

**JANUARY 12, 2016**

**PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA**

**WORKSHOP**

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in a workshop with the following members present: Chairman Ward McDaniel, Vice Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, and Commissioners Joanna Bryan, 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, Gulf County E.D.C. Director Chris Holley, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Parks & Recreational Director Billy Traylor, Preble-Rish, Inc./County Engineer Clay Smallwood, III, Public Works & Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Assistant Public Works Director Lee Collinsworth, Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Warren Yeager, Jr., Sheriff Mike Harrison, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, T.D.C. Executive Director Jennifer Jenkins, and Veterans' Service Officer & S.H.I.P. Administrator Joe Paul.

Chairman McDaniel called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m., E.T.

**WHITE CITY BOAT RAMP AND PARK**

Commissioner Bryan discussed the proposal given by Preble-Rish, Inc. and requested that Preble-Rish, Inc./County Engineer Smallwood appeared before the Board to discuss the proposal regarding the White City Bulkhead. After discussion by Commissioner Bryan, Preble-Rish, Inc./County Engineer Smallwood appeared before the Board to discuss the project; reporting that the proposal consists of replacing approximately 400 feet of wall on both sides of the building. He discussed the other option discussed by the Board of sloping the wall. Commissioner McLemore suggested the Board dismount the building and work on the forty (40) foot section that caved in by putting in a slope. He also suggested they build a pole barn shed. Commissioner McLemore stated this work could be done "in house" with the help of Public Works Director Cothran and Parks & Recreational Director Taylor; requesting a \$20,000.00 budget. After discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner Bryan inquired about the building and the ground underneath. Commissioner McLemore agreed that by removing the building it would relieve pressure on the ground and that there is a need for a building at the White City Park. Discussion followed. After further discussion, Commissioner Bryan requested that Staff put something together to add to the Agenda for the next Board meeting for the Board to consider. After Board discussion, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There was no public comment.

### **ST. JOE BEACH BIKE PATH GRANT AND PROJECT**

After discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, John Fowler, of F.D.O.T. appeared before the Board to give a presentation regarding the U.S. 98 Sidewalk Project. <Commissioners McLemore and Quinn left the meeting at 9:38 a.m., E.T.> He reported that the project is to construct a 5 (five) foot paved sidewalk from Pine Street to the Bay County Line. Mr. Fowler discussed the history behind this project <Commissioner Quinn returned to the meeting at 9:40 a.m., E.T.>. He reported that F.D.O.T. can build the sidewalk continuously along the Northside; discussing the new proposal. <Commissioner McLemore returned to the meeting at 9:43 a.m., E.T.> After further discussion regarding the proposed project, <Commissioner McLemore left the meeting at 9:48 a.m., E.T.> Commissioner Bryan inquired if there would be a crosswalk to County Road 386 to tie-in the Mexico Beach sidewalk. Mr. Fowler reported that F.D.O.T. is planning to stripe a crosswalk across County Road 386. Commissioner Bryan asked if a lighted sign could be installed at the intersection of County Road 386 and State Highway 98, in lieu of the rumble strips. Mr. Fowler discussed the crosswalk; stating that the project presented today is to build a sidewalk. He reported that there may be a chance to address this intersection on the resurfacing project. Discussion followed. Jerry Purdue, of F.D.O.T. appeared before the Board to discuss working with the County on the intersection of County Road 386 and State Highway 71; reporting that the opportunity does exist to work together to find a reasonable solution. Commissioner Bryan requested that Chief Administrator Butler follow up with Mr. Purdue regarding the intersection at County Road 386 and State Highway 98. Discussion followed. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There was no public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting did then adjourn at 9:59 a.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL  
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

**REBECCA L. NORRIS  
CLERK OF COURT**