

**MARCH 10, 2016**

**PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in special session with the following members present: Chairman Ward McDaniel, Vice Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, and Commissioners Joanna Bryan, Commissioner Sandy Quinn, Jr., and Jerry W. Barnes.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Director of Finance & Management Rhonda Woodward, Clerk Budget & Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Kari Summers, Building Official George Knight, Central Services Director Lynn Lanier, Gulf County E.D.C. Director Chris Holley, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, County Planner Brett Lowry, Public Works & Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Assistant Public Works Director Lee Collinsworth, Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Warren Yeager, Jr., and Sheriff Mike Harrison.

Sheriff Harrison called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., E.T.

Chairman McDaniel opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – EVERBRIDGE AGREEMENT**

After discussion by Chairman McDaniel regarding the items on today's Agenda, he reported that the Everbridge Agreement with Emergency Management has been resolved.

**GARBAGE – SOLID WASTE / WASTE PRO**

County Attorney Novak reported that the Transfer Station has been completed and is operational. He provided updated photos of the facility <copy provided to the Clerk for the record> for the Board to review. County Attorney Novak stated that from the contract the one (1) item that is still pending is the paving of the road that goes into the transfer facility; reporting that the County has requested that the vendor (Waste Pro) not complete this project until after the landfill closure (Five Points Landfill). He encouraged the Board to notify Staff of any complaints or concerns regarding the services provided by Waste Pro. County Attorney Novak then gave an analysis and comparison of the Waste Pro Contracts with Gulf County vs Wakulla County. He provided an up-to-date history of the bid process, awarding of the bid, the contract with Waste Pro, and the breach of contract regarding the solid waste services. Jeremy Novak, of St. Joe Beach discussed his concerns regarding comments that were made at the last Board meeting about himself. Assistant Administrator Hammond discussed the study that is required in order for Gulf

County to implement mandatory garbage pickup; reporting that Wakulla County is a Charter County and they are not required to complete this study. He compared the differences between Gulf County and Wakulla County; discussing the bid process and the comments made at the last Board meeting. Commissioner Bryan stated that she stands by everything she said regarding the Waste Pro Contract and everything that has gone on. She stated that she did raise the issue about the men's night at Howard Creek; discussing her concerns regarding businesses that have contracts with the County sponsoring these events. Commissioner Bryan discussed the Waste Pro Contracts between Gulf County and Wakulla County. After discussion by Jeremy Novak, of St. Joe Beach and Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner McLemore and Chairman McDaniel discussed their concerns regarding this matter. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There was no public comment.

### **BEACON HILL VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK – MEMORY GARDEN**

Commissioner McLemore motioned to accept what the Veterans' (VFW) want and move forward. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner McLemore stated that they (VFW) are requesting ¼ acre (designated for a memory garden at Beacon Hill Veterans' Memorial Park). He stated that his motion is to move forward. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion by members of the Board, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

### **ROAD CLOSURE CR 30A**

Public Works Director Cothran appeared before the Board to report that Roberts and Roberts, Inc. is asking for road signs to be placed on the "Ys" at both ends of Highway 98 leading to CR 30A to notify the public that County Road 30A will be closed, only local traffic will be permitted from March 28<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> in order to repair the cross drains. Upon inquiry by Chairman McDaniel, Public Works Director Cothran stated that Roberts and Roberts, Inc. will place the road closure signs (not the County). President of the Coastal Community Association, Pat Hardman, appeared before the Board to discuss her concerns regarding the time the road will be closed. Public Works Director Cothran stated that this project may not take the entire week, but wanted to block-off a week to ensure they have enough time to complete all four cross drains. Ms. Hardman discussed her concerns regarding the residents that live in the area of the road closure. Public Works Director Cothran reported that the road will be open to residents.

### **E.M.S. MATCHING GRANT RESOLUTION**

After general discussion and overview by Chairman McDaniel of the grant application process and purpose (two (2) ambulances), Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the following Resolution. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously, as follows:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-04**

**WHEREAS**, Gulf County is a rural community located in the Panhandle of Florida which has a limited services hospital, which serves the citizens of Gulf County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners provides EMS services to the citizens of Gulf County, Florida as well as extending services for coverage to our neighbor Mexico Beach which is located in Bay County, Florida. These services are provided due to proximity in geographic location and the remote, isolated nature of the areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners is committed to protecting the life, health, and safety of the citizens of Gulf County through the provision of adequate EMS services as required by the tremendous increase in demand upon the Gulf County EMS services through local growth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners is currently faced with a rapid increasing demand for EMS services throughout the area without having an adequate funding mechanism yet in place as a growing county to provide such demand and required services; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant monies available through your program will greatly assist this small rural county in providing essential emergency services to our citizens and visitors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**, as follows:

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners hereby unanimously support the application and award of the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Grant, seeking any and all relief available through such agency and specifically for equipment in this time of critical need for the Gulf County Emergency Medical Services.

**ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.  
(End)

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Quinn, and unanimous vote, the meeting did then adjourn at 10:07 a.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL  
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

**REBECCA L. NORRIS  
CLERK OF COURT**