

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

DECEMBER 14, 2010

REGULAR MEETING

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

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy J. McFarland and Jeremy Novak, 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, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, E-9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, 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, Assistant Public Works Director Bobby Knee, Assistant Public Works Director Chris Wood, 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.

Assistant Administrator Hammond opened the meeting with prayer, and Chairman McLemore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, second by Commissioner McDaniel, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda, after removal of item # 10 (pages 36-37) and item #4 (pages 19-25) as follows:

1. Minutes – November 23, 2010 – Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Checks and Warrants for November, 2010 which are incorporated herein by reference, pursuant to Chapter 136.06 F.S.
3. Agreement – Medical Director (Gulf County E.M.S. and Gary M. Pablo, M.D.)
Agreement – County Attorney (Novak Law Offices, PLLC)

Agreement – FL Dept. of Transportation (Amendment #5 for Transportation Regional Incentive Program JPA * Stumphole Revetment Project)

4. ****DELETE**** Audit Services – Engagement Letter (Roberson & Associates, P.A./Vance CPA, LLC)
5. Contract – FL Dept. of Revenue (Sheriff Services)
6. Employee – Annual Leave Sell Back (Deborah Trasher)
7. Inventory – Gulf County E.M.S. (Transfer to Gulf County Maintenance * one Stihl trimmer s/n 25347829, one Stihl chainsaw s/n 272159936, one Stihl blower s/n 255028600, one Dewalt 7.25" electric circular saw s/n 580613, one Dewalt cordless reciprocating saw s/n 442971, one Dewalt 18v cordless drill s/n 847749, one Dewalt electric sander s/n 998784, one Dewalt cordless circular saw s/n 807823, one Makita 3/8" drill s/n 432209A, one Makita side grinder s/n 0065969, one weedeater electric trimmer s/n 98169D, one MI-T-M Corp 2400psi pressure washer s/n 3456, one Eureka hand held shop vac s/n 0820-001798, one model WL100 work light s/n n/a, one Rubbermaid wheel barrow, two wheel type s/n 27488BI, two Irwin quick grip (clamps) s/n n/a, one Egrodyne tool bucket w/pouches s/n n/a, one plastic container w/numerous electrical boxes, outlets, etc., one red plastic gas can, 6 gal.
 - Gulf County Extension Service (2002 Buick Century – Serial No. 2G4WS52J621263314)
8. Invoices – County Attorney Timothy J. McFarland (Invoice * November, 2010 * \$6839.50 * to be paid from Account #21314-31100)
 - Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency (FY 2010-2011 * \$161,289.00)
9. Resolution – Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill (Implementation of a United Recovery Plan) as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-50

A RESOLUTION OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA IN PART TO THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS OF THE COASTAL COUNTIES OF THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA PANHANDLE REGION, RELATING TO THE OIL SPILL IN THE GULF OF MEXICO; SUPPORTING A REGIONAL UNITED RECOVERY PLAN FOR THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA PANHANDLE; REQUESTING THAT THE REGION'S STATE AND FEDERAL DELEGATIONS RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A UNITED RECOVERY PLAN FOR THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA PANHANDLE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico, and on April 22, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon oil rig sank in the Gulf of Mexico resulting in widespread environmental and economic consequences; and

WHEREAS, seven coastal Counties in the Northwest Florida Panhandle region, to include Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf and Franklin Counties, incurred the most significant impacts statewide as a result of the disaster; and

WHEREAS, Gulf County and this coastal region have suffered losses to our environmental resources; and

WHEREAS, the local economy of Gulf County and this coastal region have further suffered incalculable economic losses due to the oil spill as it has impacted tourism, property values, the recreational and commercial seafood industries, recreational opportunities, marinas and boating, restaurants, the quality of life for residents and visitors to the region and numerous other facts of the economy; and

WHEREAS, the coastal Counties of Northwest Florida Panhandle seek to organize a unified recovery response effort in order to mitigate the disastrous environmental and economic impacts facing this region and promote economic growth and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate this common goal the Counties of Northwest Florida Panhandle resolve to develop a comprehensive United Recovery Plan detailing a proposed strategy to facilitate both environmental remediation and economic diversification within the region; and

WHEREAS, the United Recovery Plan will represent the Counties' collective strategy for regional recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Gulf County along with the other coastal Counties of the Northwest Florida Panhandle region, to include Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay and Franklin Counties, hereby supports the development of a unified recovery response effort to be set forth in a United Recovery Plan.

SECTION 3. Gulf County along with the other coastal Counties of the Northwest Florida Panhandle region hereby request that the region's state and federal delegations recognize and support the creation and implementation of a United Recovery Plan for the Northwest Florida Panhandle.

SECTION 4. Gulf County agrees with the other coastal Counties of the Northwest Florida Panhandle region to the establishment of a 501-C3 to serve as the fiduciary agent for all fine dollars, state funds, federal funds, grants, and other future funding opportunities generated as a result of the Deepwater Horizon incident for the purpose of economic recovery, environmental restoration and tourism.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the respective Boards of County Commissioners of the seven county Northwest Florida Panhandle Regions.

SECTION 6. The Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to all current and recently elected members of the state and federal delegations to include U.S. Senators George LeMieux, Bill Nelson and U.S. Senator-Elect Marco Rubio, Congressman Jeff Miller, Congressman-Elect Steve Southerland, Governor Charlie Crist and Governor-Elect Rick Scott, State Senators Greg Evers, Don Gaetz and State Senator-Elect Bill Montford, and State Representatives Doug Broxson, Clay Ingram, Clay Ford, Matt Gaetz, Brad Drake, Jimmy Patronis, Marti Coley, and Leonard Bembry.

ADOPTED this 14th day of December, 2010.

(End)

10. ****DELETE**** Travel – Commissioner District 3 (2011 Annual Meeting of the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association)

COUNTY ATTORNEY – TIMOTHY J. MCFARLAND

Chairman McLemore presented County Attorney Timothy J. McFarland a plaque in appreciation for his years of service as the County Attorney for the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners from November 14, 1995 to December 14, 2010. County Attorney McFarland introduced Jeremy Novak as the new County Attorney. <Mr. McFarland left the meeting>

COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS – TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed that she has been working with the IT Department in regards to the current telephone system, stating that they have determined that the telephone system is outdated, and it has been recommended to purchase a new system. She reported that Bluemanta has done some research and the newest technology is Voice Over Internet Protocol. Deputy Administrator Lanier requested permission to advertise to receive sealed bids to lease a new telephone system (VOIP or equivalent), stating that this could save a minimum of \$50,000.00. Deputy Administrator Lanier stated that she has prices already from State Contract for VOIP but would like to follow through with the competitive bid process, to see if the County could get something better than that. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL – APPOINTMENT

Deputy Administrator Lanier stated that she received a request from A.R.P.C. for the 2011 appointments, stating that the current County elected appointee is Kesley Colbert and the Municipal elected appointee is Tony Justice. Commissioner Yeager motioned to keep the current County and Municipal appointees to serve on the 2011 A.R.P.C. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION – MOSQUITO CONTROL – PUBLIC HEALTH ENTOMOLOGY RESEARCH & EDUCATION CENTER (PHEREC)

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed a proposed resolution from Mosquito Control, stating that F.A.M.U. is no longer going to support the P.H.E.R.E.C. program effective June 30, 2011, and the FSU-PC campus has agreed to accept responsibility for the mission and budget of P.H.E.R.E.C. Commissioner Yeager motioned to adopt the proposed resolution. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously as follows.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-51

WEHREAS, disease bearing mosquitoes pose a continuous threat to the citizens and tourists of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida mosquito control agencies need applied research to keep current on new technologies and to mitigate environmental constraints making it possible to administer safe and effective integrated control programs; and

WHEREAS, Florida mosquito control agencies rely on PHEREC for research, technical assistance and educational services; and

WHEREAS, the 20 scientists and staff of the Florida A&M University (FAMU), John A. Mulrennan sr., Public Health Entomology Research & Education Center (PHEREC) are uniquely trained and skilled to perform these services building on research compiled over 46 years and supported by the distinctive capabilities housed at the Panama City location; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has invested over 7 million dollars in construction of buildings, research facilities and scientific equipment at PHEREC on 10 acres deeded by Bay County; and

WHEREAS, many mosquito control directors, members of the Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMAC), Northwest Florida legislators, as well as the vast majority of PHEREC employees strongly support keeping the PHEREC mission at the current location in Panama City; and

WHEREAS, FAMU has announced plans to no longer support the PHEREC mission and to lay off all PHEREC employees and close PHEREC effective at the C.O.B. June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Florida State University-Panama City (FSU-PC) has conditionally agreed to accept responsibility for the mission and budget of PHEREC.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the PHEREC mission and all assets be transferred from FAMU to FSU-PC, along with the budget that was originally given to FAMU for PHEREC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any proposal for moving the PHEREC mission to a location other than Panama City be considered only if it cannot be maintained at its current Panama City location; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that none of the FMCA sustaining membership dues received from the undersigned mosquito control agencies shall be used to support moving the PHEREC mission out of Panama City; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that any funds identified to support the PHEREC mission be designated as a first priority to PHEREC in Panama City.

ADOPTED this 14th day of December, 2010.

(End)

DALKEITH FIRE DEPARTMENT – CANDY PURCHASE

Deputy Administrator Lanier requested permission for the Dalkeith Fire Department to purchase candy for the Wewahitchka Christmas Parade, in the amount of \$100.00, to be paid from the Dalkeith Fire Department Budget. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

GULF COUNTY E.M.S. – CHRISTMAS DINNER

Deputy Administrator Lanier requested permission for the Gulf County EMS to have a Christmas dinner not to exceed \$800.00, to be paid from their budget. Commissioner Smiley motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BOARD MEETING – CANCELLATION

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed the 2nd meeting in December, stating that this meeting is normally cancelled due to the Holidays. Commissioner Yeager motioned to cancel the 2nd meeting in December. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

2011 CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Deputy Administrator Lanier stated that it is time to elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2011. Commissioner Williams motioned for Commissioner Yeager to serve as Chairman effective the first meeting in January, 2011. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Yeager motioned for

Commissioner Williams to serve as Vice Chairman effective the first meeting in January, 2011. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LANDFILL EMPLOYEE

Public Works Director Danford requested permission to change a landfill employee to full time status, making him eligible for all benefits; stating that this is paid from grant funds and if the grant goes away the position will no longer be available. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DITCH EASEMENT – GRAIN BIN PROPERTY

Chief Administrator Butler requested, at the direction of the County Attorney, for the ditch easement on the Grain Bin property be placed in the next agenda, stating that this item was in the last agenda but the Board failed to address it. Commissioner Williams motioned to follow Chief Administrator Butler's recommendation. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

HONEYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER – ZUMBA CLASSES

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that Gulf County Extension Agent Roy Lee Carter has signed a letter stating he has taken the Zumba program under the arm of the Extension Service. He reported that they have agreed to pay \$160.00 per month for the use of the Honeyville Community Center retroactive to October, 2010, and recommended approval by the Board. Chief Administrator Butler further stated that the Insurance issue is resolved because it is now a County function through the Extension Service. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this Agreement. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DEAD LAKES PARK – REPAIRS - INVOICE

Chief Administrator Butler reported that he, Deputy Administrator Lanier, Commissioner McDaniel and Kenny Strange of Kenny Strange electric, Inc. met last week to discuss a \$17,000.00 plus invoice, for work done at the Dead Lakes Park. For the Boards consideration, Mr. Butler stated that Mr. Strange has offered to reduce it down to \$10,000.00; for work done at the direction of former Commissioner Billy Traylor at Dead Lakes Park. Chairman McLemore asked for direction or recommendation from Commissioner McDaniel. Commissioner McDaniel stated that he had spent a considerable amount of time at the park with an electrical contractor. Commissioner McDaniel read the motion from a prior meeting as follows, "Commissioner Traylor motioned to have repairs made at Dead Lakes Park not to exceed \$5,000.00, to be paid from the Parks and Recreation Funds. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0." Commissioner McDaniel discussed the bid limits and the requirement

that must be met for purchases over a specified dollar amount. He further stated that the policy was not followed, no quotes were taken, nor did the Board receive an account of what work would be done. Commissioner McDaniel stated that what was supposed to be limited to \$5,000.00 escalated to \$17,338.00, and this kind of stuff is what has the County in trouble now. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to deny payment until this is thoroughly investigated by the Building Department. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATOR

Chief Administrator Butler distributed a letter to the Board from Jim McKnight in reference to the Health Department Administrator position. For the Board's consideration, Chief Administrator Butler reported that the State recommended Marsha Player for the Health Department Administrator position, stating that the Board would need to vote to accept or deny their recommendation. Commissioner Yeager motioned to accept the State's recommendation. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Chairman McLemore called for public comment. Commissioner Yeager informed the public that the letter from Mr. McKnight encouraged the Board to accept the Department of Health's recommendation to hire Ms. Player. Chairman McLemore stated that this is what you call dirty politics and that he cannot support. Ray Dickens, City of Wewahitchka Mayor appeared before the Board and discussed that Jim McKnight has been an asset to this County for a long time, stating that sometime you have to lay politics aside and make the right decision. Commissioner Williams motioned to give Mr. Dickens an additional three minutes. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mayor Dickens assured the Board that Mr. McKnight was qualified for the job. Lisa Hathaway, Gulf County Health Department Human Resources employee appeared before the Board and stated that she supports Marsha Player as the Health Department Administrator. Lisa Marie Logan, Gulf County Health Department employee appeared before the Board and stated for the record that for Carmen McLemore to call this dirty politics, with all she's reported on over the years, is absolutely laughable. Commissioner McDaniel thanked the Chairman and fellow Commissioners for tabling this issue at the previous meeting and allowing him to have time to review it. Commissioner Williams further thanked the Department of Health, Ms. Barnhill and staff for being patient. There being no further discussion, the motion then passed 4 to 1, with Chairman McLemore voting no.

C.D.C. – RENTAL HOUSING/SERVICE DELIVERY FEES – WILLIAMSBURG

Chief Administrator Butler discussed an email he sent to Gulf County C.D.C. concerning the rental housing service delivery fees for two lots in Williamsburg Subdivision. He recommended paying up front the \$3,000.00 invoice, stating that C.D.C. will have to meet other milestones and deliverables before any more funds are released. Chief

Administrator Butler stated that according to the rules, they are eligible for 10% of the \$200,000.00, and future release of funds would be contingent upon Board approval and meeting certain deliverables or milestones. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion for discussion. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Williams, Chief Administrator Butler reported that this is the old FHOP funds that converted to S.H.I.P. funds. Commissioner Williams suggested for C.D.C. Director Quen Lamb to hold a workshop concerning this issue. Commissioner Yeager discussed the need for a workshop in January with the Commissioners, all County Staff, and all the different Programs for the purpose of informing everyone of what's going on and to plan strategies to move forward in a progressive manner. After further discussion by members of the Board, the motion passed unanimously.

MEDIACOM PEG CHANNELS

Chief Administrator Butler reported that effective December 14th there will no longer be Mediacom PEG (Public Education Government) Channels available for the Board meetings, and presented three options for the Board's consideration. Chief Administrator Butler stated that he met with Ken Murphy and he has agreed (option 1) to assume the cost of the three DSL lines currently running to his home, to keep the meetings televised, do Public Service Announcements, Etc; and the amount currently being paid to St. Joe News Network by T.D.C. will be paid to Mr. Murphy. He reported that he has been contacted by Troy White (option 2), and that he is interested in the Mediacom PEG Channel, but no money was discussed. Chief Administrator Butler stated that after discussions with T.D.C. Director, Kerigan about the possibility of letting the T.D.C. run the Mediacom PEG Channel; the T.D.C. would (option 3); following the Board's procurement policy hire someone to record the meetings; giving them the opportunity to put a lot more content than they have had in the past. At Chief Administrator Butler's recommendation, Commissioner Williams motioned for T.D.C. Director Kerigan to present option 3 to the T.D.C. Board for approval and their recommendations, to be brought back to the County for final consideration and approval. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion for discussion. Troy White appeared before the Board and discussed that he has the equipment and is qualified to run the PEG channels. He stated that there is another piece of equipment needed to broadcast and he can also provide this equipment and service at the same \$1,350.00 cost. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Mr. White stated that he can broadcast throughout the entire County. After further discussion, Michael Lee of Super Channel 17 appeared before the Board and discussed that Channel 17 is a licensed channel by the FCC (WEWA), stating that they broadcast throughout the entire County, will do this free to the county, effective immediately. Upon inquiry by Emergency Management Director Nelson, Mr. Lee discussed that Channel 17 is a basic cable channel, stating if you have

a problem, contact Mediacom and they will turn it on. After further discussion by members of the Board, the motion then passed unanimously.

FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATION PEG CHANNEL

Chief Administrator Butler stated that the Board of County Commissioners may want to consider RFP's for someone to provide service on the PEG channel since we now have more than one service provider interested in obtaining the PEG channel from Fairpoint Communication. Chief Administrator Butler reported that Ken Murphy from St. Joe News Network will be compensated for the service, in the amount of \$1,350.00 until someone takes over the PEG channel. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Williams, County Attorney Novak stated that the Mediacom and Fairpoint PEG issues can be covered under the previous motion.

DITCH LANDING ROAD

Chief Administrator Butler reported that he has had several calls and visits concerning the Ditch Landing Road. In September, 2000, the County agreed with St. Joe Company to perform limited maintenance on the Ditch Landing Road as long as it was open for the public, giving access to the landing. He reported that the Property Appraiser's website indicates that this property is now owned by Wimico Timber LLC, and a hunting club placed a gate across the road prohibiting access to the landing. William Lawson of Howard Creek appeared before the Board and discussed the agreement between the County and St. Joe Timberland Company. Chairman McLemore directed County Attorney Novak review the issue and report back to the Board. Jamie Mayhann appeared before the Board and discussed that Donnie Marcus was over this lease until other club members, without his permission, placed the gate across the road.

SAULS CREEK ROAD

Commissioner Smiley discussed the issues with the Sauls Creek Road, stating that he has received several calls concerning this road. Commissioner Williams stated that the County has applied for permitting and made this a priority, but we are currently in a hovering pattern to see if FEMA is going to pay. Emergency Management Director Nelson discussed that FEMA approved, after two years, the project worksheet. Mr. Nelson stated that in 1998 the road was flooded and there was an alternate project approved; explaining that the money was moved to a different project and the agreement between the County and FEMA was that there would be no more federal money spent on that road. Mr. Nelson informed the Board of County Commissioners that he is looking into the matter further to see if the money could be used for portions of the road damaged from other storms/events without running the risk of having to reimburse FEMA. He stated he will report back to the Board with a recommendation. Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore, Emergency Management Director Nelson stated

that if FEMA funds were used, it would have to be to their specifications. Chairman McLemore discussed that the main goal is to get it passable at this time. Commissioner Williams discussed the permit issue, funding and FEMA, stating that this needs to be handled very carefully. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Smiley, Chief Administrator Butler reported that we do not have a permit at this time, stating that we should receive something by January 3rd and this permit will be for a low water crossing which FEMA will not pay. After further discussion, Chairman McLemore called for public comment. Jamie Mayhann appeared before the Board and thanked them for addressing this issue.

ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEE

Commissioner Smiley motioned to give Chief Administrator Butler permission to find the available funds and hire an additional employee for his office to help answer the phone and direct the public. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

WETAPPO LANDFILL

Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Public Works Director Danford discussed that Wetappo Landfill was a C & D landfill (construction and demolition), stating that it had to be closed because it could not pass the storm water rules passed in 1998. He suggested that it be used as a lay down yard for green debris for the work crews, stating that this would eliminate a lot of traveling for the work crews. Public Works Director Danford discussed that the County has a small chipper and the chips can be given away and not have to haul them to the South end of the County, stating that this will save money. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to apply for permitting to proceed to use the Wetappo Landfill as a lay down yard for green debris. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COUNTY ROAD 386 – STRIPPING

Commissioner Yeager discussed the stripping on C.R. 386, stating that D.O.T. is still looking for available funding for this project.

SEVEN COUNTY COALITION

Commissioner Williams discussed the seven County Coalition meeting, stating that the seven Counties from Escambia County to Franklin County are trying to work together with one entity using Florida's great Northwest and Gulf Power.

JOINT COUNTY/CITY MEETING

Commissioner Williams discussed that he requested a joint County/City meeting, and this still has not been set. Commissioner Williams motioned to (1) re-send letter to the City concerning the water and (2) requested permission for Chairman McLemore to

send a letter to A.R.P.C. to facilitate the meeting. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COUNTY ATTORNEY NOVAK

Commissioner Williams welcomed new County Attorney Jeremy Novak.

WINDMARK D.R.I.

Commissioner Williams discussed the issue with The St. Joe Company concerning the Windmark D.R.I., stating that they need to comply, and requested County Attorney Novak review this issue. Commissioner Williams motioned to have the Attorney talk to St. Joe Company and push this issue to come to some resolve. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

TRAVEL – DISTRICT 3 – 2011 FLORIDA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION

Commissioner Williams discussed item #10 (pages 36-37) which were pulled from the Consent Agenda, and requested permission to attend, stating that it will be funded through the Emergency Management grant. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COMMODITY PROGRAM

Chairman McLemore reported changes to the commodity program, stating that they will be picked-up on Wednesday, and distributed on Thursday.

AUDIT SELECTION BID

Mike Scott, Managing Partner with Carr, Riggs & Ingram appeared before the Board to discuss the Audit Selection process. He stated, first that they (C.R.I.) were disqualified for an improper peer review report, and this was an improper disqualification: Second, in the RFP the County asked the firms to issue their Peer Review reports, which C.R.I. did, but Ralph Roberson CPA and Vance CPA, LLC issued a Peer Review report from a firm name Vance & Associates, LLC. Mr. Scott stated that Vance & Associates, LLC is a completely different Corporation in Alabama and Georgia, stating that this is an improper peer review report because Vance & Associates, LLC was incorporated in July 2010 in Florida and could not have had a proper peer review. Mr. Scott asked the Board to reconsider their position. Commissioner Yeager motioned to proceed with Roberson/Vance and place item #4 (pages 19-25) back in for approval. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion for discussion. The motion then passed unanimously.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Billy Moore, Howard Creek Fire Department appeared before the Board and discussed that there is less and less volunteer fire fighters, and inquired if they can assist other departments under the workers compensation mandates. Commissioner Williams discussed that there was a death in White City and expressed his condolence to this family. Commissioner Yeager discussed that this is a state wide issue and he will work on moving forward with this issue, and expressed his extreme gratitude for our volunteers. Chairman McLemore requested Commissioner Yeager review this issue and come back with a recommendation.

PUBLIC WORKS

Tom Semmes appeared before the Board and inquired about the lime rocks spread by Public Works at Fred's (Paul's) Bait and Tackle in Burgess Creek. Assistant Public Works Director Knee discussed that this was an agreement with the previous Board members, and that he received a call from the School Board concerning the bus turn around in this area, stating that they spread the lime rock that was purchased by the property owner, not the County.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Raymond Wood appeared before the Board and discussed animal control in the City of Port St. Joe, stating that he was bitten on the 29th of November. Upon inquiry by Mr. Wood, Chief Administrator Butler reported that there is an agreement with the City of Port St. Joe for animal control. Deputy Administrator Lanier went over the incident involving Mr. Wood, and discussed the procedure from animal control concerning dog bites. Mr. Wood asked when the County contacted the Health Department. Discussion followed. Commissioner Yeager stated that the animal control policy concerning bite notification has been corrected. Commissioner Yeager motioned to give an additional three minutes. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Wood stated that the Health Department was not timely notified. Upon inquiry by Mr. Wood, Deputy Administrator Lanier stated she would research the date the agreement with the City was signed.

PEG CHANNELS

Jimmy Alford appeared before the Board and discussed that the Boards best interest should be for this County, but it is evident that it is not because Michael Lee appeared before this Board and offered a free service to the County and the Board agreed to pay someone \$1,350.00 per month for this service. Commissioner Williams discussed the process to handle this issue. Upon inquiry by Mr. Alford, Commissioner Williams discussed that if it is T.D.C. related, it has to go before the T.D.C. Board. Commissioner Smiley discussed that you have to follow the correct protocol.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Jimmy Alford discussed the training for the volunteer fire departments, stating that the Government has taken over and this is a problem.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, the meeting did then adjourn at 8:21 p.m., E.T.

**CARMEN L. MCLEMORE
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:
REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**