

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

FEBRUARY 12, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Billy E. Traylor, Vice Chairman Nathan Peters, Jr. and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Bill Williams, and Jerry W. Barnes.

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, G.I.S. Director Scott Warner, Grant Writer Loretta Costin, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Shane McGuffin, Human Resources Director Denise Manuel, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Gerald Shearer, Road Department Superintendent Bobby Knee, Assistant Road Department Superintendent Chris Wood, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, Union Steward Doug Kelly, Veterans' Service Officer James Kennedy, Sheriff Joe Nugent, and Sheriff's Office Major Bobby Plair.

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

Commissioner Barnes opened the meeting with prayer, and Vice Chairman Peters led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows, after removal of Pages 87-88 (a portion of Item #8).

1. Minutes - January 14, 2008 -Special Meeting
- January 22, 2008 - Special Meeting
- January 22, 2008 - Regular Meeting
2. Agreement (Supplemental #2007-8) - St. Joseph Peninsula Erosion Control Project)
3. Audit Findings/Responses (2005-06)
4. Courthouse Re-Naming (Request to change the name of the Gulf County Courthouse to George Y. Core Judicial Complex)

5. Grant Acceptance/Agreement - Emergency Management (E.M.P.A.
#08-BG-24-02-33-01- / \$102,959.00)

Grant Acceptance/Agreement - Sheriff's Office (Edward Byrne Memorial
Grant #2008-JAGD-GULF-2-Q0-101 / \$2,932.00)
6. Invoice - Ausley & McMullen, P.A. -Gulf Pines Hospital Litigation (#63528 *
\$140.00 * to be paid from Account #21111-31200)
 - Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC - 2006-07 Audit (#20080723 *
Bid #0607-32 * \$7,020.00 * to be paid from Account
#21111-32000)
 - County Attorney Timothy McFarland (January, 2008 * \$10,382.00 *
to be paid from Account #21314-31100)
 - Florida Department of Revenue -Unemployment Compensation
(#9975527 7 * \$12,343.87 * Trew, Dowling, Martin, Davis,
Brownell, Shearer * be paid from Account #21111-25000
 - Preble-Rish, Inc. - Stumphole Revetment Project (#65496 *
\$13,223.75 * to be paid from Account #40249-31000)
 - Preble-Rish, Inc. - Courthouse Roof Replacement (#65500 *
\$3,030.00 * to be paid from Account #26219-62100)
 - Preble-Rish, Inc. - Five Points Landfill Monitoring (#65510 *
\$4,735.25 * to be paid from Account #46234-31000)
 - Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell - General Employment Matters
(#G214-107990 * #721449 * \$2,391.11 * to be paid
from Account #21111-31200)
 - St. Joseph Bay Humane Society - Animal Housing (January,
2008 * \$2,940.00 * to be paid from Account #43262-
82000)
 - Windolf Construction - Gulf County Welcome Center (Bid #0607-
16 * #5 * \$22,422.70 * to be paid from Account #27452-
81001)
7. Road Closure (Temporary) - U.S. Highway 98 in the vicinity of Veterans'
Memorial Park and C. R. 386 for the Beach Blast
Triathlon and Duathlon (September 26, 2008)
- **DELETE**** 8. S.H.I.P. - Permission to earmark \$230,000.00 of Recaptured Funds
and Program Income S.H.I.P. Funds to purchase land for
long-term affordable housing in South Gulf County
 - Purchase Assistance - Vicki C. Beatty (\$17,000.00)

(End of Consent Agenda)

PUBLIC HEARING FINAL PLAT REVISION HARBOR WALK

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider approval of a final subdivision plat revision for 7 Mile, LLC (Parcel ID #02798-035R, #02798-005R, #02798-015R, #02798-050R, #02798-001R, #02798-055R, #02798-020R and #02798-060R * S10, T7S, R10W * 11.62 Acres * 16 Units), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the final plat subdivision revision for Harbor Walk, subject to all Federal, State and Local Development Regulations, both stated and unstated, as recommended by the Planning & Development Review Board, and Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. County Attorney McFarland discussed a letter received from Attorney Pat Floyd on behalf of the Kirkland family objecting to this plat revision. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Peters, Planner Richardson discussed that there is a property dispute regarding a portion of this subdivision, and County Attorney McFarland stated that it is not the responsibility of the Board to decide who owns the land. The motion then passed 4-0, with Commissioner Williams abstaining due to having ownership in the property.

PUBLIC HEARING LAND USE ORDINANCE (BUSKENS)

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a small-scale map amendment ordinance for Frederick & Rose Buskens (Parcel ID #03436-000R * S33, T5S, R11W * .50 Acres), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Williams motioned to adopt the following ordinance changing the land use from Agricultural to Mixed Commercial/Residential. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATE STATUTES SECTION 163.3187, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING A PORTION PARCEL ID #03436-000R, .5 ACRES OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM AGRICULTURAL TO MIXED COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Complete Ordinance on file with Clerk)

PUBLIC HEARING LAND USE ORDINANCE (CADY)

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a small-scale map amendment ordinance for Kenneth Cady (Parcel ID #01360-000R * S35, T3S, R10W * 6.5 Acres), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Peters motioned to adopt the following ordinance changing the land use from Agricultural to Mixed Commercial/Residential. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATE STATUTES SECTION 163.3187, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING A PORTION PARCEL ID #01360-000R, 6.5 ACRES OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM AGRICULTURAL TO MIXED COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Complete Ordinance on file with Clerk)

PUBLIC HEARING LAND USE ORDINANCE (CATHEY)

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a small-scale map amendment ordinance for William B. Cathey (Parcel ID #03488-002R * S6, T6S, R11W * 2 Acres), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Barnes motioned to adopt the following ordinance changing the land use from Agricultural to Mixed Commercial/Residential. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATE STATUTES SECTION 163.3187, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING A PORTION PARCEL ID #03488-002R, 2 ACRES OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM AGRICULTURAL TO MIXED COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Complete Ordinance on file with Clerk)

PUBLIC HEARING LAND USE ORDINANCE (DIETZ)

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a small-scale

map amendment ordinance for James C. Dietz, Jr. (Parcel ID #00732-001R * S18, T5S, R9W * 3 Acres), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the following ordinance changing the land use from Agricultural to Residential. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATE STATUTES SECTION 163.3187, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING A PORTION PARCEL ID #00732-001R, 3 ACRES OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM AGRICULTURAL TO RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Complete Ordinance on file with Clerk)

PUBLIC HEARING LAND USE ORDINANCE (HOUSE)

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a small-scale map amendment ordinance for Mary Nell House (Parcel ID #00334-180R, #00334-165R, #00334-175R * S5, T7S, R8W * 10 Acres), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the following ordinance changing the land use from Agricultural to Mixed Commercial/Residential. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATE STATUTES SECTION 163.3187, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING A PORTION PARCEL ID #00334-180R, #00334-165R, #00334-175R, 10 ACRES OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM AGRICULTURAL TO MIXED COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Complete Ordinance on file with Clerk)

PUBLIC HEARING LAND USE ORDINANCE (LAU)

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a small-scale

map amendment ordinance for David Lau (Parcel ID #01692-000R * S14, T4S, R10W * 10 Acres), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the following ordinance changing the land use from Agricultural to Residential. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATE STATUTES SECTION 163.3187, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING A PORTION PARCEL ID #01692-000R, 10 ACRES OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM AGRICULTURAL TO RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Complete Ordinance on file with Clerk)

PUBLIC HEARING LAND USE ORDINANCE (SUTTON)

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a small-scale map amendment ordinance for Robert A. Sutton (Parcel ID #01555-001R, #01555-000R * S11, T4S, R10W * 9.42 Acres), County Attorney McFarland read the public hearing notice and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Barnes motioned to adopt the following ordinance changing the land use from Agricultural to Mixed Commercial/Residential. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATE STATUTES SECTION 163.3187, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING A PORTION PARCEL ID #01555-001R, #01555-000R, 9.42 ACRES OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM AGRICULTURAL TO MIXED COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Complete Ordinance on file with Clerk)

AWARD BID #0708-11 / HARDWOOD FLOORING WELCOME CENTER (T.D.C.)

Deputy Administrator Lanier reported that T.D.C. Director Pickett is not here due to illness,

but T.D.C. would like to request that the Board award Bid #0708-11 for hardwood flooring installation for The Welcome Center to Carpet County, in the amount of \$12,725.00 (low bid). Upon motion by Commissioner Williams, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this request.

INVOICE COURTHOUSE ROOF PROJECT (BID #0607-07)

Deputy Administrator Lanier presented invoice #13 from Cathey Construction & Development, in the amount of \$21,784.69, for work completed on the Courthouse Roof (to be paid from Account #26219-62100). Commissioner Peters motioned to pay this invoice, and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion by Commissioner Williams regarding the Courthouse panels (they do not leak), Commissioner Peters stated that Mr. Cathey has done a great job on the roof project. The motion then passed unanimously.

OFFICE SPACE RENTAL OLD GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE / N.F.C.D.

Deputy Administrator Lanier reported that she has checked on the fair market value for rental of office space at the Courthouse in Wewahitchka in reference to North Florida Child Development, and it ranges from \$12.50-\$15.00 per square foot, per year (they are utilizing over 1,900 square feet. Upon inquiry, she stated that this includes utilities, maintenance, etc. Chief Administrator Butler discussed that we were previously charging them \$.94 per square foot, and this new rate should be retroactive to October 1, 2007. Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Williams, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed to submit a letter to North Florida Child Development, notifying them of the new rental rate, and that it is retroactive to October 1, 2007.

FIRE - BEACON HILL PARK / AMERICUS AVENUE DITCH PIPE

Sheriff Nugent appeared before the Board to discuss the burning of the Americus Avenue ditch pipe at Beacon Hill Park. He reported that they have submitted the arrest report to the State Attorney's Office, charging 2 12-year old boys with arson. He further reported that the State Attorney will not proceed until they receive the Fire Marshal's report. Commissioner Williams requested that letters of appreciation be sent to the fire departments (39 firemen/13 fire trucks), and that the Board have a formal recognition/appreciation at the next meeting for the Fire Departments, Sheriff's Office and John Arnold for saving a majority of the pipe. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Peters, Chief Administrator Butler stated that he met with the Engineers and some changes can be made to the project to use portions of the pipe that were not completely destroyed. He stated that with \$39,000.00-\$40,000.00, less the \$21,000.00 that is left in District 3's Road Bond Funds, they can complete the project (would need to come up with about \$10,000.00). Commissioner Williams reported that this has been submitted to the insurance company, and he has contacted Representative Patronis regarding this matter. Commissioner Williams then motioned to use District 3 road bond funds and Secondary Road & Bridge funds to complete this project. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Peters motioned to purchase the replacement pipe needed through the Sole Source clause of the bid policy. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it

passed unanimously. Commissioner Williams also thanked the Public Works and Road Departments for cleanup of the site.

ROAD BOND PAVING PROJECT / BID #0607-11

Road Department Superintendent Knee presented a request from Wewahitchka City Manager Minchew for the interest earned on their Road Bond Paving Funds, in the amount of \$28,513.63 (to be paid from Account #41441-81000). Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Williams, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this request.

INVOICE - ROAD BOND PAVING PROJECT / BID #0607-11

Road Department Superintendent Knee presented invoice #5385 from G.A.C. Contractors, in the amount of \$504,370.55 (\$422,931.13 - County - to be paid from Account #41441-63000 /\$81,439.42 - Wewahitchka - to be paid from Account #41441-81000), for work completed on the Road Bond Paving Project. Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Williams, and unanimous vote, the Board approved payment of this invoice.

PROPOSED LANDFILL SITE / ST. JOE COMPANY

Solid Waste Director Danford presented a handout and discussed the proposed 100-acres to be donated by The St. Joe Company, which includes a 20-acre site for temporary storage of storm debris (across from Five Points Landfill) and an 80-acre site near Wetappo Transfer Station for the Board's approval. He stated that the acreage is not exact, but he does not have funds available for a survey. Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board accepted these 2 sites.

SLUDGE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Solid Waste Director Danford and Jim Respress presented a report regarding the samples taken from Wetappo Farms (on November 13th & 26th) in reference to sludge dumping. He discussed samples taken from sites 1, 4, 5 & 6, and he stated that he sent the data to Jeff Brown, of Brown-Burdine Associates, for review. He further stated that he felt the holding times on the samples were incorrect, and that some of the data was flawed. He then read the report from Jeff Brown (the water-quality of Wetappo Creek appears to be good, but there are a few problems with some of the reported data and a different sampling network and strategy is needed to definitively measure the Farm's impact on Wetappo Creek). After further discussion regarding the sample results, Commissioner McLemore stated that Wetappo Farms is in violation, and D.E.P. has fined them. Upon his request, County Attorney McFarland stated that sludge-dumping cannot be stopped, but it can be regulated once it comes into the County (which is included in the proposed ordinance that he drafted last year). Commissioner McLemore stated that the Board needs to adopt the proposed ordinance that County Attorney McFarland prepared. Upon inquiry by Chairman Traylor, Jim Respress discussed that he has met with representatives of Williams Environmental, and stated that the fecal level checks out fairly well above the

farm and increases in the area of the farm and below the farm. He reported that he spoke with Leslie Williams (of D.E.P.) this morning, and they do not feel that there is a problem based on the report. After further discussion regarding the results (and if they were flawed), Commissioner McLemore discussed that the company continually gets violation reports for various issues from D.E.P. County Attorney McFarland stated that these violations are not in reference to the water quality samples. Mr. Respress discussed a report from Panhandle Engineering, stating that they have installed monitoring wells (which shows the locations) and the results will be sent to the Board as the wells are tested. He stated that they also requested that someone from the Committee oversee drawing of the samples. After further discussion regarding cost associated with an independent study, Commissioner Williams stated that he and Chief Administrator Butler have a meeting with the Secretary of D.E.P. on February 20th, and will address this with them at that time (he feels D.E.P. is the responsible party). County Attorney McFarland stated that if the Board adopts the ordinance and imposes the associated fees, these fees could be used to have independent testing performed.

AWARD BID #0708-08 / MOSQUITO CONTROL BUILDING INTERIOR COMPLETION

Upon recommendation by Mosquito Control Director Cothran, Commissioner Williams motioned to award Bid #0708-08 (for completion of the interior of the new Mosquito Control Building) to Big Fish Construction, in the amount of \$228,790.00 (low bid), contingent upon a successful pre-construction meeting with the Contractor and their payment of the performance bond. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LOCAL WEATHER

Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that a cold front is coming through tonight (approximately 10:00 p.m., E.T.) that will bring severe weather, including strong straight line winds and possibly tornadoes.

STAKEHOLDERS MEETING / I.F.A.S. PROGRAM

County Extension Agent Carter reported that the Stakeholders Meeting that he was requested to attend has been postponed until April.

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Williams regarding re-vamping of the I.F.A.S. Program due to agricultural issues, Extension Agent Carter stated that there is nothing that the Board needs to do at this point regarding this matter.

BEACHES WATER SYSTEM

Chief Administrator Butler discussed there are at least 4 conflicts in reference to the water mains where the Beaches Water System crosses the Americus Avenue Ditch, and recommended that the Board utilize funds from the Beaches Water System Fund to take

care of these issues. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this recommendation.

BIDS - OVERSTREET WATER SYSTEM (BID #0708-13)

Chief Administrator Butler reported that bids were received for the Overstreet Water System project, and the low bidder was BCL Civil Engineers. Chairman Traylor stated that the project was bid with specifications of a 120-day completion, but the County was only given a 120-day extension on the grant. He stated that these bids need to be rejected and re-advertised with a shorter completion period (75-80 days). After discussion about the possibility of negotiating with the low bidder to see if they can complete the project in less time, County Attorney McFarland discussed the bid specifications and liquidated damages clause on this bid. Rich Brenner appeared before the Board to inquire what would happen if the contract is re-bid for a shorter period of time, and the contractor does not complete it within that timeframe. County Attorney McFarland discussed that the Contractor would not get paid because the County would lose the grant funds. Upon inquiry about the feasibility of completing the project in less time, Chief Administrator Butler reported that the Engineers have stated that it can be done in less time. Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Williams, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed to reject the bids received for Bid #0708-13, and to re-advertise for bids with a 75-day contract completion timeframe. Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Williams, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed to advertise for bids for this project.

IOLA ROAD PAVING PROJECT / N.W.F.W.M.D.

Chief Administrator Butler reported that the Board received a notice from the Northwest Florida Water Management District that the County will receive funding for the paving of Iola Road (approximately \$900,000.00). After discussion, he recommended that the Board advertise to receive sealed bids for this project upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed. Commissioner McLemore stated that he does not want to hold up the Lake Grove Road paving project. Chairman Traylor stated that the Contractor stated that the trucks working on Iola Road will not damage Lake Grove Road. Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this recommendation.

GULF COAST PARKWAY/GULF TO BAY HIGHWAY/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Chief Administrator Butler reported that Steve Norris, head of the County Transportation Committee, is here to request that the Board adopt a resolution in support of a route for the Gulf Coast Parkway. Steve Norris appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed route for Gulf Coast Parkway, stating that they preferred the "B" Corridor (with options in the Overstreet area) last year, but several other routes have now been introduced. He discussed the possibility of requesting that C. R. 50 be included in the study to be considered as one of the alternate routes. After discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner McLemore motioned for County Attorney McFarland to draft a resolution requesting that C. R. 50 be made a part of the P.D.&E. study that is being performed for the Gulf Coast Parkway. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed.

unanimously.

Steve Norris also discussed the County's legislative priorities list, and requested that they add Segment 2 of the Gulf to Bay Highway to this request (this is not a C.I.B.R., it is a request for funding that would go through D.O.T.). Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner McLemore, and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Norris reported that Tim Stein resigned from the County Transportation Committee, and he requested that Brian Underwood be appointed to serve on the committee. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this request. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FIRE - BEACON HILL PARK / AMERICUS AVENUE DITCH PIPE

Commissioner Williams again thanked the fire departments, Sheriff's Office, John Arnold and everyone involved in putting out the fire at Beacon Hill Park (Americus Avenue ditch pipe).

BEACH ACCESS / ST. JOSEPH SHORES

Commissioner Williams stated that he has requested that the County Attorney look at issues regarding St. Joe Shores in reference to lack of access points for water and sewer in that area (they will be working with the City of Port St. Joe on this matter).

P.D.R.B. APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Williams reported that the term for District 3's representative (Gail Alsobrook) on the Planning & Development Review Board will expire in March, and stated if anyone from the public is interested in serving on this Committee they should contact him because he will present the recommendation for the replacement at the next meeting.

DONNIE WAYNE BRAKE MEMORIAL PARK

Commissioner Williams reported that the Parks Committee met today, and they are in the final stages of completion of the park project. He stated that they have spent less than \$100,000.00 of the \$200,000.00 grant.

WATER ALLOCATION / BEEKEEPERS / D.E.P.

Commissioner Williams reported on a meeting with D.E.P., stating he has requested information from them regarding the impact the A.C.F. water allocation will have on Bee Keepers in North Gulf County. He stated that he will forward the information to Chief Administrator Butler for distribution to the Board.

REVERSE 911 SYSTEM / NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Commissioner Williams discussed the Reverse E-9-1-1 System, and requested that Emergency Management meet with the Sheriff regarding this system. He discussed that the Neighborhood Watch Group in the St. Joe Beach area has helped in providing information to the residents in that area. Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that they met with a Reverse 911 Representative last week, and Mexico Beach may also be interested in going in with Gulf County for this system. He stated that the City of Port St. Joe has the system, but the County has not had the funds to purchase this system. Commissioner Williams requested that Emergency Management Director Nelson obtain a cost estimate for this system.

SIGN ORDINANCE

Commissioner Williams discussed the moratorium that the Board issued on placement of signs (billboards), and he requested that Chief Administrator Butler meet with County Attorney McFarland and Building Official Collinsworth regarding this matter (are they going to change the ordinance, force removal of the signs, etc.). Chief Administrator Butler discussed that staff needs to meet and bring a recommendation back to the Board at the next meeting.

STUMPHOLE REVETMENT PROJECT

Commissioner Barnes reported that he met with the Engineers regarding the Stumphole Revetment Project, stated that D.E.P. is now requiring another permit (which will delay the project). He motioned that the entire Board submit a letter to the Legislators requesting their assistance to Gulf County in obtaining the permit to proceed with this project. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Barnes also requested that Commissioner Williams and Chief Administrator Butler discuss this issue during their meeting on March 20th.

PROPERTY SWAP / CONSOLIDATED WORKFORCE

Commissioner Peters discussed that the Board agreed to swap the 40 acres at Fleming's Curve for 30 acres at the intersection of S. R. 71 and Doc Whitfield (Howard Creek) Road (area on the west side of the road) with St. Joe Company, contingent upon approval by The St. Joe Company as a future consolidated site for the County Departments.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Commissioner Peters discussed that he has not been notified of any E.D.C. Meetings, and is concerned about the lack of meetings. He stated that Grant Writer Costin informed him that E.D.C. is contacting both Cities to see if they will appoint representatives to the committee, and this may be the holdup. Chairman Traylor stated that he will address this matter with E.D.C. Commissioner Williams stated that he was contacted by a representative of the *Florida Trend* magazine last week regarding the County's economic

status, and the representative stated that he was told that Alan McNair had rescinded his resignation and is now working again. He requested that Chairman Traylor also find out the status of Mr. McNair.

S.H.I.P. PROGRAM / AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Commissioner Peters stated that he pulled the request for \$230,000.00 in funding by Gulf County C.D.C. from the Consent Agenda, stating that they should give the Board options for ways these recaptured funds can be utilized. Upon inquiry by Chairman Traylor, County Attorney McFarland stated that there must be more information received regarding the trust issues (who holds an interest, how does the County get the land moved around, who controls it, etc.). Chairman Traylor requested that County Attorney McFarland contact Gulf County C.D.C.'s attorney regarding this matter.

PARK / CAMPING FEES - DEAD LAKES PARK

Commissioner Peters discussed the camping fees at Dead Lakes Park, stating that many corrections have been made. Chairman Traylor discussed changes that have been made to lower the costs of operating the park. Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed to reduce the camping fee for RV sites to \$18.00.

BUILDING OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION / FIRE MARSHAL CERTIFICATION

Commissioner Peters requested that Building Official Collinsworth appeared before the Board, and he congratulated him for receiving his certification as Building Official. Building Official Collinsworth stated that this is the first time that Gulf County has had a Building Official and a Building Inspector certified in all categories. Commissioner Peters stated that they do an excellent job, and they stay current in all educational areas as well.

Chairman Traylor also presented Building Official Collinsworth with a copy of the certification of Brad Price as a State Fire Marshal (we now have 2 in Gulf County). He congratulated Mr. Price on receiving this certification.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT / REPRESENTATIVE

Chairman Traylor reported that Sharon Gaskin will be leaving the Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board as of March 1st (Governor's Appointee), and requested that the Board submit a letter to the Governor requesting that he appoint Doug Birmingham to fill this vacancy. Commissioner Peters motioned to submit this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Birmingham. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BEACHES SEWER SYSTEM - LIFT STATIONS

Upon discussion by Commissioner Williams, Warren Yeager (of Preble-Rish) appeared before the Board to discuss placement of lift stations (25' x 25' with fencing) for the Beaches Sewer System on various alleyways at St. Joe Beach (alleyways are not currently being used, but the lift stations would not prohibit future use). He stated that it would be the alleyways located between Cortez Street and Ponce de Leon Street, and between Coronado Street and Balboa Street, in the first block off of U. S. Highway 98. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board approved this request.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Gail Alsobrook appeared before the Board to present them with a Florida Redevelopment Association award for Cultural Enhancement, which Port St. Joe received for the first time. She discussed how the recipients are selected, and thanked the Board for their contributions.

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Commissioner Williams thanked Gail Alsobrook for her years of service on the Planning & Development Review Board, stating that he realizes it is a very difficult job.

AMERICUS AVENUE DITCH PROJECT

Tracie Norwood, from St. Joe Beach, appeared before the Board to discuss the Americus Avenue Ditch Project, stating that she is concerned about the rainfall event information used to size the system. She discussed that her property has flooded 4 times in the past 34 years, and hopes this will prevent that from happening again. She stated that the D.O.T. rainfall event information used may not be adequate for the St. Joe Beach area. She requested that the Board have a review to determine if the system will handle the rainfall on (water also runs from the streets above) Americus Avenue. Commissioner Traylor stated that these are very valid issues, and inquired if she had met with Preble-Rish regarding her concerns. She stated that one of the engineers did come to her house to discuss this project, but she is still concerned about the elevation issues in that area. Commissioner Williams stated that he appreciates the logical approach that Ms. Norwood has taken regarding her concerns, and requested that she meet with Preble-Rish and possibly D.E.P. regarding these issues. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote the Board extended Ms. Norwood's speaking time. Ms. Norwood also discussed that the construction site also needs visual monitoring. Commissioner Williams stated that Preble-Rish, Inc. should have an inspector on site, and Chairman Traylor stated that he is there full-time. Upon inquiry by Ms. Norwood regarding budgeting funds for maintaining the new system, Chairman Traylor stated that they will have to consider this in the upcoming budget. Commissioner Williams and Chairman Traylor discussed that the maintenance costs should not be as much as what they were in trying to keep the ditch cleaned.

SLUDGE / LANDFILL - WETAPPO CREEK

Tim Stein, from Overstreet, appeared before the Board to discuss that the water testing samples at Wetappo Creek have to be taken at the same time to accurately determine the impact of the sludge farm on the Creek. He discussed that the samples also need to be taken after it has rained (run-off is to the Creek), and he also discussed items placed in the landfill that can make its way to Wetappo Creek. Mr. Stein requested that the Board adopt the ordinance before someone in the County is injured. Solid Waste Director Danford discussed that the lumber Mr. Stein is referring to is pulled out and shipped to another landfill (County has to pay tipping fees there). Mr. Stein inquired about the new landfill site, stating that the liner could fill up and overflow. Chairman Traylor stated that Commissioner Williams will be meeting with D.E.P. to discuss this and various other issues.

TRASH RECEPTACLE ORDINANCE / COUNTY-WIDE VOTING

Tom Kunicky, from the Indian Pass area, appeared before the Board to present and discuss the ordinance regulating placement of trash receptacles on the right-of-way of the tourist corridors in Gulf County, and requested that it be amended to include Treasure Drive. County Attorney McFarland discussed the ordinance amendment process and after discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner Barnes motioned to begin the process to amend the ordinance to include Treasure Drive. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Williams discussed notification to the residents in that area.

Tom Kunicky inquired about the status of County-Wide voting. Chairman Traylor stated that, at this time, the Board is taking no action in reference to County-Wide voting. Commissioner Barnes and Commissioner Williams discussed that neither of them can make a motion to re-address the County-Wide voting issue because they were on the losing side of the motion (based on the Roberts Rules of Order). Commissioner Williams discussed that this has been a losing battle because there have even been private citizens who offered to pay the litigation costs associated with returning to County-Wide voting, and the offer was rejected by the majority of the Board.

COUNTY-WIDE VOTING / GARBAGE PICKUP / TRAFFIC CONTROL

Rich Brenner, from St. Joe Beach, appeared before the Board to inquire at what point the County-Wide Voting issue could be re-addressed (after the election, etc.). County Attorney McFarland stated that Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Barnes could not re-address it, but if either has a successor, the new Commissioner could bring the issue before the Board. Upon inquiry by Mr. Brenner regarding a petition to change from a 5-member board to a 7-member board and whether or not the petition system could also be used to change to County-Wide voting, County Attorney McFarland stated that there is a petition process to change the number of Board members. Commissioner Williams discussed there are many ways to approach this, but it still comes down to a final vote of

the Board.

Rich Brenner inquired about extending the trash receptacle ordinance to St. Joe Beach. Commissioner Williams reported that there are discussions going on in reference to mandatory garbage pickup at this time. Commissioner McLemore discussed the possibility of advertising to receive sealed bids for garbage pickup in the County. Chief Administrator Butler stated that the County has a contract with Waste Management through 2009, but the Board could advertise to receive bids at that time.

Rich Brenner inquired about the double lines (“no passing”) from C. R. 386 to Pine Street, and Chairman Traylor reported that the Board requested the “no passing” zone several years ago. Mr. Brenner reported that he contacted the State regarding having broken lines at the street ends to allow legal left-hand turns, and was told that V.M.S. would address this issue. Upon his inquiry regarding the County doing this work, County Attorney McFarland stated that the Board has no jurisdiction on U. S. Highway 98 (D.O.T. issue).

There being no further business and upon motion by Commissioner Peters, the meeting did then adjourn at 7:48 p.m., E.T.

**BILLY E. TRAYLOR
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**