

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

AUGUST 22, 2008

EMERGENCY MEETING

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

Others present were: County Attorney Tim McFarland, Deputy Clerk Kayla Duke, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Human Resource Director Denise Manuel, Planner David Richardson, Maintenance Superintendent Steve Mork, G.I.S. Director Scott Warner, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Health Department Supervisor Doug Kent, TDC Director Paula Pickett, Assistant Road Department Superintendent Chris Wood, County Extension Agent Roy Lee Carter, Supervisor of Elections Linda Griffin, Major Bobby Plair, and Sheriff Joe Nugent.

Chairman Traylor called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., E.T.

TROPICAL STORM FAY

Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson informed the Board that the emergency meeting would consist of a webinar/teleconference with State Meteorologist Kelley Godsey. Mr. Godsey discussed, via teleconference, the graphical tropical weather outlook. Mr. Godsey discussed the main areas of impact from Tropical Storm Fay and potential extended warnings for counties along the Florida coastline. Mr. Godsey discussed the projected path of the storm, and stated that the tide might be 2-3 feet above normal levels. Mr. Godsey showed an expectation of 10 to 14 inches of rain in Gulf County, and stated that the bulk of the rainfall will occur on Saturday. Emergency Management Director Nelson informed the Board that the EOC will be operating at a Level 2, and asked all public works departments to be on standby. He informed the public that there are sand bags available at the Road Department. Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier requested that everyone secure their trash receptacles, and stated that trash will not be picked up on Saturday. Commissioner Peters motioned to allow Public Works Superintendent Gerald Shearer to bring in extra employees if needed. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Williams stated that he spoke with Brad Bailey concerning Americus Avenue Ditch, and stated that this will be its first test of capability. Emergency Management Director Nelson requested that anyone who is capable of filling their own sand bags to leave the ones that are already filled for people who cannot fill their own. Upon Emergency Management Director Nelson's request, Commissioner Peters motioned to open the Honeyville Storm Shelter. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. <Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran and Public Works Superintendent Gerald Shearer entered the meeting.> Planner David Richardson encouraged the public to be very cautious of down power lines. Upon Chairman Traylor's inquiry, Emergency Management Director Nelson discussed possible damage to Cape San Blas due to large waves. Public Works Director Gerald Shearer informed the Board that there are 8,000 sandbags at the Road Department. Chairman Traylor stated that mosquitoes will be bad after this storm due to the rain, and stated that Mosquito Control will be working to keep this under control.

There being no further business, the meeting did then adjourn at 10:08 a.m., E.T.

BILLY E. TRAYLOR

**CHAIRMAN
ATTEST:**

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**