

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

MAY 11, 2010

REGULAR MEETING

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

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Joe Nugent, and T.D.C. Director Tim Kerigan.

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

Deputy Administrator Lanier opened the meeting with prayer, and Chairman McLemore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes – April 27, 2010 – Special Meeting
- April 27, 2010 – Regular Meeting
2. Bid Award #0910-11 (Sale of 1995 Chevrolet Lumina * James Metcalf *
\$351.00)
3. Funding Request – District 4 (Washington Museum \$1,000.00 from T.D.C.
Funds)
4. Invoices – County Attorney Timothy McFarland (Invoice * April, 2010 *
\$8,663.00 * to be paid from Account #21314-31100)

- Legal Services of North Florida (January 1 – March 31, 2010 * to be paid from Account #71015-82000)
- Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell – General Employment Matters (File #G214-107990 * Invoice #748852 * \$80.00 * to be paid from Account #21111-31200)
- St. Joseph Bay Humane Society – Animal Control (April, 2010 * \$3,577.00 * to be paid from Account #43262-31000)

5. Records Disposition – BOCC Documents

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2010 CENUS

Ann Morningstar of the U.S. Census Bureau appeared before the Board and discussed that they have representatives in the community obtaining information from residents which did not return their census forms, and recommended that the public be informed on this information.

BID #0910-12 – TRUCK, BUS & AGRICULTURE TIRE CHANGER

Public Works Director Danford appeared before the Board and recommended bid #0910-12 for the truck, bus & agriculture tire changer equipment for the Public Works Department be awarded to Myers Tire Supply, Inc., in the amount of \$14,245.00, to be paid from Grant funds. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET – FUEL COST

Sheriff Nugent appeared before the Board and reported that fuel costs have increased approximately \$.20 per gallon over the past several months.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET – 2011-2012 RETIREMENT RATES

Sheriff Nugent reported that the 2011-2012 retirement rates will be significantly higher, stating that in his budget alone it will be approximately \$90,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

4H CLUB – STATE COMPETITION

Sheriff Nugent reported that five children from the 4H Club through the Extension Agent qualified for State competition to be held in Tampa in July, and requested donations from the Commissioners to help the children attend this competition.

GARLICK ENVIRONMENTAL – ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACTOR

Chief Administrator Butler reported that he met with Dan Garlick of Garlick Environmental concerning environmental issues throughout the County, and recommended that the County contract with Garlick Environmental as the environmental contractor for the County, as needed, on temporary basis. County Attorney McFarland reported that this will be on an emergency basis. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0, with Commissioner Yeager abstaining due to a business relationship with Preble-Rish, Inc.

U.S. ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS - SALINAS PARK

Chief Administrator Butler reported that he received a letter from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers concerning Salinas Park and the potential of grass damage on the sides of the pier, and the County only has fifteen days to respond, stating that Garlick Environmental will assist in the response.

S.H.I.P. – F.H.O.P. FUNDS

Chief Administrator Butler recommended approval of F.H.O.P. funds for John Ludlam and Daniel & Ann Shefferly, in the amount of \$8,000.00 each. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SEAHAVEN SUBDIVISION – ROAD ACCEPTANCE/MAINTENANCE

Chief Administrator Butler reported that he received a request from the developers of Seahaven Subdivision at St. Joe Beach concerning the County maintaining the roadways in this subdivision, and recommended the County acknowledge ownership of the roads in Seahaven Subdivision. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CUT-OFF DRIVE – PETITION FOR PAVING

Chief Administrator Butler reported that he received a petition from residents on Cut-Off Drive requesting they pave this road. There was no action taken by the Board.

INVOICE – CITY OF PORT ST. JOE – BEACHES SEWER PROJECT

Chief Administrator Butler reported that he received multiple invoices from the City of Port St. Joe for the Beaches Sewer project, and recommended approval of these invoices, contingent upon Grant Writer Kopinsky's review. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

HONEYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER – TRAINING – DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore concerning training at the Honeyville Community Center, Planner Richardson reported that British Petroleum (B.P.) has reserved the Center for training for the next week for volunteers. Chairman McLemore reported that he attended training in Franklin County this week held by B.P. After further discussion by members of the Board, Emergency Management Director Nelson discussed the training process.

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE – INVOICE

Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve an invoice from the City of Port St. Joe for L&R Contractors, in the amount of \$96,911.00 and to Ferguson Enterprises, in the amount of \$1,154.39, contingent upon Grant Writer Kopinsky reviewing. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DOLLAR GENERAL – P.D.R.B. VARIANCE – ST. JOE BEACH

Commissioner Williams reported that he will be meeting with the homeowners surrounding the proposed location of a Dollar General store in the St. Joe Beach area, between the Express Lane and the Gulfaire entrance.

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER OVERVIEW

Commissioner Williams commended Emergency Management Director Nelson and staff for an excellent job on the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Commissioner Williams reported on the 2010 Legislative session, stating that anyone that would like to view the session can go to the Florida Association of Counties website and there is a link to every bill that was passed and the effect it will have on the Counties.

BUDGET AMENDMENT – DISTRICT 2

Commissioner Traylor motioned to transfer the balance of the sports funds from District 2 to District 4. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PORT ST. JOE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK TEAM

Commissioner Peters motioned to give the balance of the sports fund from District 2 and District 4 to the Port St. Joe High School Girls Track Team. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OIL DRILLING – GULF OF MEXICO

Commissioner Peters discussed that he supports a ban on any oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico, stating that this can be disastrous for this County.

CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA – STONE MILL CREEK WATER SYSTEM

Commissioner Traylor reported that there was a meeting held by the City of Wewahitchka concerning a water system for the Stone Mill Creek area, stating that the County has no contract with the City of Wewahitchka concerning water hook-ups, and that he will attend a Public Hearing next week with the City of Wewahitchka for clarification on this issue.

PROPOSED CAP AND TRADE BILL – SENATE

Commissioner Traylor reported that there is a proposed Cap and Trade Bill before the U.S. Senate and that this could be the worse bill ever, stating that by 2014 your electric bills will double from the current rates.

GULF COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Traylor, Clarissa Herndon from the Gulf County Health Department appeared before the Board and reported that the combined cuts for all County Health Departments at the local level are 10.5 million dollars. Commissioner Traylor reported that these cuts are by the State and not by the County.

DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

Commissioner Traylor discussed issues concerning B.P. promises, and the proper claim filing for the businesses. T.D.C. Director Kerigan appeared before the Board and discussed that T.D.C. will have the duties of educating the businesses and educating the public on the economic impact, stating that they will be working with Gulf County E.D.C. and the Chamber of Commerce on this issue. Amber Davis appeared before the Board and discussed the volunteer services.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE – WILLIE HENRY

Mrs. Henry appeared before the Board and discussed County employee Willie Henry, stating that they are having a problem with Public Works Director Danford concerning Mr. Henry's job. She requested to appear at the next Board meeting to discuss this issue with the Commissioners. Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore, Ms. Henry reported that she has spoke with Mr. Butler, but Mr. Henry has not spoke with anyone. Chairman McLemore recommended that Mrs. Henry speak with Chief Administrator Butler concerning this issue and if they were unable to resolve this issue, then she be

placed on the next agenda, stating that she would be allowed six minutes to speak. Mrs. Henry reported that they want to go through the proper steps to resolve this issue.

SACRED HEART HOSPITAL

Commissioner Peters recognized Jim McKnight and thanked him for his help with Sacred Heart Hospital.

SIMMONS BAYOU BRIDGE

Patricia Hardman appeared before the Board and reported that the bridges in the Simmons Bayou area are still not complete, stating that they were supposed to be passable before the fishing tournament scheduled for this weekend. She reported that she and Commissioner Yeager have worked diligently to get this completed in a timely manner due to the economic impacts. Ms. Hardman requested that the County place signs to help advertise the fishing tournament. Commissioner Yeager reported that he met with D.O.T. concerning this issue, stating that it will not be ready by the weekend, but possibly by Memorial Day weekend.

DEEPWATER HORIZON- ECONOMIC IMPACT

Emergency Management Director Nelson appeared before the Board and discussed that the County needs to keep up with the revenue lost during this oil spill to the County Government. He reported that the Coast Guard will hold a meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at Battery Park in Apalachicola at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, the meeting did then adjourn at 7:00 p.m., E.T.

**CARMEN L. MCLEMORE
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:
REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**