

## **WEWAHITCHKA, FLORIDA**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2007**

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

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

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Executive Administrator Towan Kopinsky, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, E.D.C. Director Alan McNair, Grant Writer Loretta Costin, Human Resources Director Denise Manuel, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Road Department Superintendent Bobby Knee, and Interim Sheriff Joe Nugent.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., C.T.

#### **BURN POLICY**

Galena Pippin appeared before the Board to discuss her daughter's home that had completely burned last Thursday. She requested assistance from the Board for the County to use their backhoe to clear the debris from the property. After discussion by members of the Board and Road Department Superintendent Knee, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion for discussion. Chairman Williams discussed the need to assist residents on a case-by-case basis when their homes are destroyed by natural disasters, and this was included in the motion. After further discussion by County Attorney McFarland regarding the need for a Hold Harmless Agreement from the property owners, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **PROBATION CONTRACT**

Commissioner Traylor discussed the proposed Contract with Judicial Correction Services, Inc. for County Probation Services. County Attorney McFarland reported that the issues which concerned County Judge Fred Witten have been changed in the contract, and he discussed that Judicial Correction Services, Inc. will also be leasing a portion of the Wewahitchka Sheriff's Substation. Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the Contract for Probation Services and the Lease Agreement for space in the Sheriff's Substation in Wewahitchka with Judicial Correction Services, Inc.

#### **BUDGET / POLICY - RESERVES**

Commissioner Traylor discussed that additional funds may be left in the 2006-07 Road Department Budget that could possibly be carried forward and this could also help fund recreation costs for 2007-08. He stated that this issue needs to be reviewed and will be brought before the Final Budget Public Hearing on September 24, 2007.

After discussion and upon motion by Commissioner Barnes, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed that there must be a for a super-majority (4-1) vote of the Board to expend funds from Reserves or Cash Carried Forward (CCF).

### **WILLIAMS ENVIRONMENTAL / SLUDGE DUMPING**

Commissioner Traylor discussed meeting with Mr. Williams regarding the new site designated for sludge dumping (in the Wetappo Area), and stated that he would like to appoint a committee to oversee this matter. Commissioner Traylor stated the Mr. Williams has agreed to give the committee or Road Department Superintendent Knee a key to the site for inspection. After discussion by members of the Board, Road Department Superintendent Knee recommended Preston Gibbs, Tim Stein, Jim Respress, and Elinor Cunningham be appointed to serve on this committee. After further discussion, Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve Road Department Superintendent Knee's recommendation regarding the committee appointments. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Upon discussion by Chairman Williams regarding representatives of both Cities and D.E.P., Commissioner Traylor stated that they will also be a part of this committee. Upon inquiry by Marilyn Blackwell regarding a workshop on this issue, Chairman Williams stated that they will give the committee time to meet before a workshop is scheduled.

### **AWARD BID #0607-36 / COUNTY JAIL**

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed Bid #0607-36 for Community-Based Inmate HealthCare Administration for the County Jail. Chairman Williams discussed his concerns regarding third-party billing, and stated that the company will help protect the County by negotiating healthcare issues for inmates. Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board awarded Bid #0607-36 to Medical Partners of America at a rate of \$.70/per inmate/per day.

### **GRANT - PUBLIC SAFETY INTER-OPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS**

Grant Writer Costin appeared before the Board to discuss a grant opportunity for the County through the Florida Department of Emergency Management called the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant. She reported that she has been working with Emergency Management Director Nelson and Sheriff's Office Captain Plair to identify needed equipment. Upon recommendation by Grant Writer Costin, Commissioner Peters motioned to apply for the Public Safety and InterOperable Communications Grant. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Traylor, and an unanimous vote, the Board approved the following Special Project Payments.

District I	Gulf Co. Road Department - Luncheon	\$150.00
	Gulf Co. Sheriff's Office - Safety Goggles	\$100.00
District II	Gulf Co. Road Department - Luncheon	\$100.00
	Gulf Co. Sheriff's Office - Safety Goggles	\$200.00

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### **HONEYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Commissioner McLemore discussed quotes received for a freezer to be used at the Honeyville Community Center/Storm Shelter. After further discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to accept the low quote for the freezer from Emerson Cooling and Heating, in the amount of \$10,373.00 (includes installation), on an emergency basis for the Honeyville Community Center. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

There being no further business and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the meeting did then adjourn at 1:25 p.m., C.T.

**BILL WILLIAMS  
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

**REBECCA L. NORRIS  
CLERK**