High School appeared before the Board and reported that they have been named an A school (Middle, High & Elementary), and invited everyone to attend the celebration on May 9, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., E.T.

### **SIGN PERMIT – SIGN ORDINANCE**

Toye Roberts appeared before the Board and reported that he is the owner of America's Mini Storage in St. Joe Commerce Park and also part owner of Bailey's Crab House and Seafood Market on St. Joe Beach. He discussed his concerns regarding prohibiting

signs on the R.O.W. and asked the Board to assist the local business owners which are not on Highway 98 or Highway 71. Mr. Roberts requested that the Board approve a sign permit allowing him to place a sign at 7008 Highway 98 for America's Mini Storage under the Bailey's Crab House and Seafood Market sign. Deputy Administrator Lanier reported his permit package is in the Information Packet pages 11-17. County Attorney Novak reported that with the new proposed Sign Ordinance it states one sign per parcel. Upon further discussion, Commissioner Yeager requested Chairman Williams meet with Mr. Roberts and bring a recommendation back to the Board at the next Board meeting. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel concerning businesses within the city limits, Mr. Roberts reported the City of Port St. Joe has a sign ordinance regulating within the City limits.

### **INVENTORY – WETAPPO FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Bobby Knee, Fire Chief of Wetappo Fire Department, appeared before the Board and inquired about pages 38-47 which were pulled from the Consent Agenda. He reported that Fire Coordinator Price recently held a meeting with the Fire Chief's regarding inventory cleanup, and the Wetappo Fire Department has a 39 year old fire truck which was handed down from the Wewahitchka Fire Department that they would like to donate to the Estiffanulga Fire Department. Commissioner McLemore motioned to junk this truck from the Wetappo Fire Department inventory. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion for discussion. Bill Davis, Fire Chief of Dalkeith Fire Department, appeared before the Board and stated he purchased a fire truck from Bay County for \$1.00 (and that is his number two truck). Commissioner McLemore stated his motion is to junk pages 45-47, and the motion then passed unanimously. Commissioner McLemore motioned to donate the 1974 Ford 900 #2 Fire Truck #321-07 to the Estiffanulga Fire Department. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **INVENTORY – FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

Chairman Williams discussed that pages 38-44 are still pulled from the Agenda. Commissioner McLemore requested to leave those pages pulled at this time until further review.

### **INVOICE – GULF COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Chairman Williams discussed he pulled page 53 of the agenda and recommended to approve this invoice, contingent upon County Attorney Novak verifying the City of Port St. Joe commitment has been paid. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

## POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Christy McElroy appeared before the Board and reported that she was approached by members of the Political Action Committee (P.A.C.), which is led by Jim Garth, stating this is probably not something she wants to be involved with, but out of courtesy to a friend agreed to meet with Jim Garth and listen to the goals of the P.A.C. She reported that Mr. Garth understood she was good in collecting facts and that would be her involvement if interested in joining the P.A.C. She stated the tactics would be to dig up information that would embarrass the seated County Commission, and would be fed to the press; stating that the goal was to remove certain members from their position as County Commissioner and be replaced by candidates that the P.A.C. supports and wants in power. Ms. McElroy also stated that her beliefs and values are that you stand before your politicians and state your facts, and let the process work. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to allow Ms. McElroy additional time to speak. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Ms. McElroy stated as we move into this election year, let's focus on the issues and make sure we are doing the right thing for the County. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Ms. McElroy stated she has not given this letter to Tim Croft at The Star out of respect for this commission and the candidates that are running for positions. Commissioner Yeager requested that this letter to be placed word for word in the record as follows:

Last Week, I was approached by members of the "PAC" here in town led by Jim Garth (Political Action Committee). Now, several people in town mentioned this PAC to me and I knew that it was probably not something that I wanted to be involved with but, out of courtesy to a friend I agreed to meet with Jim Garth and to listen to the Goals of the PAC.

I had never met Jim Garth before last week. Jim Garth stated, he heard how good I was with research and gathering facts and that would be my involvement if I were interested.

As I listened to Jim Garth explain the Goal of the PAC and the tactics that would be used, for this campaign season, I became very clear very fast. The **Tactics** were, to dig up information that would embarrass the seated County Commissioners and will be fed to the press. The **Goal** to remove certain members from their "position" as County Commissioner and replace them with the "Candidates" that the PAC supports and wants in **Power**. I asked are you planning to stand at this podium and level your charges to this Commission? His answer was, no. He went on to state, we will let the press and the media do our talking and will not stand before the Commission with our information.

I stated, yes indeed I am very good with research as well as having other talents due to my past experience in Corporate America, and my beliefs and values are that you stand before your politicians and you state the facts and you allow the process to work. Yes it is effort and yes, it does take time but, it's what our principles were founded on and I am not interested in working in the shadows. Jim said, yeh I've seen you on TV talking about the BUMS. How's that working for you? I said no I've been speaking to the facts of Panama City Rescue Mission and it is working just fine and my hope is we'll have ordinances soon that are in the best interest of the County and again, I'm not interested in what you offer. Jim then made his attack personal against me. This showed me I indeed am making the right decision and then he said, "I don't want you to be a member of our PAC." I said, "good we're on the same page". These are the highlights from my encounter with the PAC. There are a few key take aways I'd like to share:

- 1) It takes GRIT to change your environment that is **Talent x Effort** and we all have it.
- 2) If you operate in the shadows you will have darkness. If you operate in the light you'll have sunshine.
- 3) If you are silent you consent and that is why I speak out on issues here and will continue to do so.
- 4) And most important is what we are teaching our children and each other. Do we want to live in a place of negativity and tear our County and City down or do we want to strive for a place of openness and inclusion.

So, as we move into this election let's focus on the issues and make sure we are doing the "right thing" for our County. That we are building a future that we can be proud of that is about the best interest of the County not just individuals. Let's let Tim Croft and Valerie do their jobs because we are fortunate to have them, and to have a newspaper like the STAR.

I'm going to continue to ask for the ordinances and other items that are in the best interest of the county and city when I believe it is important as a tax payer and property owner. My hope is that many others will find their voice as well and will stand before this Commission and ask for items that they feel are best for our community.

(End)

### **VOLUNTEER PROJECTS – AUBURN STUDENTS**

Diana Burkett appeared before the Board and discussed a recap on the Auburn University student's projects and thanked Commissioner Smiley, the County, and the City of Port St. Joe for working together on these projects. Chairman Williams discussed going out and observing the work and it was incredible to see these young people putting in the man hours in our County. Ms. Burkett reported that this is the fifth year the students have come to Port St. Joe. Commissioner McDaniel discussed that these students put \$34,500.00 in this community. Commissioner Smiley thanked Ms. Burkett for her hard work in this community.

### **CITY OF PORT ST. JOE – GULF COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

E.D.C. Director Barry Sellers appeared before the Board and discussed the City of Port St. Joe has paid their \$10,000.00 commitment, and they have also received a verbal commitment from the City of Wewahitchka. He discussed a meeting held in Wewahitchka to start the Wewahitchka Merchants Committee, stating they were hoping for twenty people for the first meeting, and there were over 40 people in attendance. Mr. Sellers reported he was asked to make a presentation to the Bay County E.D.A. last week, stating they discussed regionalism and working. Commissioner Yeager thanked Mr. Sellers for all his hard work. Mr. Sellers reported that 75 members have joined since the first of the year.

### **DALKEITH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Bill Davis, Fire Chief Dalkeith Fire Department, appeared before the Board and thanked everyone for their support and help with the Dalkeith Fire Department, stating we need to honor all our volunteers.

### **ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE T.D.C. DIRECTOR**

Chairman Williams discussed the caustic approach that this County has had with the T.D.C., stating it has been a tragedy for the Assistant Executive T.D.C. Director Kellee Novak. Chairman Williams thanked Ms. Novak for her work while with the T.D.C.

### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – E.M.S.**

County Attorney Novak discussed the agreement with the Department of Health and E.M.S. that was approved earlier in the meeting, stating he will get the agreement to the Department of Health once it is fully executed.

### **PUBLIC WORKS – FENCE**

County Attorney Novak discussed the fence project for Public Works, stating it was approved in 2009 and the company (Eastern Coastal Construction, Inc.) is no longer in business, but has contacted the former Corporate Attorney; stating the principles of the

company are still operating under their construction license and doing work. He reported he met with one of the principles representatives and believes they have reached an ability to mitigate without pursuing a suit, stating he will report back in two weeks to the Board and ask for approval and ratification of the agreement.

### **SIGN ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

County Attorney Novak discussed the sign ordinance committee meeting, stating the final subcommittee has met, and thanked everyone for their hard work on this ordinance. He reported it will go before the P.D.R.B. next Tuesday and invited the public to attend for comment.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA SITES**

County Attorney Novak discussed social media sites and County sites, stating he has prepared a Social Media Policy with regards to Social Media Networking sites, and will present it at the next Board meeting for consideration of adoption.

### **S.H.I.P. – SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE**

Upon recommendation by County Attorney Novak, (S.H.I.P. Satisfaction of Mortgages for Wanda Kelly, Connie Williams, and Catherine Kennedy) Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

County Attorney Novak discussed attending the Northwest Florida T.D.C. Coalition Meeting today with the new T.D.C. Chairman David Warriner and the seven coastal Counties. He reported that they met with Representative Keith Rupp regarding the different projects for the various Counties.

### **TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING**

County Attorney Novak reported that the new T.D.C. Chairman has called a meeting for Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 8:00 a.m., E.T.; stating they met with the Marketing Representative Jack Kerigan and Staff with regards to working through our final invoicing.

### **IMPACT FEES – COUNTY JAIL**

Upon inquiry by Chairman Williams, County Attorney Novak discussed the impact fees for the County Jail; reporting that all come under the County policy with regards to the bid requirements, so there is the ability to go out without any further action of behalf of the County department. Clerk Finance Officer Hand discussed the bid policy. Jail Administrator Hammond discussed they are doing direct purchases from different states

for different items, stating it is impossible to get a competitive bid for this project. County Attorney Novak discussed that the Board has the discretion to waive the policy. Commissioner Yeager motioned to waive the bid policy for this project. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**PROCLAMATION – CIVILITY MONTH**

County Attorney Novak read a proclamation proclaiming May, 2012 as Civility Month and recommended adoption. Commissioner Yeager motioned to adopt the Proclamation. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the month, and it passed unanimously.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the meeting did then adjourn at 7:47 p.m., E.T.

**WILLIAM C. WILLIAMS, III  
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:  
REBECCA L. NORRIS  
CLERK**