

FEBRUARY 28, 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 Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Chamber of Commerce/E.D.C. Director Barry Sellers, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Emergency Medical Services Director Houston Whitfield, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Preble Rish Engineer Clay Smallwood, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Joe Nugent, Sheriff's Office Major Bobby Plair, Interim T.D.C. Director Gail Alsobrook, and Assistant T.D.C. Director Kellee Novak.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the consent agenda items and it was seconded by Commissioner McDaniel. Clerk Norris recommended page 73 (of item #5) be pulled due to the invoice being for the City of Port St. Joe, not the County. The motion and second were amended to approve the consent agenda with the removal of page 73. The motioned then passed 5-0 as follows:

1. Agreement – E9-1-1**Logging Recorder Maintenance Agreement** (Sole Source Provider Invoice #126047 * \$6,453.07 to be paid from account #24352-34000)

2. Change Order #1 – Current Solutions of the Gulf Coast, LLC – Solar Panel Security Lights (EECBG) Bid #1011-23 ** Increased \$13,125.00
3. Change Order #2 – C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. – Americus Avenue Road Paving Bid #1011-25 (SCRAP) ** Decrease \$8,817.83
4. Contract – Emergency Management (Contract #12-DS-20-02-33-01* State Homeland Security Grant Acceptance * \$20,000.00
5. Invoices – Atkins - Cape San Blas Bike Path (Invoice #1130749 * \$23,545.66 * to be paid from account #40341-31000 LAP Bike Path, Phase 3)
 - County Attorney Jeremy Novak – Professional Services (February 1, 2012 – February 14, 2012 * \$600.00 & \$6,605.00 * to be paid from account #21314-31100)
 - Current Solutions of the Gulf Coast – Installation of 70 Solar Panel Lights Bid #1011-23 (Invoice #2775 * \$30,625.00 * to be paid from account #33537-34000)
 - C. W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. – Cape San Blas Shared Use Path Phase 3 * (Application #8 * \$118,974.59 * to be paid from account #40341-53000)
 - C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. – Beaches Resurfacing Project (Application #4 & Final * \$123,725.62 * to be paid from account #223541-63000)
 - **DELETE** - Roberson & Associates – Accounting Consulting Services January 2012 * (Invoice #PSJ9323* \$1,500.00 * to be paid from account #346513-32000)
 - The Ferguson Group, LLC – Federal Lobbyist (Invoice #1211620 * \$93.58 * to be paid from account #21111-31200)

6. Invoice Ratifications – T.D.C Invoices
 - Junior Service League – Chili Cook Off (Sponsorship
* \$1,500.00 to be paid from account #27452-83000)
 - 3G Broadcasting Oyster Radio WOYS 100.5 FM
(Invoice #11120169 * \$150.00 to be paid from
account #BP3 27452-48000)
 - Freedom Florida – Celebrate Twice Event (Invoice #4522404-1211
* \$167.51 to be paid from account #BP3 27452-48000)
 - Must See Media LLC Advertising Contract (Must See
Magazine – Spring, Summer & Holiday 2012 *
\$4,275.00 to be paid from account # 27452-49200)
7. Proclamation – Girl Scouts Centennial Proclamation Declaring 2012 Year of the Girl and Celebrating 100 Years of Girl Scouting
8. Request for Approval – Chairman to sign Gulf County Mosquito Control Documents FY 2011-2012
9. Request to Negotiate - Old Gulf County Courthouse Elevator / Storm Damage (Kone Elevator Company)
10. Resolution – Supports Continued Water Management Funding for Programs Listed In Chapter 373, Florida Statutes and that the Commission Supports The Northwest Florida Water Management District

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA WHICH SUPPORTS CONTINUED WATER MANAGEMENT FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS LISTED IN CHAPTER 373, FLORIDA STATUTES AND THAT THE COMMISSION SUPPORTS THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Florida's Water Resources are vital to our life, health, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, our water resources belong to all its citizens and these resources are not commodities for purchase by any entity; and

WHEREAS, adequate and properly managed water resources are essential to both our economy and our environment; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) is established in Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, to manage water on a regional basis, to be overseen by a governing board comprised of local citizens within the district, appointed by the Governor; and confirmed by the Florida Senate; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 373, Florida Statutes is fundamental to the optimum management of water resources of Apalachicola River and Bay, using best management practices.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, as one of six riparian county stakeholders, (1) supports the NFWFMD structure and functions as defined in Chapter 373, Florida Statutes; (2) supports continued funding adequate for the NFWFMD, so the NFWFMD may accomplish its lawful missions of management, protection and balanced public use of the Apalachicola River and Bay; (3) opposes any centralization-command and control of regional and local water resources within the executive and/or legislative branches of government, or by any statewide board or authority; and (4) vehemently opposes any effort to move water from its current public ownership structure.

PASSED in regular session this 28th day of February, 2012.

(End)

10. Waiver Request – Honeyville Community Center (Wewahitchka High School Prom March 31, 2012)

(End)

UNIFORMS/ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed and recommended advertising to receive sealed bids for new uniforms for the Public Works Department; noting there is not a current contract in place. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APALACHICOLA RIVER KEEPERS – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed a request from the Apalachicola River Keepers for a Blue Ways and Trails/Green Ways and Trails designation letter of support for their application. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the letter of support. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT – LOADER

Public Works Director Danford reported they had to have some track work done on one of the loaders, at an estimated total cost of \$9,074.18, and recommended approval. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

P.D.R.B. RECOMMENDATIONS (FEBRUARY 21, 2012)

The Board then considered the following recommendations from the February 21, 2012 meeting of the Planning & Development Review Board:

VARIANCE APPLICATION – BAILEY’S CRAB HOUSE & SEAFOOD MARKET

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider a setback variance for Bailey’s Crab House & Seafood Market (Parcel ID #03946-000R), County Attorney Novak read the public hearing notice to approve an 8 foot encroachment into the road setback for a concrete pad that will support freezer units, and no parking on the Pineda Right-of-Way. Chairman Williams stated he looked at the area and discussed it with a member of the P.D.R.B. Chairman Williams asked Planner Richardson if he had any issues with the variance. Planner Richardson stated the P.D.R.B. had some heartburn over it but recognized the hardship and agreed to approve it with the addition of no parking on Pineda. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the variance application. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW – PALMS AT MONEY BAYOU – PHASE 1 AND PHASE 2

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider a planned development project phase 1 and phase 2 (Parcel ID #03179-005R), County Attorney Novak read the public hearing notice; noting the P.D.R.B. approved Palms at Money Bayou planned development project Phase 1 and Phase 2 as submitted for nine (9) housing units with a preliminary development order allowing the developer to pursue and meet the development requirements and conditions of the respective permitting agencies which are contingent upon County development approval. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve. Commissioner Yeager seconded for discussion. Commissioner Yeager confirmed with Planner Richardson that this was located at Simmons Bayou and is all preliminary. Chairman Williams called for public comment. The motion then passed unanimously.

VARIANCE APPLICATION – ROBERT & BETH DONEHEW

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider a setback variance for Robert & Beth Donehew (Parcel ID #06314-105R), County Attorney Novak read the public hearing notice; noting the P.D.R.B. approved the 60 foot dune walkover to accommodate documented family health issues, contingent upon D.E.P. permitting, removing the non-permitted existing boardwalk per the design drawing submitted by the Donehew's architect, and meeting all permitting requirements of the Gulf County Building Department. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman Williams called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENT – COMBS/ROBERTS

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider a small scale map amendment for Combs/Roberts (Parcel ID #00683-000R, * 4+/- acres in S7, T5S, R9W), County Attorney Novak read the public hearing notice and noted the small scale map amendment changes the 4+/- acres of property from conservation to agricultural land use. Commissioner McLemore so moved. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion. Chairman Williams called for public comment; there being none, the motion passed unanimously.

FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE

Planner Richardson reported with the new building codes the flood plain ordinance will change; noting there will be delays as F.E.M.A., the State, and D.E.M. talk back and forth. Chairman Williams requested Planner Richardson to make this an agenda item to discuss at the Special Joint Meeting to be held with the City of Port St. Joe.

IMPACT FEES

Assistant Administrator Hammond reported they are moving forward with the impact fee project at the jail, stating they are adding air to the trustee cells, with time running out on spending the remaining funds. Grant Writer Kopinsky reported the individual fire districts, E.M.S. and parks have a balance in the impact fee account. Ms. Kopinsky noted the parks have an Impact Fee Committee that may need to be brought back together to decide what to do with the balance of the funds. Upon inquiry by Chairman Williams, Grant Writer Kopinsky reported there is a seven (7) year time frame from the time the fees were collected that they have to be spent. Chairman Williams requested for Grant Writer Kopinsky to meet with the Fire Chiefs, E.M.S., and the Impact Fee Committee and report back at the next meeting.

CHANGE ORDER #1 – CURRENT SOLUTIONS OF THE GULF COAST – SOLAR PANEL SECURITY LIGHTS – BID #1011-23

Grant Writer Kopinsky requested to modify Item #2 (page 3) in the Consent Agenda, stating the State approved the purchase of 6 additional solar lights, instead of 5, noting this will result in a contract increase of \$15,750.00 to Current Solutions under Bid #1011-23. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CHANGE ORDER #2 – C.W. ROBERTS CONTRACTING, INC. – AMERICUS AVENUE S.C.R.A.P. PROJECT – BID #1011-25

Grant Writer Kopinsky requested approval of change order #2 from C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. on the Americus Avenue S.C.R.A.P. Project, stating this will be a decrease, in the amount of \$8,817.83. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

INVOICE #8 – C.W. ROBERTS CONTRACTING, INC. – CAPE SAN BLAS BIKE PATH PHASE III – BID #1011-16

Grant Writer Kopinsky requested approval of invoice #8 from C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. for the Cape San Blas Bike Path Phase III, in the amount of \$118,974.59 to be paid from L.A.P. Grant Funds. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion for discussion. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Grant Writer Kopinsky reported this is not the final invoice, stating that Phase IV is in progress.

INVOICE – JORDAN & ASSOCIATES – C.D.B.G. GRANT ADMINISTRATION

Grant Writer Kopinsky requested approval of invoice #12-K15-A12 from Jordan & Associates for the C.D.B.G. Grant Administration Services for Disaster Recovery, in the amount of \$6,750.00 to be paid from the D.R.I. C.D.B.G. Grant Funds. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BID AWARD #1112-06 – C.R. 30-A S.C.O.P. ROAD PAVING PROJECT

Grant Writer Kopinsky requested permission to award bid #1112-06 for County Road 30-A S.C.O.P. Road Paving Project to GAC Contractors, contingent upon negotiating the scope of work to fit the grant budget amount of \$609,631.00, and allow the Chairman to execute all documents necessary in conjunction with this award. At Chairman Williams' request, Ms. Kopinsky agreed to bring the matter back before the Board if there was a substantial change in value engineering. Ms. Kopinsky stated the bids have already been reviewed by the Engineers and they have given her the okay to go ahead and issue the Notice of Award. She noted a permitting issue, stating she will withhold issuing the Notice to Proceed until the permits are in hand. Commissioner Yeager stated there was a plan issue with U. S. Fish

and Wildlife but it has been worked out and the permit should be in hand by the end of the week. Commissioner Yeager motioned to award the bid as recommended by Grant Writer Kopinsky. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. <Ms. Kopinsky then left the meeting>

AMENDED AGREEMENT - FLORIDA HOUSING COALITION – S.H.I.P. TECHNICAL ADVISOR SERVICES

County Attorney Novak noted the Board previously approved the Florida Housing Coalition S.H.I.P. Technical Advisor Services Agreement at the February 14, 2012 Regular meeting, stating that the Florida Housing Coalition has revised the scope of work and requested approval of the amended agreement. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

WINDMARK D.R.I.

County Attorney Novak gave an update on the Windmark D.R.I. compliance letter, stating the “No Trespassing” signs have been removed from the community.

FISHING FOR FREEDOM – NET BAN RESOLUTION

County Attorney Novak reported that the net ban resolution has been provided to David Grix for Fishing for Florida in conjunction with the other counties that have adopted similar resolutions.

T.D.C. SUMMARY REPORT/T.D.C. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

County Attorney Novak updated the Board on the T.D.C. Summary report, stating that the publication and Public Hearing for the T.D.C. ordinance to adopt the policies accepted at the February 14, 2012 meeting will be held on March 13, 2012. Mr. Novak confirmed the resignations have been received from the past T.D.C. Board, the RFP for T.D.C. Marketing has been published, reported that the appointments for the T.D.C. Board vacancies training will be held on Thursday at their regular T.D.C. noticed meeting at 8:00 a.m., the grant sponsorship program review is in the final stages and will be presented to the new T.D.C. Board and the Commission for adoption, and finally, the appointment vacancies deadline was Friday, February 24, 2012, stating he provided a list of applicants to the Commission. Chairman Williams noted the T.D.C. members are volunteers and have worked very diligently in this process. Chairman Williams recommended re-appointing those Board members that expressed an interest after having gone through this transition. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, County Attorney Novak reported the new members will sign an affidavit showing they have been trained and they will adhere to the ordinances and statutes. County Attorney Novak reported the past T.D.C. Board reappointment considerations are Alyson Gerlach, Chris Petrie, Jay Rish, and Charlie Pettis. Commissioner Yeager motioned to reappoint Alyson Gerlach, Chris Petrie, Jay Rish, and Charlie Pettis to

the T.D.C. Board. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion for discussion. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, County Attorney Novak reported that the County and City appointments (City of Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson, City of Wewahitchka Commissioner Tony Justice, and County Commissioner Warren Yeager) will remain on the T.D.C. Board. The motion then passed unanimously. Commissioner Yeager discussed that Chief Administrator Butler presented a copy of Board policies, stating one is on the term limits for the committees, and this commission needs to follow the policies. Chief Administrator Butler reported that one of the policies on committee's states people can only serve on one County committee. County Attorney Novak reported there has been significant interest and applications received, stating they have been reviewed by him, Chief Administrator Butler and County Staff, noting the criteria is a bed tax collector or a tourist related business holder. He reported there has been interest by the Commission to expand the T.D.C. Board from none to eleven members to meet the criteria and also provide more public oversight. Chairman Williams recommended expanding the T.D.C. Board from nine (9) to eleven (11) members. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve Chairman Williams's recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION – COUNTY POLICY FOR COUNCIL SEATS

County Attorney Novak discussed a proposed resolution to amend the County policy for council seats, and recommended approval of the resolution authorizing to amend the policy adopted on February 14, 2012 and amend the ordinance to be published in two weeks. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve Attorney Novak's resolution recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT BOARD VACANCIES

County Attorney Novak noted the reappointment of the past board members Alyson Gerlach and Chris Petrie as bed tax collectors, and Jay Rish and Charlie Pettis as tourist related industry representatives; stating with the expansion there will be two vacancies for bed tax collectors and two vacancies for tourist related industry. Commissioner Yeager motioned to appoint Ronald Pickett and Geri Anderson representing bed tax collectors. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. County Attorney Novak reported the second category is the tourist related industry appointments. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to appoint Patty Fisher and Tony Whitfield to represent the tourist related industry. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Upon request by Chairman Williams, County Attorney Novak presented the new T.D.C. Board members as follows: County Commissioner Warren Yeager, City of Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson, City of Wewahitchka Commissioner Tony Justice, representing the County and Cities; Alyson Gerlach, Chris Petrie, Ronald Pickett and Geri Anderson representing the bed tax collectors; and Jay Rish, Charlie Pettis, Patty Fisher and Tony Whitfield representing the

tourist related activities. Commissioner McDaniel noted Ms. Gerlach will term out in August 2013. Chairman Williams stated it would be important to consider Mr. David Warriner on the Board as an owner of two (2) hotels. Commissioner Yeager agreed Mr. Warriner would be a good component but felt it could be dealt with when a vacancy became available in August 2013.

INTERIM TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL DIRECTOR

Chief Administrator Butler reported he hired Gail Alsobrook as the Interim T.D.C. Director, and requested the Board ratify her contract, contingent upon County Attorney review. Chief Administrator Butler noted Kim Bodine with Gulf Coast Workforce Development will be looking for a T.D.C. Director over the next few months. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Chief Administrator Butler reported this is an hourly contract and is not to exceed thirty hours per week for the interim period. Chairman Williams welcomed Ms. Alsobrook. Interim T.D.C. Director Gail Alsobrook appeared before the Board and thanked the Board for this opportunity. She inquired about increasing the T.D.C. Board membership from nine (9) to eleven (11). County Attorney Novak reported the statute gave the Commission the authority to adopt the ordinance in 1998, stating the policy adopted on February 14, 2012 kept it at nine members, and the amended policy which was ratified tonight expands it to eleven and authorizes to advertise the amended ordinance for adoption. Chairman Williams stated home-rule allows them to expand membership. Commissioner McDaniel thanked Ms. Alsobrook for coming on board and stated these Board members are volunteers and there may be times when everyone cannot attend.

S.H.I.P. – SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE

County Attorney Novak recommended the Board ratify the S.H.I.P. Satisfactions of Mortgage for the following participants: Deborah Denise Hurd, Linda & Isaiah Hill, Mary Whitesides Mann, O.B. Franklin, and Ernest & Ernestine Williams. Chairman Williams stated these people have done everything right and commended them. Commissioner Smiley motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (P.D.R.B.)

County Attorney Novak reported the P.D.R.B. has an appeal hearing scheduled for March 1, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. regarding a building permit.

BEACON HILL PARK-MEXICO BEACH ARTIFICIAL REEF ASSOCIATION

County Attorney Novak reported the Board previously approved on January 10, 2012 to permit the Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association to have a Captain's party at the park in August, 2012, and requested for the Board to clarify the vote (1) it is not a County event but

a Mexico Beach Reef Association event, and (2) the Board authorized the Chairman to sign the one day alcohol license for them to submit on behalf of their association. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion for discussion. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, County Attorney Novak reported this is not a T.D.C. event; it is a not-for-profit Mexico Beach Reef Association event. Chairman Williams noted the license and liability is all on them. The motion then passed unanimously.

BRITISH PETROLEUM-DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

County Attorney Novak gave an update on the claims, stating they are ongoing on behalf of Gulf County, and they have come back on one claim requesting additional information for this Commission to ratify that Chairman Williams is the representative on behalf of the County. County Attorney Novak requested for the Board to ratify and memorialize in the minutes that Chairman Williams represents this County with regard to oil response and recovery. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. County Attorney Novak introduced Brantley Frye from Beasley Allen Law Firm. Brantley Frye of Beasley Allen Law Firm appeared before the Board and gave an update on the claim status as well as the M.D.L. (Multi District Litigation), stating phase one of that trial was scheduled to begin today and the court granted a continuance until next week with the hopes the parties will come to some resolution. She gave an update on the County's pending claim, stating they have submitted two types of claims (1) loss of revenue and (2) the large boat ramp use claim for clean up and recovery, stating they have granted partial payment on the large claim and Beasley Allen Law Firm is in the process of providing additional information. Ms. Frye reported the partial payment funds should be disbursed to the County within the next seven business days.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL – RESOLUTION

County Attorney Novak discussed that the Board previously adopted during this meeting a resolution, stating it is home rule, but will not make this law until the ordinance is adopted on March 13, 2012. He stated for clarity of record that Geri Anderson and Tony Whitfield will train with the rest of the Board on Thursday and their seats will become effective March 13th after adoption of the ordinance.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Chief Administrator Butler reported the Chamber of Commerce Merchant's Committee requested for future events, (1) \$4,950.00 for the Port St. Joe Favorite Things Spring Bling Preview Party, stating this will not be paid up front; it will be reimbursed after proof has been provided to the T.D.C., (2) \$1,411.12 for the First Friday's at Five which will be reimbursable after proof has been provided, and (3) \$500.00 for the Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association for advertising in the M.B.R.A. magazine, and recommended approval of these

items which were previously pulled from the February 7, 2012 Consent Agenda. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL INVOICES

Chief Administrator Butler reported there were a lot of T.D.C. invoices pulled from the last Consent Agenda, and previous Agendas. He recommended, until a permanent T.D.C. Director is hired, requiring multiple signature authorities (Chief Administrator Butler, Interim T.D.C. Director Alsobrook, County Attorney Novak-whomever the Board designates) for approval of invoices, after properly vetted, with the proper documentation; then send to the Clerk's Office for payment, and not make vendors wait until the next Board meeting to get invoices approved and paid. Chairman Williams stated he agrees and recommended to approve. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL – SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

Chief Administrator Butler recommended for those who are given signatory authority to sign T.D.C. invoices, during this interim period of time (which also coincides with the time frame for spending B.P. funds), to also have the ability to spend B.P. funds whether for new event budgets and/or expanding previously approved event budgets, as long as all of these expenditure amounts fall within the County bid limit. Mr. Butler noted that an extension was requested today to be allowed to spend the B.P. funds beyond the current deadline of April 26, 2012. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion for discussion. Chairman Williams reported that he spoke with B.P. Representative Keith Rupp concerning the need to extend the time and have the flexibility to change, and requested permission to send a letter. Commissioner Yeager amended the motion to include Chairman Williams' request to submit a letter to B.P. Representative Keith Rupp thanking him for his verbal approval of the extension. Commissioner McLemore stated his second stands. The motion then passed unanimously.

BYRD PARKER DRIVE

Chief Administrator Butler reported he and others met with U. S. Fish and Wildlife on the erosion at Byrd Parker Drive at Chipola Cutoff, stating the erosion is bad, and if the water comes up they will possibly lose the road. He reported the engineering and permitting cost will be approximately \$8,500.00 which will allow Gulf County to put in natural fill (soil and timbers) to stabilize the creek bank, noting U.S. Fish and Wildlife will not allow the County to put in rip-rap as in the past. Commissioner McLemore stated this is a project they have been trying to do for two (2) years. After further discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to move forward with the engineering. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner McDaniel asked if the State of Florida owns the River

and whether they want the County to foot the bill, or if the State will help fund this project. Chief Administrator Butler reported the State would rather the County do nothing and let it erode away. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Commissioner McLemore confirmed the State will not help pay for the cost of stabilizing the river at Chipola Cut-off. Commissioner McDaniel noted there are too many people involved and the County does not have a choice but to do something. Following additional discussion, the motion then passed 4-0, with Commissioner Yeager abstaining due to a business relationship with the County Engineering firm, Preble Rish, Inc.

VIDEOS - RESTORE ACT / HOME RULE

Chief Administrator Butler showed two videos on the Restore Act and Home Rule. Chairman Williams noted Gulf County is a member of the Florida Association of Counties and the Small County Coalition, stating our strength is in the strength of the sixty-seven Counties.

CRIMESTOPPERS

Sheriff Nugent reported that Crimestoppers will be at the High School in Wewahitchka and Port St. Joe to introduce the program, focusing on anti-bullying as required by the State.

BEACH PATROL

Sheriff Nugent reported they began beach patrol early this year, starting in March rather than May, stating they will be out there on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with Spring Break coming.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AUDIT

Sheriff Nugent reported he received the information from Roberson & Associates, stating copies have been provided to F.D.L.E., and the investigation will start today and take approximately four (4) to six (6) weeks.

STRIPING – HOWARD CREEK ROAD

Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Commissioner Yeager reported they have been measuring roads to figure out how many miles need to be striped. Commissioner McLemore requested Howard Creek Road from Highway 71 to the prison (white-outside lines) be added to the Iola Road striping bid. Chief Administrator Butler reported bids have already been received on the Iola Road but County Engineer Clay Smallwood is working on specifications for the striping bids for County Road 30-B, Indian Pass Road and Avenue "A", stating that Howard Creek Road can be added. Commissioner McLemore motioned to add the Howard Creek Road to the bid for striping. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

INDUSTRIAL PARK

Commissioner McLemore reported there is still an issue with the Industrial Park, stating that Taunton Truss still has a lot of things in the buildings that need to be removed from the site. County Attorney Novak recommended proceeding with action to have the items removed from inside the buildings and outside the buildings. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion for discussion. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Commissioner McLemore reported this is the building the County owns. Commissioner McLemore reported he wants to get the Workcrews in there to clean it up, power wash the building, stating he has a good feeling that something will be coming soon for that site. The motion then passed unanimously.

CONTRACT – ST. JOE COMPANY

Commissioner Smiley commended Chairman Williams and Commissioner Yeager for their hard work on obtaining a contract with the St. Joe Company on the old mill site. Chamber/E.D.C. Director Barry Sellers appeared before the Board and reported they are estimating two hundred (200) jobs within the next two years (Eastern Shipbuilding) in Gulf County. Mr. Sellers stated they are looking forward to more announcements; noting there are four (4) more projects which are at different stages at this time. Commissioner Yeager discussed this was a great announcement for the County, stating this was the first announcement and there are more to come. Commissioner Yeager commended the St. Joe Company for coming to the table on the Port project. Mr. Sellers discussed the future Mega-Site project (Florida-Alabama-Georgia) coming to the region and how that has possible benefits for Gulf County. Chairman Williams thanked Mr. Sellers and commended him for doing a good job.

C.O.B.R.A. – F.E.M.A.

Commissioner Yeager reported he, Chief Administrator Butler, and several others met with Congressman Southerland's chief of staff concerning C.O.B.R.A. and F.E.M.A., stating Congressman Southerland is working well with the Lobbyist to resolve this issue and encouraged citizens to thank Congressman Southerland for his efforts.

TOWN HALL MEETING – DISTRICT 5

Commissioner Yeager reported he held a town hall meeting last night and requested permission to reduce the speed limit to 35 on the Indian Pass Road, and place signs for reduced speed limit and golf cart community. There was no objection.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Commissioner McDaniel motioned for Chief Administrator Butler to work with County Attorney Novak on his professional services agreement with the County. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Chairman Williams thanked

County Attorney Novak for doing a good job for the County, stating he is a phenomenal Attorney. Commissioner Yeager expressed appreciation for Attorney Novak and his services.

BRITISH PETROLIUM-DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

Chairman Williams reported that the U. S. House of Representatives passed a bill (Resolve Act) that would make the affected States whole again and was in hopes that the U.S. Senate would do the same.

ADVANCED AQUATIC SOLUTIONS

Chairman Williams reported he met with a company called Advanced Aquatic Solutions, stating the American Disability Act is going to direct all commercial and public H.R.A.'s to have modified lifts for pools for the disabled and requested permission to send a general letter of support toward this business venture. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BID AWARD #1112-07 – IOLA ROAD STRIPING

Chief Administrator Butler recommended awarding bid #1112-07 for the Iola Road striping to the low bidder, Traffic Control Products, in the amount of \$6,925.00. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES WEBSITE

Chairman Williams encouraged everyone to visit the Florida Association of Counties website to track the House and Senate Bills that are affecting the Counties.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET

E.D.C./Chamber of Commerce Director Sellers announced the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Centennial Building.

WEWAHITCHKA MERCHANT COMMITTEE

E.D.C./Chamber of Commerce Director Sellers reported they are getting ready to establish the Wewahitchka Merchant Committee, stating the first meeting will be March 20, 2012.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, the meeting did then adjourn at 7:35 p.m., E.T.

WILLIAM C. WILLIAMS, III
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK