

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

JUNE 1, 2010

EMERGENCY MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioner met this date in emergency session with the following members present: Vice Chairman Warren J. Yeager, Jr., and Commissioners Bill Williams and Nathan Peters, Jr. <Chairman Carmen L. McLemore and Commissioner Billy E. Traylor were absent.>

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy J. McFarland, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Deputy Clerk Tracy Tharpe, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Planner David Richardson, and T.D.C. Director Tim Kerigan.

Acting Chairman Yeager called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m., E.T.

D.E.P. AGREEMENT / DEEP WATER HORIZON EVENT

T.D.C. Director Kerigan appeared before the Board and reported that they submitted a 45-90 day plan to D.E.P., in the amount of \$150,500.00, stating that they granted \$75,250.00 for the purpose to purchase, contract, manage, oversee and/or arrange for a Florida tourism and advertising campaign relating to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. He reported that we are trying to create our own image, and have our own live video cam for the website. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Williams, T.D.C. Director Kerigan discussed that he was not sure on the funding formula, stating that Franklin County may have pulled funds from reserves for matching funds, and they may have received a larger percentage of funds. He reported that what Gulf County received was what they came to the table with, stating that the amount requested was reasonable and consistent. T.D.C. Director Kerigan reported that whatever is proposed, one half is awarded, stating that they are coordinating with Mexico Beach. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Yeager, T.D.C. Director Kerigan reported that Gulf County funds are separate from Bay County funds. Commissioner Yeager stated that if Bay County is getting \$1.1 million it needs to be partnered with Gulf County.

Pat Hardman appeared before the Board and discussed concerns that it focuses on Mexico Beach and not Cape San Blas. T.D.C. Director Kerigan reported that you have to have 24 hour access to the live web-cams per Bluemanta Technology Group and Blue Water inet (Rick Lamberson). Ms. Hardman discussed the \$350.00 charge for the link, stating that the smaller Companies cannot afford to pay this fee. T.D.C. Director Kerigan reported that the T.D.C. Board has discussed this issue, stating that there is an

additional link to anyone who is a bed tax collector. He reported that he felt they needed to differentiate between those which have partnered throughout the year. Commissioner Williams discussed that partners do not feel there should be any linkage to the old marketing plan. After further discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner Peters motioned to approve the \$75,250.00 contract, and accept the funds. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (3-0).

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Williams, the meeting did then adjourn at 6:57 p.m., E.T.

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

**ATTEST:
REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**