

MARCH 24, 2015

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 Ward McDaniel, Vice Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, and Commissioners Joanna Bryan and Sandy Quinn, Jr. <Commissioner Warren J. Yeager, Jr. was absent>.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Building Inspector George Knight, Central Services Director Denise Manuel, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, Fire Coordinator Brad Price, Deputy Grant Coordinator Kari Summers, County Planner Brett Lowry, Preble-Rish, Inc./County Engineer Clay Smallwood, III, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Mike Harrison, Tax Collector Shirley Jenkins, T.D.C. Executive Director Jennifer Jenkins, T.D.C. Deputy Director Towan Kopinsky, and Veterans' Service Officer Joe Paul.

Sheriff Harrison called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., E.T.

Chairman McDaniel opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA / INFORMATION PACKET

Chairman McDaniel called for public comment regarding the Consent Agenda or the Information Packet. There being no public comment, Commissioner Quinn motioned to accept the Consent Agenda and the Information Packet. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously (4-0), as follows:

1. Agreement – FL Department of Transportation (Signing & Pavement Marking
* Cowries Street * Luke Ford Road * Bailey Road * FPID
#43351935201)
2. Change Order – T.D.C. Website * Bid #1213-09 (#4 * Outpost Design * Increase
of \$1,600.00)
3. Request for Funds – Gulf County Sheriff's Office (Reggie Dabbs School
Presentation * \$1,500.00)
4. T.D.C. – Sponsorship & Special Funding (Application Packet * FY 2015-16)

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INTRODUCE NEW PROVIDER – WEWAHITCHKA MEDICAL CENTER

Katrina Saunders, of the Wewahitchka Medical Center appeared before the Board to introduce Destiny Barnes as the new Physician's Assistant at the Center. Destiny Barnes, P.A. appeared before the Board to introduce herself and discuss the colon/rectal screening and the tobacco classes that are taking place at the Center. Ms. Saunders reported that the colon kits were provided through a grant and are at no cost to the patient. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Ms. Saunders reported that the grant was \$100,000.00 to serve twelve (12) Counties.

MEETING – U.S. CONGRESS GRAHAM

Alex Quintana, representing U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Graham, appeared before the Board to report the Congresswoman's monthly office hours of 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., E.T. to be held at the Port St. Joe City Hall/Fire Station; the first being today. He encouraged the public to attend.

ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS – ROAD PAVING CLAY

After discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to submit a proposal to Deseret Ranches to offer \$1.00 per cubic yard for road paving clay and to advertise for sealed bids for road paving clay. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. After discussion by Chairman McDaniel, he called for public comment. There was no public comment. County Attorney Novak requested the Board include in the motion that this is an exceptional purchase circumstance due to the time of the current projects pending. Commissioner McLemore had no objection to adding this requests to his motion. The motion then passed unanimously (4-0).

GRANT APPLICATION/APPROPRIATION – FOOD AND SHELTER

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the food and shelter grant the County applies for annually; reporting the amount of labor and money that is invested in applying for this grant exceeds the grant amount. He stated it would be less expensive to appropriate \$5,000.00 to the Senior Citizens than to continue to apply for this grant. Senior Citizens Director Russell Shultz appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding the grant funds and the need for funding for the food and shelter program. After discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner McLemore motioned to budget the food and shelter program. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. After further discussion, Chief Administrator Butler recommended to the Board to budget \$5,000.00 for this program (in lieu of applying for this grant). Commissioner McLemore stated his motion stands. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. Senior Citizens Director Shultz appeared before the Board to thank Staff and the County for applying for this grant in the past. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no further public comment. The motion then passed unanimously (4-0).

MEETING – BEACH NOURISHMENT

Chief Administrator Butler discussed attending a meeting in Walton County regarding beach nourishment; reporting that Gulf County needs to organize an interlocal agreement with other Counties to co-op on beach nourishment.

MEETINGS – TALLAHASSEE

Chief Administrator Butler reported that he will be attending the consortium meeting in Tallahassee tomorrow in lieu of Commissioner Yeager. He also reported that he will be attending the Florida Counties Foundation Board of Directors meeting the following day in Tallahassee in conjunction with Legislative Day.

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE – BEACH NOURISHMENT

After discussion by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner McLemore motioned to disband the Blue Ribbon Committee. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously (4-0). County Attorney Novak reported that the group will continue to work on this project voluntarily.

ADVERTISE – PROPOSED AMENDED RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE

County Attorney Novak discussed holding a public hearing on April 14, 2015 and April 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., E.T to discuss the proposed amended recreational vehicle ordinance; requesting approval to advertise on these dates and time. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Bryan, County Attorney Novak discussed amending the maps of the Recreational Vehicle Ordinance. After discussion, Commissioner Bryan motioned to allow County Attorney Novak to hold both Public Hearings at 9:00 a.m., E.T. to discuss the proposed amended recreational vehicle ordinance and to advertise these hearings accordingly. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

LEAVE NO TRACE ORDINANCE

County Attorney Novak reported that Staff is close to completing the implementation under the Leave No Trace Ordinance; stating that T.D.C. has approved the tags that will be created.

BEACH DRIVING ORDINANCE

County Attorney Novak reported that applications are ready and available at the Tax Collector's Office. He discussed the simplified application; reporting that customers will need to provide proof of driver's license, insurance, and sign an affidavit before obtaining a beach driving permit.

REDISTRICTING

County Attorney Novak discussed sending an email to the Board regarding an update with reference to redistricting and a copy of a complaint filed by the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) Foundation of Florida in Jefferson County <email not provided to Clerk>. He stated that he has spoken with Mr. Spellman regarding the complaint; reporting that

Mr. Spellman will be attending the next Board meeting to provide a recommendation as to how to move forward.

LAWSUIT – WILLIAMS

County Attorney Novak reported that Judge Fishel, II issued an Order dismissing the case against the County filed by Mr. Bo Williams.

ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS / PROPERTY CAUSALITY & SUPPLEMENTAL

Upon discussion by Central Services Director Manuel, Commissioner Bryan motioned to advertise for sealed bids for property causality insurance and ancillary health insurance. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

ROAD CLOSURE – BYRD PARKER DRIVE

Building Official Collinsworth appeared before the Board to discuss the blowout at Byrd Parker Drive; requesting permission to close this road temporarily while under construction, and to use the two (2) County signs to notify the public of this closure. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

LANDFILL CLOSURE – FIVE POINTS LANDFILL

Public Works Director Danford appeared before the Board to discuss the meeting with D.E.P. regarding the final Five Points Landfill inspection; reporting that he is waiting on a letter from D.E.P. regarding the closure of the Phase I site. He stated he has received a proposal from Preble-Rish, Inc. for the engineering portion of the closure. Public Works Director Danford discussed the type and amount of clay needed. After discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the proposal with Preble-Rish, Inc. in the amount of \$41,150.00 for the engineering services regarding the Five Points Landfill closure. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously (4-0). Public Works Director Danford stated that this is an escrow funded item.

ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS – CONTRACTORS FOR LANDFILL CLOSURE

Upon request by Public Works Director Danford, Commissioner McLemore motioned to advertise for sealed bids for qualified contractors to assist in the closure of Five Points Landfill. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

SAUL'S CREEK PROJECT

Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Deputy Grant Coordinator Summers reported that she is awaiting a response from Florida Wildlife Commission regarding the Saul's Creek Project. She stated the bid specifications have been submitted to them for approval. Commissioner McLemore requested that Deputy Grant Coordinator Summers keep trying to contact them (FWC).

BID #1415-07 – OLD BAY CITY ROAD PROJECT

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Bryan, T.D.C. Deputy Director Kopinsky appeared before the Board to discuss the match waived, D.O.T. Five Year Plan, and the grant; stating that the County advertised the bid for the entire amount that was applied for in the grant, but knowing that the County will only receive 50%. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Bryan, T.D.C. Deputy Director Kopinsky stated that the grant was a County Incentive Grant Program (C.I.G.P.). After further discussion and inquiry by Chief Administrator Butler, T.D.C. Deputy Director Towan Kopinsky reported that the bid (#1415-07) was awarded to the low bidder. After discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Bryan discussed her concerns regarding the bid and re-bidding this project. After further discussion, Preble-Rish, Inc./County Engineer Smallwood, III appeared before the Board to discuss the per unit cost; stating that in the bid form it is a unit price. After discussion by Preble-Rish, Inc./County Engineer Smallwood, Commissioner Bryan discussed receiving the bid tab sheet and requested the Clerk's Office provide a copy of the bids to her for review.

GULF COAST PARKWAY

Jason Peters, of D.O.T. appeared before the Board to discuss the Gulf Coast Parkway study; stating the proposed alternates have been reduce to five (5). He reported that Alternate (17) Seventeen was preferred by the public, stating that FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) would accept an alternative other than Alternative (17) seventeen, but D.O.T. would have to get a consensus from Bay and Gulf County on Alternative (19) nineteen. After discussion, Mr. Peters stated that if it is the desire of the Board to support Alternative (19) Nineteen, then D.O.T. is requesting a statement or a resolution to move forward with Alternate (19) Nineteen. Upon inquiry by Chairman McDaniel, Mr. Peters reported that the majority of Alternate (17) seventeen and proposed Alternate (19) nineteen is in Bay County. After further discussion, Mr. Peters reported that if Bay and Gulf County can support Alternative (19) nineteen then D.O.T. can recommend it as a preferred alternative. After discussion, the Board took no action. Chief Administrator Butler requested a copy of the map presented by D.O.T.

OPERATION GREEN LIGHT / GULF COUNTY CLERK OF COURT

Clerk Norris reported that the Gulf County Clerk of Court is participating in a Statewide Initiative called Operation Green Light; stating this is a one (1) day opportunity for people who have been assessed fines, fees, and costs through the Court System who have been turned over to a collection agency to pay and avoid the collection fee surcharge of 40%. She stated this program will be held on April 18, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., E.T. in the Clerk's Office.

RETRO-FIT BREAKDOWN

Robbin Trindell and Karen Williams, of FWCC appeared before the Board to discuss the impact of sea turtles during the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. She discussed the Phase II Project to offset that injury; reporting that five (5) county parks and one (1) state park in Gulf County were found in the survey and FWCC wants to work with Gulf County to provide funds to enhance the efforts of the local lighting code. Ms. Trindell discussed a \$90,000.00 grant for this project; reporting that there is no match required if used on

County property, but if funds are used for private property there is a 25% match. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Bryan, Ms. Williams reported that the funds are available for bulbs and fixtures and the labor. Commissioner Bryan motioned to allow additional time to speak. Chairman directed to allow them additional time to speak. After discussion, Commissioner Bryan motioned to allow County Attorney Novak to work with Ms. Trindell and Ms. Williams to review the program and consider moving forward. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

PURCHASE – FLATBED TRUCK / PUBLIC WORKS

Following discussion by Public Works Director Danford, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve an additional cost, in the amount of \$2,620.00 for the dual-exhaust option for the flat-bed truck, to be paid from Public Works Funds (truck purchased under the Florida Sheriff Contract). Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

GULF COAST PARKWAY

Public Works Director Danford stated that the Gulf to Wal-Mart roadway still runs through Tyndall and if there is a storm and Tyndall needs to get its convoys out, the road will be closed.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE

Linda Sertich, of Port St Joe appeared before the Board to inquire if the Board passed a resolution that Oak Grove and Highland View are exempt from the Recreational Vehicle Ordinance. County Attorney Novak stated that the Board adopted an ordinance; following the adoption of this Ordinance and map, the Board has directed Staff to introduce an amended map consistent with D.E.P.'s coastal construction line. He reported that the amendment is being written and advertised for Public Hearing on April 14th and April 28th. Upon inquiry by Mrs. Sertich, County Attorney Novak discussed implementation of the newly adopted ordinance; stating that in terms of a permit, until the map is or is not amended, the County cannot conclude the implementation.

GULF COAST PARKWAY

City Commissioner Bo Patterson appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding Gulf Coast Parkway; stating we cannot support the two (2) routes presented today.

GAS TAX ROAD BOND

City Commissioner Bo Patterson appeared before the Board to report that the Port St. Joe City Commissioners held a workshop to discuss the proposed gas tax road bond; reporting that 21% allocation to the City may not be enough and the monies received will not cover Long Avenue. He discussed holding a joint workshop to discuss this matter further.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the meeting did then adjourn at 10:51 a.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**