

JULY 16, 2013

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Tynalin Smiley, Vice Chairman Ward McDaniel, and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Joanna Bryan, and Warren J. Yeager, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Central Service Director Denise Manuel, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, Gulf County Extension Agent Roy Lee Carter, Fire Coordinator Brad Price, G.I.S. Coordinator Scott Warner, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, I.T. Director Dennis Barfield, Sr., Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Mike Harrison, Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Chris Buchanan, T.D.C. Executive Director Jennifer Jenkins, Chamber of Commerce Paula Pickett, and Property Appraiser Mitch Burke.

Chairman Smiley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., E.T.

LANDFILL

Commissioner McDaniel discussed collecting information regarding debris disposal at Five Points Landfill. He discussed his concerns regarding some lawn care services that are not using the landfill. <Commissioner Bryan entered the meeting at 10:02 a.m., E.T.> He reported that the City of Port St. Joe and Mexico Beach are hauling their yard debris to Five Points Landfill. Commissioner McDaniel discussed his concerns regarding lawn services that dump yard debris on the side of the right-of-way for the County to collect and haul to the landfill. Commissioner Yeager stated that this County needs mandatory garbage pickup. He discussed his concerns regarding placing too much on the backs of the Ad Valorem Taxpayers and the need for change.

2013-2014 PROPOSED BUDGET

Clerk Norris made the following reports to the Board:

1. The Aggregate Proposed Millage Rate is 7.8393, and the current year proposed rate is a 27.66% change in the rolled-back rate of 6.1408.
2. The County-wide Proposed Millage Rate as it is today is 7.5261; stating that the St. Joe Fire Control District is .4000 Mills, and the Tupelo Fire Control District,

Overstreet Fire Control District , and Howard Creek Fire Control District are at .5000 Mills.

She reported that a summary sheet of the main budget has been prepared for the Board to review. Chief Administrator Butler reported that the Budget Committee has gone through the requested budget and he would like to go through the budget by each line item as follows:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (#21111)

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the Board of County Commissioners proposed budget for FY 2013-2014. Commissioner McLemore stated that the Board has to trim this budget as much as possible. After discussion, Commissioner Yeager motioned to decrease the Board of County Commissioners Budget by \$50,000.00 (#21111-49000). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner McDaniel discussed the taping and airing of the Board meetings live. After discussion by Deputy Administrator Lanier, Commissioner Bryan reported that she has received more comments regarding the public being able to attend the Board meetings over watching the meetings live. Commissioner McLemore motioned to remove \$12,000.00 for the live streaming (#21111-34100). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner McLemore discussed his concerns regarding the proposed budget (increases). Chief Administrator Butler discussed each line item from the proposed board budget.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (#21112)

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the County Administrator proposed budget for FY 2013-2014. Commissioner McLemore discussed his concerns regarding a pay raise, stating that this County is facing a \$2.2 million dollar short fall. Commissioner Yeager reported that some Counties are issuing a onetime bonus and by that action there is not a reoccurring charge for the following year. Clerk Norris reported that Legislation passed a new law that if bonuses are given, a policy or plan has to be in place and the bonus is based on evaluations. After discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to remove the 3% pay increase from all budgets. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Chief Administrator Butler discussed the Maintenance of Equipment budget. He discussed the current charges, education, and travel.

CLERK TO BOARD (#21212)

Clerk Norris stated that the increases to the Clerk to Board Budget for FY 2013-2014 are \$13,000.00 in retirement and insurance. She discussed the request for an additional employee which would be an increase of approximately \$27,000.00. Commissioner McLemore motioned to remove the \$27,000.00 from the Clerk to Board Budget. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion for discussion. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Yeager, Clerk Norris reported that 5.16 employees are committed to the Board. After discussion, Clerk Norris requested that the Board revisit this request before the Final Budget is adopted. After further discussion, the motion then passed unanimously.

COUNTY ATTORNEY (#21314)

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the County Attorney Budget for FY 2013-2014. Clerk Norris reported that the County Attorney Contract increases annually and that this increase was not included in his budget, stating that the budget is estimated to increase by \$13,828.00. County Attorney Novak reported that the increase would only be 1.5%, which is approximately \$2,385.00, but would like to discuss this matter with the Clerk. After discussion, the Board agreed to table this budget for further review.

PROPERTY APPRAISER (#22113)

Property Appraiser Burke appeared before the Board to discuss the increases to the proposed FY 2013-14 Property Appraiser budget. After discussion, Clerk Norris discussed the possible error in the Property Appraiser Budget number. Clerk Finance Officer Herring stated that there was an error in this budget when it was originally submitted, reporting that the actual total budget is \$503,733.00 (which includes the 3% which has been removed and the \$40,800.00 in insurance).

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (#21111)

After discussion, Commissioner Yeager motioned to remove \$32,000.00 from the Board of County Commissioners Budget (#21111) which was duplicated in the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector budgets. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PROPERTY APPRAISER (#22113)

Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Clerk Finance Officer Herring reported the total increase to the proposed Property Appraiser budget is \$40,565.00, minus the 3% pay increase.

TAX COLLECTOR (#22213)

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner McDaniel, and unanimous vote, the Board approved to the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the Tax Collector (#22213).

PROPERTY APPRAISER (#22113)

Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the Property Appraiser (#22113), as amended. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

GRANT DEVELOPMNET/ADMINISTRATION (#22313)

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the Grant Development. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the Grant Development (#22313). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SMALL COUNTY ROAD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (#223541)

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the Small County Road Assistance Program, stating that all funds have been removed. Grant Writer Kopinsky reported that there are no active grants at this time.

VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD (#22413)

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the increase of the proposed value adjustment board budget. Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Yeager, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the FY 2013-2014 tentative Value Adjustment Board Budget (#22413).

RISK MANAGEMENT/HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT (#22513)

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the increase of the proposed risk management/human resource department budget. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the FY 2013-2014 tentative Risk Management/Human Resource Department Budget (#22513). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT (#225513)

Deputy Administrator Lowry reported that Worker's Compensation will increase by approximately 6% across the State. He discussed the increases for Property and Casualty, inmate medical, and life insurance for the fire departments. Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner McDaniel, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the Insurance Department (#225513).

P.S.J. DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (#22652)

After discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the P.S.J. Downtown Redevelopment Agency (#22652). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Clerk Norris reported that this Budget will reduce as the County Millage Rate reduces.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS (#24019)

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Yeager, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the tentative FY 2013-2014 Supervisor of Elections Budget (#24019).

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS \$12.50 SURCHARGE (#24629)

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Bryan, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the tentative FY 2013-2014 Radio Communications \$12.50 Surcharge Budget (#24629).

COURTHOUSE COMPLEX UTILITIES (#25219)

Upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, second by Commissioner McDaniel, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the Courthouse Complex Utilities (#25219).

COUNTY COURTHOUSE (#26219)

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the increase to the proposed county courthouse budget. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 County Courthouse Budget (#26219). Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner McLemore voting no.

COUNTY PLANNING (#27015)

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the tentative FY 2013-2014 county planning budget. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for County Planning (#27015). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COUNTY PLANNING: APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (#27019)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 County Planning: Apalachee Regional Planning Council Budget (#27019). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT E.D.A. (#27152)

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the increases to the FY 2013-2014 tentative county development budget. After discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the County Development E.D.A. (#27152). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (#27152)

Chamber of Commerce Director Paula Pickett appeared before the Board to discuss changes at the Chamber of Commerce, and requested Board approval of the \$20,000.00 for the Chamber of Commerce Budget. Commissioner Yeager motioned to reduce the Chamber of Commerce budget to \$10,000.00 for the FY 2013-2014 (#27152). Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

G.I.S. MAPPING (#27615)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the G.I.S. Mapping Department (#27615). Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (#278516)

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the changes to the tentative FY 2013-2014 information technology budget. After further discussion, I.T. Director Barfield, Sr. appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding the need for travel and educational classes. He reported that \$25,000.00 can be removed from Communications & Freight Services. After discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for Information Technology (#278516), with deductions. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER (#29153)

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the decrease of the tentative county veterans' service office budget. He reported that this office will only be opened two days a week for the upcoming year. After discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the County Veterans' Service Office (#29153). Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SHERIFF (#31021)

Sheriff Harrison appeared before the Board to discuss the increases to the FY 2013-2014 tentative budget for the Sheriff's Department. Clerk Finance Officer Herring stated that there is an error in this proposed budget, which will decrease it by \$71,745.00, for a total proposed budget of \$2,606,473.00. After discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Sheriff's Department Budget (#31021), with an \$80,000.00 decrease. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion for discussion. After further discussion, the motion then passed unanimously.

COUNTY JAIL (#S3123)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the County Jail (#S3123). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion, the motion then passed unanimously.

HONEYVILLE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY CENTER (#31325)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Honeyville Community Emergency Center Budget (#31325). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FIRE COORDINATOR (#314522)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the Fire Coordinator (#314522). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT (#B3424)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Building Department Budget (#B3424). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner Yeager reported that the Gulf County Building Department rates are much lower than the City of Port St. Joe and some of the surrounding Counties, and discussed adjusting these fees. After discussion, the motion then passed unanimously.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT (#33022)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for Physical Environment (#33022). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CONSERVATION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GRANTS (#33537)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Conservation & Resource Management Grants Budget (#33537). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT (#34515)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for Planning & Zoning Department (#34515). Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and passed unanimously.

AUDIT SERVICES (#346513)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Audit Services Budget (#346513). Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS (#347511)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for Unemployment Compensation Claims (#347511). Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SEARCH & RESCUE – WEWAHITCHKA (#39026)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Search & Rescue – Wewahitchka Budget (#39026). Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – LOCAL MATCH (#39125)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the Emergency Management – Local Match (#39125). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – E.M.P.A. GRANT (#39325)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the Emergency Management – E.M.P.A. Grant (#39325). Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – E.M.P.G. GRANT (#39425)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Emergency Management – E.M.P.G. Grant Budget (#39425). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT (#39525)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Emergency Management – State Homeland

Security Grant Budget (#39525). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

MEDICAL EXAMINER (#39927)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the Medical Examiner (#39927). Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (#41779)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Florida Boating Improvement Program Budget (#41779). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SMALL COUNTY SOLID WASTE GRANT (#41934)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the Small County Solid Waste Grant (#41934). Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – COUNTY (#42562)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager motioned to decrease the tentative FY 2013-2014 Health Department Budget by \$10,000.00. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ANIMAL CONTROL (#43062)

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the \$21, 870.00 increase to the tentative animal control budget to purchase a new vehicle. After discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for Animal Control (#43062). Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

HUMANE SOCIETY (#43262)

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the \$15,516.00 increase to the tentative humane society budget. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Melody Townsend, of the Humane Society appeared before the Board to report that in 2007, the intake numbers were approximately 350 annually, and through 2012, the intake numbers are approximately 866 annually. After further discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Humane Society Budget with a \$15,516.00 increase. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The meeting did the recess at 12:03 p.m., E.T.

The meeting did then reconvene at 12:46 p.m., E.T.

MENTAL HEALTH/SENIOR CITIZENS/TRANSPORTATION/G.A.R.C. (#51363)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager motioned to remove \$6,932.00 from the tentative FY 2013-2014 Aid to Gulf County Guidance Clinic

Budget (#51363). Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

HEALTH CARE RESPONSIBILITY ACT (HCRA) (#51462)

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the increase in the FY 2013-2014 tentative healthcare responsibility act budget. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the Health Care Responsibility Act (#51462). Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BAY CARES AND CHEMICAL ADDICTION RECOVERY EFFORT

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to remove \$12,052.00 from the tentative FY 2013-2014 Bay Cares and C.A.R.E. (Chemical Addiction Recovery Effort) budget. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

E.M.S. DEPARTMENT (#51626)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Whitfield appeared before the Board to report that the revenues will be increased to approximately \$950,000.00 by the end of the year. He stated that the \$40,000.00 in Line Item #51626-46100 can be reduced to \$3,000.00, Line Item #51626-64001, in the amount of \$50,000.00 can be removed, and Line Item #51626-64000 can be reduced by \$5,000.00. After discussion, Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 E.M.S. Department Budget (#51626), with these changes. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COMMODITY PROGRAM (#52564)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the Commodity Program (#52564). Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

WELFARE INDIGENT CARE/HOSPITAL & MEDICAID (#52264)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Welfare Indigent Care Budget (#52264). Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA PROGRAM (#55151)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the tentative Opportunity Florida Program budget. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PARK & RECREATION FACILITIES (#57072)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager reported that the majority of this budget comes from T.D.C. After discussion, Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for Park & Recreation Facilities (#57072). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT (#57172)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Parks & Recreation Department Budget (#57172). Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

STATE ATTORNEY ADMINISTRATION (#60002)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 budget for the State Attorney Administration (#60002). Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC DEFENDER ADMINISTRATION (#60003)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Public Defender Administration budget (#60003). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

GENERAL COURT ADMINISTRATION (#60023)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 budget for the General Court Administration (#60023). Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES (#62271)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Public Libraries budget (#62271). Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EXTENSION SERVICE (#63237)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 budget for the Extension Service (#63237). Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion for discussion. After further discussion, the motion then passed unanimously.

SOIL CONSERVATION (#63337)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Soil Conservation budget (#63337). Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COURTHOUSE FACILITIES (#71012)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler and Clerk Finance Officer Herring, Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 budget for Courthouse Facilities (#71012). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS-COURT TECHNOLOGY (#71013)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Information Systems-Court Technology budget (#71013). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ARTICLE V TRUST FUND (#71212)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 budget for Article V Trust Fund (#71212). Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FINE & FORFEITURE FUND (#002)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Clerk Norris reported that most of this budget is restricted or designated funds. After discussion by Clerk Norris and Assistant Administrator Hammond, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Fine & Forfeiture Fund budget (#002). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SECONDARY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND (#102)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 budget for Secondary Road & Bridge (#102). Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

MOSQUITO CONTROL FUND (#103)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Mosquito Control Fund budget (#103). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS CONSOLIDATED SERVICES (#104)

Public Works Director Danford appeared before the Board to discuss the tentative public works consolidated services budget. He reported that the Financial & Administrative line item #281513-62000 can be reduced by \$63,682.00 and line item #281513-64001 (equipment > \$5,000). After discussion, Commissioner Yeager requested that Public Works Director Danford work on a plan to set funds aside for purchasing equipment. After further discussion, Commissioner Bryan motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget for the excavator and remove the cost for a fuel system, in the amount of \$120,000.00. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Public Works Director Danford then discussed the tentative facility maintenance budget, tentative fleet maintenance budget, and requested Board approval to roll over line item #28151912-64001 (\$27,713.00). Clerk Norris reported that a resolution would need to be adopted regarding this request. He discussed the tentative detention & correction budget, stating that he increased line item #281523-64000 by \$60,000.00 to purchase two (2) extended 15-passenger vans and two (2) new trailers. Public Works Director Danford discussed the tentative solid waste budget, stating line item #281534-31000 increased by \$64,000.00, line item #281534-49300 increased by \$24,000.00, and line item #281534-55000 increased by \$2,000.00. He discussed the tentative storm water management budget, stating this budget is used for a secondary fund for Mosquito Control. <Commissioner Bryan left the meeting at 1:45 p.m., E.T.> Mosquito Control Director Cothran appeared before the Board to report that the tentative storm water management budget is for three (3) months of salary for two (2) fulltime people that work in other departments during the year, stating that there was an error in this line item and it can be reduced by \$66,272.75.

MOSQUITO CONTROL (#281562)

Mosquito Control Director Cothran appeared before the Board to report that \$19, 862.85 can be reduced under the tentative FY 2013-2014 mosquito control budget. He discussed the budget amount is for salaries.

PUBLIC WORKS CONSOLIDATED SERVICES (#104)

Public Works Director Danford discussed the tentative FY 2013-2014 road & street facilities budget, stating there is an increase in line item #281541-52100, in the amount of \$20,550.00 and an increase in line item #281541-53000, in the amount of \$2,000.00. He discussed the tentative FY 2013-2014 maintenance court facilities budget, stating it has reduced by \$3,350.00. Public Works Director Danford discussed his concerns regarding employees that opt to elect healthcare outside of the County's provider and are paying the tax on the money for healthcare. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 budget for Public Works Consolidated Services (#104), as amended. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FUND (#106 - #109)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 St. Joe Fire Control District Fund budget (#106). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0). Upon inquiry by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore stated that this motion includes all Fire Control District Funds #106 - #109.

S.H.I.P. FUND (#112)

Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 budget for S.H.I.P. Fund (#112). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

C.D.B.G. (RAFFIELD) FUND (#115)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 C.D.B.G. (Raffield) Fund budget (#115). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

INDUSTRIAL PARK FUND (#117)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 budget for the Industrial Park Fund (#117). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

D.R.I./E.A.R. FUND (#118)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 D.R.I./E.A.R. Fund budget (#118). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

BEACH RENOURISHMENT (#121)

Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 budget for the Beach Renourishment Fund (#121). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

HOSPITAL FUND (#124)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, County Attorney Novak discussed the Local Option Discretionary Sales Surtax Revenue increase of \$60,627.00 for the tentative hospital fund budget. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Hospital Fund budget (#124). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

EMERGENCY 911 FUND (#126)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 budget for the Emergency 911 Fund (#126). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

IMPACT FEE FUND (#131 - #137)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve all the tentative FY 2013-2014 Impact Fee Fund budgets #131 - #137. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND (#203)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 budget for the Public Improvement Fund (#203). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

OAK GROVE WATER SYSTEM FUND (#401)

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 Oak Grove Water System Fund budget (#401). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FUND (#600)

Upon discussion by Grant Writer Kopinsky, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the tentative FY 2013-2014 budget for the T.D.C. Fund (#600) at \$1,691,134.00. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

RESERVES FOR CONTINGENCIES

Upon recommendation by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager motioned to reduced line item #99984-95000, in the amount of \$56,719.00. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0). After discussion by Clerk Finance Officer Herring, Commissioner Yeager amended his motion to keep the FY 2013-2014 Reserve for Contingencies Budget at 1,000,000.00. Commissioner McLemore amended his second, and it passed unanimously (4-0). Upon inquiry by Commissioner Yeager, Chief Administrator Butler discussed the increase, in the amount

of \$50,000.00 in line item #99984-95001. Commissioner Yeager motioned to decrease line item #99984-95001, in the amount of \$50,000.00. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0). Commissioner Yeager motioned to remove \$50,000.00 from line item #99984-95004. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0). After discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager recommended that the Board table line item #99984-96000 until the end. The Board took no action.

SHERIFF (#31021)

Sheriff Harrison appeared before the Board to discuss the tentative sheriff budget, and requested that the Board readdress this budget due to incorrect figures regarding insurance. After discussion by members of the Board, Clerk Norris recommended meeting with Sheriff Harrison and County staff to determine the correct figures.

REVENUE – LANDFILL TIPPING FEES

After discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager discussed his concerns regarding the need to increase the Landfill Tipping Fees. After further discussion, Commissioner Yeager motioned to increase Landfill Tipping Fees to \$60.00 per ton, effective October 1, 2013. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion, the motion then passed unanimously (4-0).

REVENUE – BEACH DRIVING PERMITS

Upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, seconded by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous 4-0 vote, the Board approved to increase Beach Driving Permits to \$30.00 for County residents and \$200.00 for out-of-county residents annually, with a 7 day permit, in the amount of \$50.00 for out-of-county residents. Commissioner Yeager discussed working with Tax Collector Jenkins regarding businesses that sell the fishing/hunting licenses to be able to sell the beach driving permits. Commissioner Yeager also discussed increasing the violation fine regarding driving on the beach without a permit. Upon inquiry by Sheriff Harrison, Commissioner Yeager discussed amending the ordinance.

REVENUE – T.D.C.

Commissioner Yeager reported that he is meeting with T.D.C. regarding their budget on Friday and requested to table this matter. He stated that a recommendation regarding the Fifth-Cent Tax will be presented to the Board for review.

REVENUE – GAS TAX

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the Second Local Option Gas Tax. Commissioner Yeager reported that he supports this option, stating that it will supplement the Public Works Budget. After discussion, Commissioner Yeager motioned to proceed with the process to implement the Five (\$.05) Cent Gas Tax. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed 3 to 1, with Commissioner McLemore voting no. Commissioner Yeager requested that County Attorney Novak begin the process. County Attorney Novak stated that he will discuss the proceeding with the Board at the

next scheduled budget meeting. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Chief Administrator Butler reported that \$.30+ is collected for Federal and State Gas Tax.

REVENUE – E.M.S. DRY RUN FEES

Chief Administrator Butler discussed assessing a Dry Run Fee, in the amount of \$75.00, and \$150.00 for Ambulance Intervention. Gulf County E.M.S. Director Whitfield appeared before the Board to discuss working with County Attorney Novak and Dr. Pablo in implementing some parameters before these fees are implemented. After discussion, Commissioner Yeager suggested that Gulf County E.M.S. Director Whitfield and County Attorney Novak meet to discuss this matter and bring a recommendation to the Board for review.

REVENUE – E.M.S. RUN FEES

Chief Administrator Butler discussed increasing the ambulance Run Fees, but wanted to make sure these fees are in line with surrounding Counties.

REVENUE – GAS TAX

Commissioner Yeager discussed the Five (\$.05) Cent Gas Tax and supplementing the Public Works Budget, stating that this is not an additional tax that the Ad Valorem Tax will be reduced by the same amount.

REVENUE – CULVERT FEES

Upon recommendation by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McDaniel motioned to increase the Culvert Fees to \$100.00. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

OLD GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Upon recommendation by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager motioned to move the Gulf County Tax Collector's Office and the Gulf County Clerk's Annex Office currently located at the Old Gulf County Courthouse in Wewahitchka to the same location as the Gulf County Extension Office (the old Gulf County Health Department Building), effective October 1, 2013. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion for discussion. After further discussion, Commissioner Yeager withdrew his motion, and Commissioner McLemore withdrew his second.

VOTING PRECINCTS

Chief Administrator Butler discussed eliminating voting precincts down to one (1) per District. Commissioner McLemore stated that he does not support this reduction. After discussion by Commissioner McDaniel, Assistant Administrator Hammond discussed the Budget Committee's concerns regarding the cost to purchase the new voting equipment required by Statute for each voting precinct.

REVENUE – BUILDING PERMITS

Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Building Official Collinsworth appeared before the Board to report that the State provides a formula for the Building Department to go by regarding permit fees, stating that these fees can be adjusted yearly if desired.

Commissioner Yeager discussed his concerns regarding permitting fees being consistent with the Region.

DONATION – WEWAHITCHKA GIRLS DIXIE SOFTBALL

Upon inquiry by Chairman Smiley, Sheriff Harrison appeared before the Board and reporting that for anyone wishing to give a donation to the Wewahitchka Girls Dixie Softball team, they can give their donation to him or to the League Secretary, Daphne Lister. He discussed making donations online by visiting the softball page.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES – PAY INCREASE

Assistant Administrator Hammond discussed his concerns regarding a pay raise for the County employees. He requested the Board consider pay increases for this fiscal year. Commissioner Yeager discussed reviewing the possibility of pay increases to those employees that make less than \$45,000.00 per year. Further discussion followed.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous 4-0 vote, the meeting did then adjourn at 2:52 p.m., E.T.

**TYNALIN SMILEY
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**