

DECEMBER 19, 2013
PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA
EMERGENCY MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in an emergency session with the following members present: Chairman Tynalin Smiley, Vice Chairman Ward McDaniel, and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Joanna Bryan, and Warren J. Yeager, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Building Inspector George Knight, Central Services Director Denise Manuel, G.I.S. Coordinator Scott Warner, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, and Public Works Director Joe Danford.

Chairman Smiley called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m., E.T.

PENDING LITIGATION

County Attorney Novak discussed a notice received from Marie A. Mattox, P.A., of intent to file/initiate suit against the County, stating that she has been retained by a previous employee James Smith. He advised the Board and Staff to direct any and all questions regarding this case to him. After discussion, County Attorney Novak requested permission from the Board to proceed and schedule a Closed Session Meeting. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, County Jail Warden Hammond discussed the background of the intended suit; stating an individual that separated employment over three (3) years ago is bragging that, after talking with Commissioner Bryan, she is going to get his job back, his back-pay, and Mr. Hammonds job; noting they fired the PAC's Attorney to file suit against the County. Commissioner Bryan stated for the record that the information provided by Warden Hammond today is false information. Jail Warden Hammond discussed that the problem he has with Commissioner Bryan is that she is speaking to former employees and disgruntled jail inmates parents, and that they are coming back to him stating that they are talking with Commissioner Bryan.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, second by Commissioner McDaniel, and unanimous vote, the meeting did then adjourn at 3:16 p.m., E.T.

TYNALIN SMILEY
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK