

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

AUGUST 23, 2011

REGULAR MEETING

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

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk of Court Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Director Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Tracy Tharpe, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Sheriff Joe Nugent, Sheriff's Office Major Bobby Plair, G.I.S. Coordinator Scott Warner, E911 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, Assistant Public Works Director Bobby Knee, Health Department Administrator Marsha Player Lindeman, and Preble-Rish Engineer Clayton Smallwood, III.

Sheriff Nugent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., E.T.

Clerk of Court Norris opened the meeting with prayer, and Chairman Yeager led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Williams, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Minutes – July 28, 2011 – Special Meeting
- August 9, 2011 – Regular Meeting
2. Agreement – Apalachee Regional Planning Council (Small Quantity Generator)
Agreement – Agency for Health Care Administration (St. Joseph Care of Florida * \$28,402.00)
3. Budget Amendment # 7 (Tourist Development Fund * \$125,000.00 * Amending the FY 2010-2011 T.D.C. budget for items to be paid with T.D.C Reserve Fund)
4. Contract – Gulf Coast Workforce Board (Request for Extension * July 1, 2010 – October 1, 2014)
5. Grant Agreement – Gulf County Public Libraries
6. Inventory – Wetappo Creek Fire Department (Transfer from City of Wewahitchka 1974 Ford 900 Fire Truck VIN # C90LVT12816)

7. Invoices – Atkins North America, Inc. (Cape San Blas Bike Path III * Invoice # 1118003 *\$23,545.19 * To be Paid From Account # 40341-31000)
 - County Attorney Jeremy Novak (08/1/2011 – 08/14/2011 * \$5,606.25 * To be Paid From Account # 21314-31100)
 - 911 Datamaster (E9-1-1 Database Management Software Upgrade * \$37,284.00 * To be Paid From Grant Funds)
 - GAC Contractors (Iola Road Paving Project (CIGP) * Invoice #26229 * \$101,660.25 * To be Paid From Account # 40741-63000)
 - Jordan & Associates – CDBG Grant Activity Delivery Services (Invoice # 11-K15-D04 * \$772.20 * To be Paid From Account # 113538-31000)
 - MicroData GIS, Inc. – Microdata Mapping Software Maintenance (Invoice # 13523 * \$10,308.80 * To be Paid From E911 Fees)
8. Resolution # 2011-16 - (Budget Resolution for unanticipated revenue in the Tourist Development Fund for FY 2010-2011)

RESOLUTION 2011-16

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, has unanticipated revenue in the Tourist Development Fund for fiscal year 2010-2011 and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to help pay certain expenditures incurred in fiscal year 2010-2011,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The 2010-2011 fiscal year budget be amended as follows:

Tourist Development Fund

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
Beach Renourishment:				
28039-31000 Contractual Srvs	131,000.00	28,617.00	-	159,617.00
Tourist Development:				
27452-49201 BP3 Adv-TV 0.00		200,000.00	-	200,000.00
27452-49202 BP3 Adv-Print	0.00			63,334.00

		63,334.00	-	
27452-49203BP3 Adv-Interactive				
0.00		70,000.00	-	70,000.00
27452-49204BP3 Adv-Outdoor				
0.00		33,333.00	-	33,333.00
27452-49205BP3 Adv-Radio	0.00	23,333.00	-	23,333.00
27452-49300BP3 Media Tours				
0.00		26,667.00	-	26,667.00
27452-49301 BP3 Public Rel Spt				
0.00		33,333.00	-	33,333.00
27452-48000BP3 Events-Area Su				
0.00		223,333.00	-	223,333.00
27452-48001 BP3 High Impact Ev				
0.00		100,000.00	-	100,000.00
Revenue:				
600334-39001 Other Phy Env Grnts				
0.00		28,617.00	-	28,617.00
60069-90000 BP3 Misc Rev				
0.00		773,333.00	-	773,333.00

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners this the 23rd day of August, 2011.

(End)

Resolution #2011-19 – Floodplain Management Plan

RESOLUTION 2011-19

WHEREAS, Gulf County, Florida has a repetitive flooding problem along the riverine and coastal floodplain areas resulting in hazards to public health and safety and serious property damage;

WHEREAS, a *Floodplain Management Plan* (FMP) was adopted by the County to address the flooding hazards identified in the floodplains;

WHEREAS, a *Floodplain Management Plan* and *Local Mitigation Strategy* (LMS) provides recommendations for activities that will keep the repetitive flooding problem from getting worse and will help property owners in the County's floodplains protect their property; and

WHEREAS, the *Floodplain Management Plan* must be updated and readopted every five (5) years and *Local Mitigation Strategy* reviewed yearly; and

WHEREAS, the updated FMP was presented for adoption to the Board of County Commissioners and the public at the public meeting on August 23, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, that;

1. The Gulf County, Florida *Floodplain Management Plan* is hereby adopted as an official plan of Gulf County.
2. The respective county officials identified in Section 9 of the *Floodplain Management Plan* are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities as resources are available.
3. The County Planner will submit the annual *Progress Report* required by CRS program.

ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF AUGUST, 2011

(End)

9. S.H.I.P – Loan Forgiving (Jolynne Parker Price)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

RESOLUTION #2011-19 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN (REVISED)

County Attorney Novak presented the Floodplain Management Plan (Repetitive Loss Plan), discussing the repetitive flooding problem along the coastline areas. He stated that every five years the County is required to amend and certify their Floodplain Management Plan, which affects the Community Rating System (CRS). County Attorney Novak recommended the Board adopt the Resolution and Floodplain Management Plan by motion. Chairman Yeager called for comment. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Williams about the problem in previous years with the F.E.M.A. re-designation and LIDAR oversight, Planner Richardson stated that this Resolution and the Floodplain Management Plan had no bearing on the LIDAR data. Assistant Administrator Hammond discussed elements of F.E.M.A.'s un-numbered and elevated "A" zones, the base flood, and the effects it has on a homeowner's ability to refinance and purchase flood insurance. Discussion followed concerning LIDAR data and what bearing it will have in the future. Rich Brenner appeared before the Board and suggested they correct several typographical errors in the proposed plan. Planner Richardson then presented a revised plan to the Board. Mr. Brenner continued with other suggestions for corrections. Commissioner McLemore moved to adopt the Resolution and revised Floodplain Management Plan. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

P.D.R.B. RECOMMENDATIONS (August 15, 2011)

The Board then considered the following recommendations from the August 15, 2011 meeting of the Planning & Development Review Board:

VARIANCE – EUGENE BEHAGE

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider a variance for Eugene Behage's (Parcel ID #06316-006R, located in Section 23, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida), encroachment into side setback next to Salinas Park, contingent upon no objection by the landward property owner; Planner Richardson read the public hearing notice. There being no public comment, Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve this variance request. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL – PORT ST. JOE FLA LLC

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider Preliminary Development approval for Port St. Joe FLA LLC (Parcel ID #'s 06252-010R, #06252-000R, #06257-000R, and #06257-200R, located in Sections 25 and 36, Township 8 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida) to construct a Marina and R.V. Park (Presnell's site), the development order being contingent upon permit requirements by the respective permitting agencies and meeting Gulf County's requirement; Planner Richardson read the public hearing notice. There being no public comment, Commissioner Williams motioned to approve this preliminary development approval request. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2011-01 AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Planner Richardson stated that the amendments have gone through a transmittal review with State Agencies having commented on them. He reported that this is up for adoption to amend the elements and to add an economic development element, having seen no state opposition to it. Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider an Ordinance amending the Gulf County Comprehensive Plan; there being no public comment and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner McDaniel and unanimous vote, the Board unanimously adopted the ordinance as follows:

ORDINANCE 2011-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GULF COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PER THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA STATUE 163 BY AMENDING THE ELEMENTS OF THE GULF COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THROUGH TEXT ADDITIONS, REMOVALS AND REVISIONS TO THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF THE RESPECTIVE ELEMENTS; ADDING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT; PROVIDING FINDINGS FOR ADOPTION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

Whereas, Gulf County is required to keep the Gulf County Comprehensive Plan Goals, Objectives and Policies concurrent, and

Whereas, Personal property rights, protecting the environment, maximizing the county resources, and energy conservation are integral for a productive and healthy Gulf County, and

Whereas, Beach erosion between the Stump Hole and T.S. Stone State Park is a serious threat to coastal property owners, and

Whereas, All construction seaward of the Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL) is the jurisdiction of the State of Florida and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as the State agency of jurisdiction for construction permit approval, and

Whereas, Gulf County has very limited jurisdiction seaward of the CCCL, all erosion protection measures and construction is subject to the authority and expertise of the State and their agencies, and

Whereas, Gulf County has under the provisions of Florida Statue 163 amended the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Land Use Element, Traffic Circulation Element, Housing Element, Coastal Management Element, Conservation Element, and

Whereas, Gulf County citizens have been severely affected by the current national economic recession, and

Whereas, Gulf County encourages the use of all our energy resources including renewable energy, and

Whereas, Gulf County recognizes the wisdom for energy conservation to provide economic and resource savings, and

Whereas, Gulf County has under the provisions of Florida Statue 163 adopted an Economic Development Element as an optional elements to the comprehensive plan to promote economic development, and

Whereas, An expedited review per Florida Statue 163 provides for agency review and comments on comprehensive plan amendments, and

Whereas, Gulf County transmitted and received the comments from the reviewing agencies that submitted comments and appropriately responded to their suggestions, and

Whereas, Gulf County has determined the adopted amendments to be compliant and in the best interest for the County and its citizens, and

Whereas, The amendments to Gulf County Comprehensive Plan were made available to the public for their review and comment, and

Whereas, The public hearing notice was published August 11 and August 18 in the local paper for a public hearings amending the comprehensive plan by ordinance to be held on August 23, 2011, and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners held a Public Hearing for adoption by ordinance on August 23, 2011, and

Therefore, amends the Gulf County Comprehensive Plan by adopting the amendments as presented in Exhibit 1, and

With adoption, the effective date of this plan amendment, if the amendment is not timely challenged, shall be 31 days after the state land planning agency notifies the local government that plan amendment package is complete. If timely challenged, this amendment shall become effective on the date the state land planning agency or the Administrative Commission enter a final order determining this adopted amendment to in compliance. No development orders, development permits, or land uses dependent on this amendment may be issued or commence before it has become effective. If a final order of noncompliance is issued by the Administrative commission, this amendment may nevertheless be made effective by adoption of a resolution affirming its effective status, a copy of which resolution shall be sent to the state land planning agency.

If any part of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutionally void or invalid, the validity of the remaining part of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Any other Ordinance or portion of any Ordinance in force at the time this Ordinance becomes effective, which may be in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been replaced and repealed to the extent of such conflict, otherwise, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

Passed and duly adopted by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners for Gulf County, Florida this August 23, 2011.

(End)

GOVERNOR'S NEW ECONOMIC INITIATIVES

Commissioner Williams asked Planner Richardson if the P.D.R.B. had taken under review or are tracking the Governor's new Economic Initiatives where things are fast tracking and many of the D.C.A. requirements are now being passed down to the local level, and will the P.D.R.B be recommending policy on this. Planner Richardson

reported that it had been discussed but nothing had been finalized at this point. Commissioner Williams asked that these ongoing recommendations flow to County Attorney Novak and Chief Administrator Butler so they can start crafting some ideas and policy recommendations. The Board had no objection.

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE/FEE WAIVER REQUEST/HONEYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed a letter received today from the Florida Department of Agriculture who is planning a district wide personnel meeting on October 27, 2011 (seven Counties) and is requesting the Board waive the fee for the use of the Honeyville Community Center/Storm Shelter. Commissioner Williams motioned to grant the fee waiver. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner McLemore stated for the record that he would prefer for them to pay one-half (1/2) of the fee, but his second stood. The Board then voted 5-0 to grant the fee waiver.

TRAVEL DISTRICT 3 – 2011 F.A.C. LEADERSHIP RETREAT

At Deputy Administrator Lanier's request, Commissioner McDaniel motioned to allow Commissioner Williams to travel to the 2011 F.A.C. Leadership Retreat tomorrow, August 24, 2011 (August 25-26 in Sanibel Island). With Commissioner Williams second, the motion passed 5-0.

RESOLUTION #2011-20 - LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY (LMS)

Grant Writer Kopinsky presented and discussed a proposed resolution and the Gulf County Local Mitigation Strategy plan. She stated that the LMS plan had already been approved by F.E.M.A. and the Division of Emergency Management, and requested the Board adopt the LMS plan by resolution. She stated that the plan will be in effect through mid January 2016. Upon inquiry by Chairman Yeager, County Attorney Novak confirmed and approved the resolution as to form. Commissioner Williams motioned to adopt the following resolution adopting the Local Mitigation Strategy. With Commissioner McDaniel's second, the motion passed 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-20

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners created a Local Mitigation Strategy Task Force comprised of County and municipal representatives, private citizens, local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, and agencies having authority to regulate development including businesses and other private and non-profit interests; and

WHEREAS, the Board charged the Task Force with the responsibility to assess the hazards facing the County and to identify initiatives designed to reduce the impact of those hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has completed the hazard assessment and has identified numerous initiatives designed to reduce the impact of future disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has incorporated their findings and recommendations into the *Gulf County Local Mitigation Strategy*; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to reducing the impact of hazards for all County residents; and

WHEREAS, the *Gulf County Local Mitigation Strategy* supports hazard mitigation actions throughout the entire County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board adopts the *Gulf County Local Mitigation Strategy* to reflect the current need and citizen desire to identify and implement hazard mitigation initiatives that will reduce the County's susceptibility to numerous hazards. And, at the appropriate time, the Board will develop and submit funding proposals to the appropriate agencies to implement the hazard mitigation initiatives identified in the *Gulf County Local Mitigation Strategy*.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of August, 2011.

(End)

GAC CONTRACTORS, INC./CHANGE ORDER #1/OLD BAY CITY ROAD, PHASE 1/BID# 1011-08

Grant Writer Kopinsky presented Change Order #1 on the Old Bay City Road (C.I.G.P project with FDOT) for the Board's consideration. She discussed the description of changes, stating that the change order was a net decrease of \$.02, and allowing for a 30 day extension to do the additional work. Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore and second by Commission Smiley, the motion passed 5-0.

DONATE LAND FOR TOWER

Grant Writer Kopinsky stated that Rick Marcum with Opportunity Florida contacted her several times concerning a grant they have received to install towers which will tie in with the FRBA (Florida Rural Broadband Alliance) Broadband grant. Kopinsky reported that Opportunity Florida has requested that the Counties within the R.A.C.E.C. (Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern) donate a 100 x 100 piece of property for the potential construction of a 190 foot communications tower. She stated that this tower will have 5 slots; the first would go to FRBA, the second would belong to the County for its use, then there will be three additional slots for which the County could lease the space for income. Kopinsky stated that when the full grant period is up, the tower would become the property of the County; at which time FRBA and the other three rentals would be paying income to the County. Grant Writer Kopinsky stated that she reviewed property owned by the County, in consultation with Chief Administrator Butler, and identified 3 locations that could be a potential site for the tower (2 lots at Beacon Hill adjacent to Beacon Hill Park, Gardenia Street in White City, referred to as the ball park or horse arena, and the 80 acre site on State Highway 22). Commissioner McLemore asked whether the location would be better more centrally located within the County.

Commissioner Williams stated that location would not make a big difference due to it being wireless broad band, and further expressed concerns about the long term maintenance and upkeep of the tower and would like to see revenue assessment and maintenance schedule projections on those type towers before accepting it. Upon inquiry by Chairman Yeager concerning a deadline to respond to Mr. Marcum, Grant Writer Kopinsky stated that he has been waiting on an answer for a month and a half and it is getting to a point that a decision is needed as soon as possible. Don discussed rates and wind load analysis options; stating that with the rate the County previously adopted, the County can maintain the tower. Commissioner Williams moved to proceed based on final approval of site in consultation with Grant Writer Kopinsky and Chief Administrator Butler. Discussion followed about how the site can be chosen. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

C.R.S. RATING UPDATE

For the Board's information Planner Richardson stated that due to the C.R.S. process, he has a preliminary estimate that the County may not be able to reduce their rate, but may be able to hold the current rating of eight (8) for the next five (5) years with the points we already have.

3-DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE PERMIT AND INSURANCE/T.D.C. POJO LIVE ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

County Attorney Novak noted that the 3-day alcoholic beverage license permit and binding insurance coverage for T.D.C.'s special events coming up had been secured.

SIGN COMMITTEE

County Attorney Novak reported the he is trying to get a meeting scheduled for the Sign Committee and has tentatively scheduled Wednesday, September 7, 2011, in the afternoon. He stated that he will check with the sub-committee on their availability and then get the notice out for the sub-committee meeting.

PROGRESS ENERGY DISTRIBUTION EASEMENT

County Attorney Novak presented a distribution easement provided by Progress Energy for Angel Fish Street and recommended approval contingent upon a few minor changes in the language concerning underground utilities. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the execution of the Easement, contingent upon minor changes as addressed by County Attorney Novak. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

T.D.C. INTERIM CLAIM/DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL/SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

County Attorney Novak presented for Board consideration an interim BP claim for the T.D.C. in the amount of \$131,796.00 (total recovery). He stated that with the distribution, fees, and advanced cost, the net proceeds for the T.D.C. is \$92,355.82. At County Attorney Novak's recommendation, Commissioner McLemore motioned to give the Chairman the authority to sign the necessary documents, and with Commissioner Williams' second, the motion passed 5-0.

JOHNSON/HIBISCUS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

County Attorney Novak gave an update on the progress of the (Fred) Johnson-Hibiscus Settlement Agreement, stating that there was just one person left that needed to sign the agreement and that he is working on finalizing that. He stated that when it is complete, there are specific terms that everyone needs to perform under (including the County) and he will be advising the County on that.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION (A.H.C.A.)/LOW INCOME POOL AGREEMENT (L.I.P.)

County Attorney Novak stated that the Board authorized him to go out and seek a modification to the L.I.P. agreement and the County's commitment levels for the upcoming year, both with Sacred Heart Hospital and the A.H.C.A. Commissioner Williams brought to the Board and public's attention the Health Trust Board and the Board's commitment of the \$25 million over 20 years and noting 12% of the commitment had already been drawn down for the benefit of Sacred Heart. Commissioner Williams also noted some positive things that have come about such as a matching grant, stating this Board took action giving \$258,000.00 for the match allowing Sacred Heart to receive a \$1.1 million dollar diversion primary care type grant. Commissioner Williams also stated the additional outlays have put us in a situation that has limited us on three (3) fronts (1) we have to change our agreement with A.H.C.A. so that the matching funds meet what the County is actually deriving from the ½ cent sales tax. County Attorney Novak reported that he received the figures from the Clerk's Office Finance Director Carla Hand (approximately \$460,000.00); these were provided to A.H.C.A. and Sacred Heart Hospital, with A.H.C.A. responding today modifying the Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) for the coming year, agreeing to the amount. Commissioner Williams stated that step two of that equation is that Sacred Heart Hospital has to amend, under a 5-year agreement, where we are now with the draw-down plus changing the yearly obligation because under the current agreement we are estimating sales tax revenue from \$800,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00 as that thing ramps up; we are not getting those kind of funds. Continuing in his dialog Commissioner Williams stated (2) the second part that he and Ms. Player are working on is that A.H.C.A. has notified Sacred Heart of a renewal of that matching grant where they can pick up another \$1,000,000.00. Commissioner Williams noted that they met with Sacred Heart Hospital by phone and they indicated that a PILT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) equation opportunity is possible where we could bind our contract in mutual agreement and have a direct payment of taxes putting their Hospital on the (tax) rolls with a flow-back of about \$258,000.00 to be used as part of the grant match. He stated that those moneys could then flow back to the county as match for future grants which would not affect our ½ cent sales tax. Commissioners Williams stated he thinks this is a good idea but there is a lot of legal trigger points that the Attorney is researching and he also asked the attorneys at the F.A.C. (Florida Association of Counties) to give this Board advice on the statutory compliance of that. He further noted there is a time frame, September 15th for this agreement and the Board may need to call a Special Meeting prior to that. County Attorney Novak stated that he received an agreement that was done in another County and he is reviewing it, and wants to come back with a

recommendation that is compliant with any Statutes. The question is really coming back to you now is these are tax dollars and can we do payment in lieu of taxes, apply those toward this grant, Novak stated. Chairman Yeager recommended that Commissioner Williams and County Attorney Novak work on it and bring a recommendation back to the Board. Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed the modification agreement received today from A.H.C.A. and asked if the Board wanted to proceed with that tonight. County Attorney Novak stated that he preferred to wait to do both the amendment to the Interlocal with Sacred Heat and Modification Agreement with A.H.C.A. at the same time.

S.H.I.P. STRATEGY CHANGES/SECTION D:LAND ACQUISITION AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Chief Administrator Butler presented the Board with recommended language changes as submitted by Michael Cheney of the Public Housing Coalition, recommending some changes to the strategy of the County's S.H.I.P. program in order for us to be able to put a couple of houses on those two lots in White City. He noted that what you see in yellow has been changed and his recommendation is to adopt this as a modification to our strategy. He stated that this would keep the County from having to pay the money back to the State. Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the strategy changes as recommended. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY/X-RAY MACHINE QUOTES

Chief Administrator Butler presented 3 quotes (AutoClear \$17,875.00/Smith's Detection \$19,345.00 or \$21,256.00, with additional options/Event \$22,550.00) for an X-Ray machine for the Courthouse and stated that the Courts recommend the Board go with the AutoClear proposal in the amount of \$17,875.00. Chief Administrator Butler discussed a source of money (\$26,000.00) available to pay for both the X-Ray machine and a Mag Lock system that he will present as his next item for consideration. He noted that the idea is to not purchase a magnetometer at this time but to use the one from upstairs, with the possibility of purchasing a new magnetometer in a few years. Commissioner Smiley moved to accept the proposal as recommended by Chief Administrator Butler and the Courts. With Commissioner Williams' second, the motion passed unanimously.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY/CARD SWIPE MAGNETIC LOCK SYSTEM QUOTES

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the Lock Dock system at the Emergency Operations Center, and stated that the back doors to the Courthouse will be locked, requiring a card swipe entry, and will be tied to the computer system in the E.O.C., noting people as they come and go in the building. Chief Administrator Butler presented 4 different quotes from Security World Unlimited, Inc. (\$7,486.43/\$6,181.96/\$4,116.14/\$4,902.25) to the Board for a Card Swipe Mag Lock system for the rear entrance of the Courthouse (differed based on options). Upon recommendation by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Smiley motioned to accept the \$6,181.96 quote/proposal from Security World Unlimited, Inc., Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

INVENTORY TRANSFER-WETAPPO CREEK FIRE DEPT/SOUTH GULF COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT

Chief Administrator Butler submitted an email from South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department offering a Ford F-250 Brush truck, and an email from Bobby Knee of the Wetappo Creek Fire Department requesting that South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department's 1994 Ford F-250 Brush truck (VIN# 1FTHX26M5RKB12315) be transferred to the Wetappo Creek Fire Department. Upon motion by Commissioner McDaniel, second by Commissioner Smiley and unanimous vote, the Board approved this transfer.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS #1011-32/FEDERAL LOBBYIST

Chief Administrator Butler stated that you advertised for a lobbyist for the purpose of advancing the County's efforts to obtain F.E.M.A. reimbursement, and to help remove some of the area of CBRA out on the St. Joseph Peninsula. He reported that only one (1) R.F.Q. was received; The Ferguson Group, LLC. and he recommended that the Board allow them to begin negotiations and see if they can come up with a favorable number. Commissioner Williams so moved as recommended, and with Commissioner Smiley's second, the motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE SUPPORT VEHICLE ON STATE CONTRACT/SOUTH GULF COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chairman Yeager discussed South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department's email where they too asked the Board to allow them to purchase a support vehicle under Florida State Contract from Brannen's Motor Company. (The email stated that there were sufficient funds in their current 2010-11 budget to pay for this purchase.) Upon motion by Commissioner Williams, second by Commissioner McDaniel, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed to allow this purchase under State Contract.

GULF COAST WORKFORCE BOARD-INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT/LOCAL WORKFORCE SERVICES PLAN/AMENDMENT TO PLAN

Gary Ross and Kim Bodine of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board appeared before the Board. Mr. Ross brought to the Board's attention and to brag a bit about a recent accomplishment, reporting that the United States Chamber of Commerce has said that twenty-four (24) Workforce Board's in the State of Florida are the best performing Boards in the United States, and that our Workforce Board, headed by Ms. Kim Bodine, is the top ranked Board the last two (2) years among those twenty-four (24) Boards. Ms. Bodine presented and discussed three (3) items for the Boards consideration; the updated Interlocal Agreement, the Local Workforce Services Plan with attachments, and an Amendment to the Plan that is required by the State in order for them to operate direct services. Chairman Yeager commended Ms. Bodine for helping our County. Commissioner Williams stated that the passion and zeal that Ms. Bodine brings to this has been evident across the board, not only representing your agency, but our Counties as well. County Attorney Novak reported that he had reviewed all three documents and the can be included in one motion for adoption. Commissioner Williams moved to approve and execute all three (3) documents. With Commissioner Smiley's second, the motioned passed 5-0.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE OF GULF COUNTY

Erika White, Executive Director of People Helping People, appeared before the Board and distributed an informational placard about the People Helping People of Gulf County program. Ms. White introduced Tom Diemer and Rose Minturn, Tax Consultants with the Internal Revenue Service (I.R.S.). Mr. Diemer appeared before the Board and stated that his division is more like the outreach branch of the I.R.S.; going out into the communities, visiting organizations, to let people know about the tax credits that are available, changes in tax law, and talk to tax payers about the benefits of filing taxes. He discussed the I.R.S.'s free tax sites across the nation that has been in existence for thirty (30) years but no one wanted the I.R.S. to do their taxes. He stated that they finally wised up and teamed up with different community centers, local non-profit organizations, and local government agencies to run what they call a V.I.T.A. program (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance). He explained that the I.R.S. supplies the software to different organizations and trains the volunteers on tax law. He reported that they have been working here in Gulf County through People Helping People. He stated that the I.R.S.'s goal is to create a coalition to run the program for them. Mr. Diemer asked the Board to help in any way they can and to help promote the tax sites and help in getting more volunteers. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Mr. Diemer stated that Ms. Erika White will be the local contact.

MARILYN BLACKWELL – HEALTH ISSUES

Chairman Yeager called for Ms. Blackwell who was scheduled on the Agenda to speak on health issues. Ms. Blackwell was not in attendance.

BASS TOURNAMENT-WHITE CITY

Sheriff Joe Nugent appeared before the Board and stated that he has been working with the T.D.C. and discussed the annual Bass Tournament on October 15th and 16th at the White City Park. Sheriff Nugent stated that T.D.C. and B.P. put up the first \$25,000.00. He discussed the prizes, payouts, and the food drive and stated some of the youth organizations that are helped through the money raised as a result of this tournament. Nugent discussed the need for sponsorships and directed interested persons, groups or businesses visit the T.D.C. website for more information.

I.T. CONTRACT-BLUEMANTA TECHNOLOGY GROUP

Sheriff Nugent reported that Chuck Edwards of Bluemanta Technology stopped by his office today and informed him that his firm was no longer providing I.T. services to the County.

PROJECT GRADUATION-T.D.C. FUNDING

Commissioner McLemore inquired about a donation for Project Graduation. County Attorney Novak and Chairman Yeager stated that they had no knowledge of this funding for Project Graduation from the T.D.C.

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR

Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Chief Administrator Butler stated that he may have a **Human** Resource Director selected tomorrow, August 24, 2011.

P.D.R.B. APPOINTMENTS-VACANCIES

Commissioner Williams stated that Jim Norton serves on the P.D.R.B. but would need to be replaced due to his recent appointment as Superintendent of Schools by Governor Rick Scott. Planner Richardson agreed and stated that there are two (2) vacancies that needed to be filled; that of Jim Norton and Glen Elders.

REDISTRICTING

Commissioner Williams reported that he had staff advertize for a Town Hall meeting in Overstreet to discuss re-districting lines. Commissioner Williams recommended that the Board look at the numbers in each district and make adjustments; stating that they would not be doing their job if they let District 4 continue to shrink, explaining the need for fair representation on the numbers across the board, without violating anything in the Consent Decree. Chairman Yeager stated that he does not disagree, but also thinks they need to work with the School Board to establish the same boundaries, or District lines. Chairman Yeager discussed having a joint workshop with the School Board members. Commissioner Smiley stated that he would like time to discuss this matter with his constituents. Commissioner Williams stated that he would like to move ahead with a decision tonight based on G.I.S. Coordinator Warner's map/numbers where it is statistically population based. Discussion continued. County Attorney Novak discussed general principals mandated by the Federal and State guidelines requiring this review every ten (10) years. Mr. Novak agreed with Commissioner McDaniel's comment from the previous meeting, stating this is strictly about the numbers. He stated that an additional layer to consider is compliance with the Federal Consent Decree. Commissioner Williams motioned to direct GIS Coordinator Warner to examine Districts 3, 4, and 5 and how it needs to be divvied up based on the population numbers specifically, what makes best options so they have some template to work off of. Commissioner Yeager called for clarity of the motion then re-stated the motion as directing G.I.S. Coordinator Scott Warner to draw the lines, bring it back to the Board, let them workshop it and proceed with that, using the best logistical sense based on population. With Commissioner McDaniel's second, the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Yeager directed G.I.S. Coordinator Warner to give the Board different scenarios to work from. Commissioner Williams discussed precinct cost and the need to look at precinct outlays too. Commissioner Williams asked Chairman Yeager to discuss this matter with Superintendent Jim Norton and the School Board members, requesting them to workshop this with the County.

PROPERTY – HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD

Commissioner Smiley presented copies of photographs of structures in the North Port St. Joe area that were health and safety hazards and requested the County's help in cleaning these areas up. Commissioner Williams inquired about ownership and as to whether these structures had been officially condemned. Chairman Yeager stated that he agrees that they need to clean up areas to help clean up our communities, stating

the Board had assisted with this when there had been hardships and fires. Chairman Yeager stated that at some point the County needs to review their process, and ask how this will affect the taxpayers that are footing the bill to tear these structures down for owners of property that may be able to do this themselves. Commissioner Smiley stated that he is also looking for volunteers to help as in the past. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Commissioner Smiley stated that he had not yet approached the City of Port St. Joe about this but that was his next step. Chairman Yeager stated that the County needs to standardize how they handle these matters and there needs to be a hardship established or determined. Chairman Yeager requested that Commissioner Smiley first discuss this with City Hall, stating that the County will play a part and help in this too. County Attorney Novak discussed a Code Enforcement issue pending on one of the structures (person is incarcerated and must have due process), and placing liens on the properties. Commissioner McDaniel agreed that a lien needed to be placed on the property that is currently pending with Code Enforcement, and County Attorney Novak stated that the County would need to provide the amount to the Special Master to place a lien on this property. Chairman Yeager directed Commissioner Smiley to work with the County Attorney on this matter.

BP – DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, County Attorney Novak discussed a video conference call that was held with the Beasley Allen Law Firm about a week and a half ago; stating that they hope to have a claim on the lost revenue soon.

COMPLAINTS IN DISTRICT 3

Commissioner McDaniel discussed complaints he had received concerning bonfire debris and animal waste on the beach in Beacon Hill. Commissioner Williams stated that this has been an issue in the past but you must balance whether to allow or enforce the issues. Discussion followed about problems, enforcement issues, and over regulating. Chairman Yeager stated that allowing bonfires and pets is what attracts people to Gulf County, but in allowing these there will be issues and a constant effort to keep the beaches clean. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Smiley, Chairman Yeager stated that there is signage on the beach to address some of these issues.

KAREN EVERHEART-4 YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT

Marsha Player, Health Department Administrator, appeared before the Board and introduced four (4) year medical student Karen Everheart. Ms. Player discussed the Health Department's program that allows these students into the facility.

ODENA BOAT RAMP GROUND LEASE

Upon inquiry by Chairman Yeager, County Attorney Novak stated that all the paperwork for the Ground Lease on the Odena Boat Ramp is now in the St. Joe Company's hands. Chairman Yeager directed Chief Administrator Butler to proceed with the permit with Garlick Environmental, as soon as the paperwork is executed.

WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

Patricia Hardman appeared before the Board and discussed the Weatherization program, stating that she thought that there would be movement through the S.H.I.P. program and felt that Gulf County has not received their share as they should have. Ms. Hardman stated that people do not know the program exists and the Board could help by getting the information out to people on fixed incomes. Ms. Hardman requested that the Board put out posters, and to get information out to the Churches and Senior Citizen organizations. Chairman Yeager stated that he will work with staff on getting that information out, and also The Star may write an article on that particular program. Chief Administrator Butler stated that the Board tried to get the Gulf Coast Workforce Board to administer the program, but the State chose the C.A.C.A.A. (Capital Area Community Action Agency) to do it. Hardman stated that you will not have this much funding again, over \$1,000,000.00.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the meeting did then adjourn at 7:31 p.m., E.T.

**WARREN J. YEAGER, JR.
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:
REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**

