

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

AUGUST 25, 2010

SPECIAL MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in a special meeting with the following members present: Vice Chairman Warren J. Yeager, Jr., and Commissioner's Billy E. Traylor, and Bill Williams.

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, G.I.S. Coordinator Scott Warner, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Joe Nugent, and T.D.C. Director Tim Kerigan.

Acting Chairman Yeager called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., E.T.

DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that there have been a lot of rumors concerning the ongoing presence of British Petroleum (B.P.); and the tar balls on the beach. Acting Chairman Yeager discussed the handout concerning the recommendation for the level of service presence for B.P. in Gulf County for the next six months. Elvin Taylor, B.P. Branch Director at the staging area, appeared before the Board and reported that effective September 1st; it will be called the staging division, stating that they are downsizing the operation. He reported that he will pass the Board's recommendation on to the unified command in Mobile. He reported that B.P.'s plan is to have a presence in Gulf County, stating that the plan has not been approved yet so he cannot speculate on what that plan is at this time. Acting Chairman Yeager discussed that Gulf County is starting to receive some of the impacts from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and the Board wants to make sure there is adequate people available for the cleanup. Mr. Taylor reported that there will be people available for the cleanup if needed. Commissioner Traylor discussed that he has known Mr. Taylor since day one; stating that he has been an asset to this community. Commissioner Traylor discussed his concerns over the proposed number of teams and boats. Commissioner Traylor reported that he has walked every mile of every shoreline from here to Franklin County, stating that he has the knowledge of what it takes, and two crews of ten or fifteen people is not adequate. Mr. Taylor discussed the re-con and SCATS teams, and stated that he understands Gulf County's concerns but feels that they can handle it with a smaller crew, based on what he is seeing right now. Commissioner Traylor discussed

that he would like to speak with Mr. Taylor concerning a smaller cheaper site as the decontamination area. Upon inquiry by Acting Chairman Yeager, Elvin Taylor reported that the County does not have a copy of the proposed plan submitted to unified command, stating that he cannot speak on this at this time, but he will submit Gulf County's recommendation to unified command in Mobile. Chief Petty Officer DeWayne Ward, Gulf County's Liaison to ICP-Mobile, appeared before the Board and discussed some scientific surveys that have come out recently in the news. He reported that ICP-Mobile and the Unified Area Command is presenting sub-surface oil surveillance and provided a document to the Board explaining the process.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, the meeting did then adjourn at 5:18 p.m., E.T.

WARREN J. YEAGER, JR.
ACTING CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK