

## **PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA**

**MARCH 22, 2011**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Warren J. Yeager, Jr., and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Ward McDaniel, and Tan Smiley. <Vice Chairman Bill Williams was absent)>

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, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, G.I.S. Coordinator Scott Warner, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, Human Resource Director Denise Manuel, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Joe Nugent, Sheriff's Office Major Bobby Plair, and T.D.C. Director Tim Kerigan.

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

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner McDaniel, and unanimous 4-0 vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Minutes – February 8, 2011 – Regular Meeting
  - February 22, 2011 – Regular Meeting
  - February 24, 2011 – Combined Special Meeting
2. Approval of Checks and warrants for February, 2011 which are incorporated herein by reference, pursuant to Chapter 136.06 F.S.
3. Agreement – County Incentive Gram Program C.I.G.P. (Amendment #2 \* lola Road from lola Landing Road to Porter Landing Road)  
Agreement – Replay Systems, Inc. (E911 Level 3 Service Agreement)

4. Contract – Gulf County Emergency Management (State Homeland Security Grant \* \$49,798.00)
  
5. Inventory – Gulf County Health Department (Donate to Sacred Heart Hospital \* #130-436 \* Table/Chair 5x8 Mat, #130-437 \* Evaluation Hand Kit, #130-438 \* TXE-7 Chattanooga Traction Table, #130-439 \* Elite EM4 Hilo Table plus 3/DR, #130-440 \* Intelect Legend Stim 4 Channel, #130-441 \* Intelect Legend Stim 4 Channel, #130-442 \* Intelect Legend Ultrasound, #130-443 \* Intelect Legend Ultrasound, #130-444 \* Lontophresor Empi, \* Intelect Legend Ultrasound Heads 2cm and 10cm \* Donate items not listed on County inventory \* Mini Trampoline, Parallel Bars 7' side folding, Chattanooga Warmer, Rocker Board, 3 each Gray Tables, 3 each Gray Stools)
  - Clerk of Court (Remove \* #10-313 \* Lanier Advocate V Recorder LCR5D, Microphones, RCA Video Recorder)
  
  - Gulf County Emergency Management (Transfer #90-239 \* Dell Precision M70 Laptop Computer to Wewa Search & Rescue)
  
  - Gulf County Mosquito Control (Junked \* #72-12 \* Toshiba S6112 Laptop, #72-8 \* Leco 1600 Spray Motor, #72-9 \* Leco 1600 Spray Motor \* Transfer #72-649 \* 2003 Chevy Truck 4wd, #72-650 \* 2003 Chevy Truck 4wd to Public Works Department \* Advertise for Bids #72-1 \* Kawasaki Mule (blown motor), Transfer #72-651 \* 2003 Chevy Truck 4wd to Animal Control)
  
  - Gulf County Tax Collector (Delete \* #40-85 \* IBM Wheelwriter Typewriter)
  
6. Invoices – County Attorney Jeremy Novak (Invoice \* February, 2011 \* \$12,410.25 \* to be paid from Account #21314-31100)
  - Gulf County C.D.C. (Invoice \* \$3,000.00)
  
7. Waiver – Rental Fee - Honeyville Community Center (Wawahitchka Junior/Senior Prom \* April 9, 2011)

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### **PARK CLEAN-UP - BID #0910-20**

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed the Bid Tabulation Sheet for Bid #0910-20 (Parks Clean-Up), stating that it was previously awarded to the low bidder (Adam Bishop), and there is a Termination of Services Agreement which has been issued. Deputy Administrator Lanier recommended that the County move to the next low bidder and award to Aaron Etheridge, in the amount of \$360.00 per week. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Deputy Administrator Lanier reported that there had been inadequate clean-up from the original awarded contractor, Adam Bishop. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation and award to the next low bidder (Aaron Etheridge). Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

### **GULF COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – DENTAL FEE SCHEDULE**

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed the new Gulf County Health Department Dental Fee Schedule, stating that the Gulf County Health Department is requesting approval of the dental fee schedule. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the dental fee schedule. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

### **TRAVEL – COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS**

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed that Commissioner Williams has been asked by the Governor's Office to attend a Congressional Government Oversight Reform Committee Members meeting in Pensacola (Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill) on Thursday and Friday, March 31 and April 1, 2011, returning on Saturday. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

### **BEASLEY ALLEN LAW FIRM - DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL**

County Attorney Novak introduced Brantley Frye of Beasley Allen Law Firm, stating that they have been working with Ron Jones and David Burn concerning the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill claims. Brantley Frye of Beasley Allen Law Firm appeared before the Board and introduced Ed Sauls and Ashley Taylor of Jackson Thornton Law Firm, stating that they have been putting together the first phase of Gulf County's claim, and the first claim is for lost revenues. She reported that they are also collecting additional data to submit claims for loss of assessments and cost directly to the County. Ed Sauls of Jackson Thornton Law Firm appeared before the Board and gave an update on the claim process for Gulf County. He stated that this could not have been done without Carla Hand, Stephanie Richardson, Jeremy Novak, Commissioner Williams, Lynn Lanier, Elaine Bland, Marshall Nelson, and Don Butler assisting with this project. Mr. Sauls reported that over 90% of the County's tax revenue comes from property taxes.

He reported that the types of revenue that they saw (analysis of all revenues), stating that the ones that reflect loss are those that logically would (1) T.D.C. tax (non-restricted and restricted), (2) discretionary sales tax, (3) boat registrations, and (4) building permits, stating that B.P. has a number of requirements. Ashley Taylor of Jackson Thornton Law Firm appeared before the Board and reported that this claim will be filed in line with what B.P. has ask for, stating that there has to be a description of each tax, historical tax rates, financial reports, budgets, and monthly tax receipts. Mr. Sauls reported that this element of the County's request is ready to be filed, stating that there are a number of expenditures incurred by this County relating to B.P. (1) travel, (2) employee time, (3) Commissioners time, and (4) B.P. using County facilities. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, County Attorney Novak reported that they are finalizing the numbers and once they have the final numbers they will meet with the Commissioners. Upon inquiry by Chairman Yeager, Mr. Sauls reported that the lost revenue claims are based upon an analysis of actual receipts through December 31, 2010. Brantley Frye appeared before the Board and reported that the hard part of the work is complete, stating that it will be easier as they move forward. County Attorney Novak requested Brantley Frye to explain the Limitation of Liability Act. Brantley Frye discussed the Limitation of Liability Act, stating that this was a maritime law; which the owner of a vessel is limited to liability for the amount of the vessel and the owner of the vessel is Trans Ocean, stating that they have filed a limitation of liability, and this preserves the amount of liability for the amount of the Deepwater Horizon vessel. She reported that the County will need to file a Short Form Joinder with the Multi District Litigation (M.D.L.) before April 20, 2011. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this form and execute by the Chairman before April 20, 2011. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

#### **P.D.R.B. RECOMMENDATIONS – MARCH 22, 2011**

Planner Richardson stated that the P.D.R.B. recommends the Board proceed to transmit the Objections, Recommendations and Corrections (O.R.C.), amending the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

#### **RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (R.V.) MORATORIUM**

Planner Richardson stated that the P.D.R.B. needs direction from the Board of County Commissioners on the tourist corridor in reference to the R.V. Moratorium. Chairman Yeager reported that the tourist corridor is Highway 98, C-30, Indian Pass and just lots contiguous with C-30. Chairman Yeager called for public comment. Patricia Hardman appeared before the Board and stated that she would like for the Board to hold the moratorium or continue the moratorium to allow the P.D.R.B. time for further review; asking the Board not to act too quick and to be fair to everyone. Planner Richardson

stated that the Board needs to amend the moratorium so that there can be no more than one R.V. per lot in unincorporated Gulf County, and continue the permitting process within the tourist corridor as defined until the new R.V. policy is adopted by the Board. Commissioner McLemore stated that this needs to be put on hold until further review. Bruce Allen appeared before the Board and presented photographs in the St. Joe Beach area of R.V.'s where people are living in them, stating that some are on one, possibly two lots and this is one block off of the beaches. He reported that a lot of these R.V.'s are building structures over the top and sheds around them and probably are not purchasing permits, stating that people are living in these R.V.'s. Commissioner McLemore suggested putting this on hold for further review, stating that this looks like it is serious business. Commissioner McDaniel discussed that this needs to be reviewed to determine how far inland this will go. Skipp Griffes appeared before the Board and reported that he lives in the first block of St. Joe Beach, stating that the County needs to take a look at this for the future of this County, and it should be all inclusive of the existing subdivisions that are along the tourist corridor. Planner Richardson requested on behalf of the P.D.R.B. to extend the R.V. Moratorium County Wide. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to table this issue for further discussion; not for the entire County. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman Yeager stated that there is a moratorium for the tourist corridor and the P.D.R.B. is requesting a moratorium for the entire County to review as a whole. Commissioner McLemore requested to table this issue for further review. Chairman Yeager stated that there is a motion and second to leave as is and table with the P.D.R.B. to review as the tourist corridor. Chairman Yeager stated that this needs to be reviewed for the entire County, not just the tourist corridor. The motion then passed 3 to 1, with Chairman Yeager voting no. Assistant Administrator Hammond stated that there is no zoning in the County since the Land and Development Regulations went into effect 18 years ago and it may be time for the P.D.R.B. to look at zoning to add protection to homeowners.

### **JAIL MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

Assistant Administrator Hammond thanked County Attorney Novak for his hard work in getting the new Jail Medical Director contract signed with Dr. Pablo.

### **E9-1-1 CONTRACT**

County Attorney Novak reported that the E9-1-1 Fairpoint Contract has been executed and returned and is now in place.

### **PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST POLICY**

County Attorney Novak recommended adoption of the Public Records Request Policy and form. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

### **LOW INCOME POOL (L.I.P.)**

County Attorney Novak reported that he met with Marsha Player and Rex Buzzett of the Health Care Trust Board, stating that the L.I.P. agreement is executed and funding has been issued by the Clerk, and the new Low Income Pool amounts will be coming out in June or July for upcoming funding.

### **COUNTY WIDE VOTING**

County Attorney Novak introduced Michael Spellman of Spellman & Sniffen Law Firm, stating that the Board previously approved to engage this firm for the preliminary review of the data compilation considering the motion to vacate the Consent Decree for Gulf County. Michael Spellman, of Spellman & Sniffen Law Firm appeared before the Board and discussed that the firm has retained two experts, Dr. Charles Bullock from the University of Georgia and Dr. Richard Gaddie from the University of Oklahoma, stating that they are specialists in voting rights act cases and especially Southern politics, and they will be working with him, County Attorney Novak, and the Supervisor of Elections Griffin to collect data for the past fifteen or twenty years on Local, State and Federal elections, population data, and voting trends that will be put into formulas so they are able to make opinions. He stated that this is important so that he can come back before the Board and present what the data has shown, to determine whether or not the County has grounds to go to Federal Court and move to either modify or dissolve the Consent Decree, stating that this is a Consent Decree that has been in place since June, 1986, and is in Federal Court in the Panama City division. Mr. Spellman discussed that once the data compilations are collected there will be options that will be available to the Board on how long it will take and how much it will cost (depends on opposition). Upon inquiry by Chairman Yeager, Mr. Spellman stated that it should take between 2 to 4 months to get the data compiled, depending on the format of the data. Commissioner McLemore requested a meeting with Mr. Spellman and requested for County Attorney Novak to schedule.

### **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CLAIM**

Chief Administrator Butler reported that the County has an Equal Employment Opportunity claim, stating that the Labor Attorney has recommended for the County to agree to mediation for this claim. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to proceed with mediation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

### **PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE – BID #1011-13**

Chief Administrator Butler reported that the County advertised to receive sealed bids for the Property & Casualty Insurance, stating that there were four bids received, and recommended to award bid #1011-13 to Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust (P.G.I.T.) (low bidder), in the amount of \$555,690.00 for a period of 18 months, and 6 months of this will be paid from this fiscal year budget and 12 months in the next fiscal year budget. Commissioner Smiley motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0). Assistant Administrator Hammond stated that the noticeable drop was not Property & Casualty, stating that Human Resource Director Manuel needs to be commended because the Workman Compensation has dropped drastically due to the safety programs she has enforced.

### **SAULS CREEK ROAD**

Chief Administrator Butler reported that he received a notice from the Northwest Florida Water Management District concerning the Sauls Creek Road, stating that they have issued an exemption to do the work on the Sauls Creek Road, with a contingency that the County meets with Garlick Environmental and N.W.F.W.M.D. on March 31, 2011 concerning this project.

### **PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING**

Chief Administrator Butler discussed a handout he presented to the Board concerning the work done on the Howard Creek site, stating that it will cost approximately \$148,839.00 to erect the building, \$5,000.00 to move the building to the current Public Works site, and the unpaid Retainage of \$8,198.00 will be the total cost to complete the construction of the Public Works building. Chairman Yeager discussed that we need the space and the building needs to be erected and suggested a motion to proceed. Clerk Norris inquired if this will be bid out or a continuation of the current bid. Chairman Yeager reported that the County is still under contract with Cathey Construction. Commissioner Smiley motioned to proceed and erect the building at the current Public Works site. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed 3 to 1, with Commissioner McLemore voting no.

### **COUNTY COMMUNICATION TOWER – DIVISION OF FORESTRY**

Chief Administrator Butler reported that the Division of Forestry located at White City is requesting permission to place an antenna on the County tower located here at the Courthouse. He reported that he contacted Precision Communication concerning this issue and the going rate is \$1.00 per foot, stating that Division of Forestry needs approximately 200 feet, which would be \$200.00 per month plus approximately \$20.00 to \$50.00 per month for electricity and housing of the equipment. Chief Administrator

Butler reported that there would have to be a wind load analysis performed on the tower, within the next 12 to 18 months it will have to be painted, tension the guide wires, have an electrical contractor check grounding, stating that it is continuously costing money, and recommended anyone that uses the tower charge \$1.00 per foot. Chairman Yeager discussed that everyone is facing cuts and the tax payers have to foot the bill, stating that he agrees with establishing a fee for use of the tower. Chief Administrator Butler recommended for the fee to be \$20.00 to \$50.00 a month for the electricity and \$1.00 per foot. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

### **LANDS LANDING – BOAT RAMP GRANT**

Chief Administrator Butler reported that there is a deadline coming up next week for the boat ramp grants, stating if you miss the deadline the County will miss the opportunity to get the boat ramp grant. Commissioner McLemore discussed the need to apply for the grant and if the County receives the funding then use it for Lands Landing, stating that Lands Landing meets the criteria for the boat landing grant. Commissioner McLemore motioned to apply for the boat ramp improvement grant for Lands Landing. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion for discussion. Chairman Yeager reported that they have a draft lease for the Odena Landing with the St. Joe Company, but cannot meet the deadline for the grant funding. The motion then passed unanimously (4-0).

### **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CAR AUCTION**

Sheriff Nugent appeared before the Board and reported that they have 12 cars up for auction on March 28, 2011; located in the parking lot on the East side of the Courthouse.

### **COMMUNICATION TOWER**

Sheriff Nugent stated that there are currently some Companies using the County tower that are not paying that need to be eliminated. He reported that he spoke with Fairpoint Communications and there are professional companies that will come in and check the grounding on these towers and suggested the County check into the possibility of a Company handling this. Chairman Yeager directed Chief Administrator to run with it.

### **SMALL COUNTY GRANT**

Public Works Director Danford appeared before the Board and requested permission for the Chairman to sign the Small County Grant. Commissioner McLemore motioned to

approve the request for the Chairman to sign the Small County Grant. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

### **PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING**

Building Official Collinsworth appeared before the Board and discussed the damages to the Public Works building and requested clarification on who is responsible. Chairman Yeager stated that he and Chief Administrator Butler discussed this and Building Official Collinsworth will be the manager over this project.

### **E9-1-1 TRI-COUNTY GRANT**

E9-1-1 Coordinator Guthrie appeared before the Board and requested permission for the Chairman to sign and execute the E9-1-1 Tri-County Display Map grant. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the request for the Chairman to sign the grant. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

### **PREBLE-RISH, INC. – DONATION – WEWAHITCHKA SEARCH & RESCUE**

Ralph Rish of Preble-Rish, Inc. appeared before the Board and discussed that he has been in business for 20 years, stating that their mission has always been to return a portion of their profit to the community they serve, and they have given over \$200,000.00 to the communities in which they serve. He stated that they would like to present \$5,000.00 to the Wewahitchka Search & Rescue. Commissioner McDaniel presented a letter of appreciation to Preble-Rish, Inc. for the \$5,000.00 donation to the Wewahitchka Search & Rescue.

### **DITCH LANDING**

Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore concerning Ditch Landing, County Attorney Novak reported that they have contacted the new owners requesting an easement of the parcels, stating that it is no longer under St. Joe Company control. He reported that they were agreeable to discuss this issue with the County, stating that since then there has been some vandalism and private theft from that road, and they would like to know what the County can do to prevent this from happening in the future. Commissioner McLemore stated that you cannot gate off a public road legally, stating that he does not want this to happen again, and he wants the road back. County Attorney Novak discussed that they have run into the problem of the distinction between private property and a public road, stating that there would have to be a new agreement between the County and the new owners. Assistant Administrator Hammond reported that in 2000, the County, in lieu of suing St. Joe Company, executed an agreement on some roads with St. Joe Company, stating that the question being, can the County still claim this agreement. Commissioner McLemore stated that the vandalism they are talking about is that the owners that leased the property built and moved a houseboat into Ditch Landing and they had to cut trees to get the houseboat in. County Attorney Novak

stated that apparently a tractor that was used to clear this property disappeared from the property and the owners would like to know what the County can do to prevent this. Sheriff Nugent stated that this has not been reported to him. Commissioner McLemore stated that he instructed County Attorney Novak to legally research the County's rights on this issue. Chairman Yeager instructed Commissioner McLemore to work with County Attorney Novak on this issue and report back to the Board.

### **DOC WHITFIELD ROAD**

Commissioner McLemore reported that at the intersection of Highway 71 and Doc Whitfield Road, approximately 300 feet on the North side is in need of repairs, and requested for the Board to consider budgeting \$10,000.00 for this project. Chairman Yeager reported that he has scheduled a Budget Committee meeting for March 28, 2011, and they will review.

### **WEWAHITCHKA GIRLS SOFTBALL**

Commissioner McLemore invited the Commissioners and everyone to attend the Wewahitchka Girls opening day of softball at the Honeyville Community Center fields, stating that they have 103 girls playing.

### **GIRLS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

Commissioner McLemore reported that there is going to be a girl's softball district tournament in mid June at the Honeyville Park, stating that there will be approximately 20 to 30 teams in the County for one week.

### **WASHINGTON GYM**

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that he and Commissioner Smiley have been working on the issue with the Washington Gym, stating that Commissioner Smiley has found some assistance from the Workforce Board to staff and pay for someone to work at the gym and the possibility of the Downtown Redevelopment Agency (D.R.A.) contributing. He stated in order to tie it over until grant funds are received they need approximately \$10,000.00, and recommended to pay this from the timber sale funds, stating that this is a onetime request, not something annually. Upon inquiry by Chairman Yeager, Commissioner Smiley stated that the Washington Improvement Board is working with Workforce Development to get it up and running, stating that the Workforce Board is funding three days out of the week. Chief Administrator Butler reported that the Washington Improvement Board will be running the facility and funds will be handled through them. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel concerning the City of Port St. Joe contributing, Commissioner Smiley stated that the City has not committed.

Commissioner Smiley motioned to pay the \$10,000.00 to the Washington Improvement Board for the Washington Gym from the timber sale funds. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

### **TIPPING FEE WAIVER – ROLLINS**

Commissioner McDaniel discussed pages 20-21 of the Information Packet, stating that a home burned in White City and the family is requesting for the tipping fees to be waived at the landfill. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve this request to waive the tipping fees. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

### **COUNTY ROAD 386 – STRIPPING**

Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Chief Administrator Butler reported that we received a response from D.O.T. concerning the application submitted, and the application meets the criteria for the safety money applied for, in the amount of \$300,000.00 plus, stating that it is in line when the funding is available.

### **STREET LIGHTS**

Commissioner McDaniel discussed that he has been receiving calls concerning the boat landing at Gaskin Park, stating that the meter has been turned off, but it also has the wrong kind of lights (6 spot lights); stating it would be more adequate using three flood lights and would be less expensive. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore concerning the number of lights and there location, Commissioner McDaniel stated that the meter is turned off on the six spot lights and the lights are burning are not on the water at the boat ramp. Commissioner McLemore suggested keeping only the two lights on at the boat ramp, stating that he will check on this issue. Commissioner McDaniel stated that one may need to be added along the walkway. <Clerk Norris left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.>

### **TELEVISED BOARD MEETINGS**

Commissioner McDaniel reported that there is still a problem with televising the Board meetings in the Wewahitchka area. T.D.C. Director Kerigan appeared before the Board and stated that the new equipment is in and will be installed tomorrow which will eliminate this problem.

### **BARKETINE SHIP – JETTY PARK**

T.D.C. Director Kerigan reported that the Barketine Ship located at Jetty Park will depart tomorrow, stating that it will power off at 11:00 a.m., and put full sails up and set sail at

12:00 p.m. He reported that they have had over 10,000 people to view the ship since it has been in Port St. Joe.

### **STREET LIGHTS**

Chairman Yeager recommended that the street lights provided by the County be placed only at the parks, boat ramps, and dangerous intersections. Commissioner Smiley motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion and it passed 3 to 1, with Commissioner McLemore voting no.

### **GULF TO BAY VETERANS PARKWAY**

Chairman Yeager reported that there are some people wanting to honor our Veterans', and have requested to name Highway 22 from Highway 71 in Wewahitchka to Highway 98 in Panama City the Gulf to Bay Veterans' Parkway. County Attorney Novak stated that he will have a resolution ready to present at the next meeting on this issue. Commissioner McLemore motioned to proceed with the resolution. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

### **THIRTY ACRE SITE – HOWARD CREEK**

Chairman Yeager reported that he and Chief Administrator Butler, at the direction of the Board on behalf of the Rifle Club, met with the Water Management District to discuss the 30 acre site on the Howard Creek road, stating that the County has received clearance from the Water Management District concerning the storm water issues. Chairman Yeager recommended advertising for R.F.P.'s for the sale of the 30 acres located on the Howard Creek Road. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion for discussion. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel concerning the dirt removal, Chairman Yeager stated that the majority of the dirt will be removed. Commissioner McDaniel requested some dirt be reserved for the Sauls Creek site. The motion then passed unanimously (4-0).

### **RESOLUTION #2011-06 – LANDS LANDING**

Chief Administrator Butler recommended that the Board adopt a resolution for the grant funding at Lands Landing. Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the proposed resolution. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0) as follows:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-06**

**AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR A FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT GRANT TO REPAIR THE LANDS LANDING BOAT RAMP.**

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners desires to increase and enhance access for boaters in Gulf County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners has agreed to pursue the grant process to enhance boating facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners that the County Grant Writer hereby be authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the County of Gulf with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for a grant to renovate the Lands Landing Boat Ramp to increase mooring capacity and access for boaters.

**APPROVED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2011.

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**PORT ST. JOE PORT AUTHORITY / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN REQUEST**

Johanna White, Chair of the Port St. Joe Port Authority appeared before the Board and requested the County consider extending the \$200,000.00 Economic Development revolving loan to the Port Authority, stating that the Port is going to be an economic engine for this County and surrounding Counties. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore concerning pay back of the loan, Mrs. White discussed that they fill that there is a source coming. Tommy Pitts, Executive Director of the Port St. Joe Port Authority appeared before the Board and gave an update on the Port Authority process. Chairman Yeager recommended for the Port Authority to work with County Staff on this process. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0). On behalf of the Port Authority, Johanna White thanked the Board for their extended efforts in promoting the Port.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the meeting did then adjourn at 7:45 p.m., E.T.

**WARREN J. YEAGER, JR.**  
**CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**  
**REBECCA L. NORRIS**  
**CLERK**