

**PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA**

**OCTOBER 12, 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 Rebecca L. Norris, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, Human Resource Director Denise Manuel, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Joe Nugent, and Sheriff's Office Major Bobby Plair.

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**

Commissioner Peters motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously as follows:

1. Minutes – September 8, 2010 – Budget Public Hearing
  - September 14, 2010 – Regular Meeting
  - September 20, 2010 – Final Budget Public Hearing
  - September 28, 2010 – Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Checks and warrants for September 2010 which are incorporated herein by reference, pursuant to Chapter 136.06 F.S.
3. Agreement – Emergency Management (E.M.P.A. Grant Funds \* \$77,043.00 \* #11-BG-05-02-33-01)

4. Bid Advertisement – Gulf County Mosquito Control (Three Existing Mosquito Control trucks to be replaced per F.S. requirements after the purchase and delivery of the new pick-ups)
5. Inventory – Building Department (Junk #260-67 – LT1 Dell Laptop S/N #48643-53T-0598 \* #260-68 \* LT2 – Dell Inspiron 2200 S/N #0U6962-48643-53T-0583)
6. Invoice – County Attorney Timothy J. McFarland (September, 2010 \* \$8,740.00 \* to be paid from Account #21111-31200)
7. Purchase Request – Gulf County Mosquito Control (Three new ½ ton 4X4 Pick-up trucks to replace existing trucks \* To be purchased off State Contract from the Mosquito Control State budget Account #42362-64000)
8. Resolution – Florida Department of Transportation (Stumphole Revetment Matching Fund \* Project #422457-2-58-01) as follows:

#### **Resolution No. 2010-44**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO ENTER INTO A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (PROJECT #422457-2-58-01).**

**WHEREAS**, Gulf County has been awarded a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP-CFDA #97.039) for the Stumphole Revetment Project (Roadway ID No. 51001000 from Mile Post 3.796 to Mile Post 3.826); and

**WHEREAS**, The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has agreed to provide the 25% matching funds required by FEMA for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has the authority under Section 339.135, Florida Statutes, to enter into an Agreement with Gulf County; and

**WHEREAS**, Gulf County has certified to FDOT that they will meet the requirements of said Section 339.135, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, FDOT is willing to provide Gulf County with federal District Dedicated Revenue under Financial Management Number 422457-2-58-01 for costs directly related to the **Stumphole Revetment Project**, hereinafter referred to as the **“PROJECT”**;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners that the Chairman of the Board is authorized to sign the Joint Participation Agreement with FDOT for the Stumphole Revetment Project.

**THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010.**

(End)

Resolution – Florida Energy and Climate Commission (Energy Grant \* #ARE042) as follows:

**RESOLUTION No. 2010-45**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT NO. ARE042 BETWEEN THE FLORIDA ENERGY AND CLIMATE COMMISSION AND THE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE GULF COUNTY ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners has been awarded funding through the Florida Energy and Climate Commission (ARRA U.S. Department of Energy Grant No. ARE042) for the Gulf County Energy Conservation Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners understands the importance of this initiative and the need for expeditious execution of various documents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners that the Chairman, County Chief Administrator or County Grant Writer/Coordinator is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents in relation to acceptance, administration and completion of this grant.

**ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

(End)

## **SUPPLEMENTAL CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve the Supplemental Consent Agenda. Upon request by Commissioner Williams to pull item #4 (Page 8) of the Supplemental Consent Agenda, Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously as follows:

1. Agreement – Agency for Health Care Administration (Medicaid FY 2010-2011)
2. BCC Correspondence – Gulf County Health Department (Letter of Support \* Application for Competing Federally Qualified Health Center Grant)
3. Direct Purchase Requisition – Highland View Fire Department (Couch Ready Mix \* \$17,370.00)
4. **\*\*DELETE\*\*** Funding Request – District 4 (St. Joseph Bay Humane Society \* \$5,000.00 \* Port St. Joe High School Girls Basketball Team \* \$4,000.00 \* Gulf County A.R.C. \* \$5,000.00 \* Senior Citizens \* \$5,000.00 \* Davida Byrd Scholarship Foundation \* \$1,000.00 \* Library \* \$2,000.00 \* to be paid from timber sales)
5. Gulf County C.D.C. (Annual Reports Certification for 2009-2010)
6. Invoice – Opportunity Florida (Membership Dues for 2010-2011 \* \$1,455.90)
7. Travel – Commissioner District 5 (Accelerated County Commissioner Program through F.A.C. \* Gainesville \* October, 2010, January, 2011, and April, 2011)

(End)

## **FUNDING REQUEST/TIMBER SALES REVENUES**

Commissioner Williams discussed item 4 (page 8) of the Supplemental Consent Agenda, stating that the Board has just completed a very tough budget cycle, and requested that the unanticipated revenue from the timber sales be placed in reserves and review these agencies as the year unfolds. Commissioner Yeager discussed that this has been a very tough budget year, stating that he supports placing the unanticipated revenue from the timber sales in reserves, once it is received. Commissioner Peters stated that \$60,000.00 has already been designated for the Honeyville Park, and recommended the balance be divided between the other four Commissioners (approximately \$27,000.00 for each). After further discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner Peters motioned to approve item 4 (page 8) of

the Supplemental Consent Agenda. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and read for the audience the items to be funded. The motion then passed 3 to 2, with Commissioner Yeager and Commissioner Williams voting no.

### **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FUNDING**

Sheriff Nugent requested approval for Chairman McLemore to sign the paperwork from Department of Justice for funding denial. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM**

Chief Administrator Butler referenced a memo from him to the Board concerning the Economic Development Revolving Loan program. For the Board's consideration, Chief Administrator Butler recommended the Board adopt the same criteria that the A.R.P.C. has in place, or something very similar, stating that once that is done, the County can take applications as they come in, if they meet the criteria. Commissioner Williams stated that the Board should work with the E.D.C. to help come up with some recommendations. Commissioner Williams motioned to adopt and send to E.D.C. for review. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion; adding that the E.D.C. be given seven days to review with the plan to come back to the Board for final approval and adoption. The motion then passed unanimously.

### **AUDITOR SERVICES**

Chief Administrator Butler reported that the Board received five proposals for the Auditor Services, stating that the Audit Selection Committee (composed of the five Constitutional Officers, and Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond) have ranked the five proposals as (1) Carr, Riggs and Ingram/Keith Jones, (2) Powell and Jones, (3) Harvey, Covington and Thomas, with 4 & 5 tied as Roberson & Associates/Vance, LLC and O'Sullivan and Creel, and this is the recommendation from the Audit Selection Committee. Chairman McLemore stated that his problem with this is the committee is recommending \$18,000.00 higher, and we have to look at the low bid. Commissioner Yeager motioned to award to the low bidder, in the amount of \$70,470.00. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Traylor, Ralph Roberson of Roberson & Associates appeared before the Board and stated that his firm has a lower overhead, lower cost structure, which allows them to deliver quality services at a lower price, stating that they are qualified to do the audit and have everything they need to do the audit, but they are not going to ask the Board to pay for things they do not need. Keith Jones appeared before the Board and stated that Mr. Roberson was a joint bidder on the first bids with Carr, Riggs and Ingram at the \$88,500.00 price, stating that Mr. Roberson made no contact with any of the Commissioners to let them know he was part of the bid. Mr. Jones presented and read

an email to the Board addressed to him from Mr. Vance. Commissioner Williams stated that the Board always wants to help local businesses, and referred to Mr. Jones presentation of the professional credentials of Carr, Riggs and Ingram. Commissioner Williams stated that the County has been disserved by them (CRI) in the past, and he has not been real pleased with them. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Williams if Roberson & Associates/Vance is a qualified firm, Clerk Norris stated that the specifications stated that the firm had to have audited Florida Cities and Counties of similar nature. She further stated that the Vance Group had only audited in Alabama and Georgia, and Roberson & Associates had experience as a subcontractor with previous auditors. Chairman McLemore stated that this makes a big difference for him, because we sent out a bid with instructions and qualifications. Commissioner Yeager stated that hearing the Clerk, they do meet the qualifications re-stating that they (Roberson & Associates) have done work with the Tucker firm and has done audit work with Counties and Cities. Commissioner Yeager stated that the Board has had issues with C.R.I., as well as others, but it's time to move forward and go with the low bid, giving this local firm the opportunity to do this work. Clerk Norris reported that the group Vance does not have any experience in the State of Florida, stating that is one thing which had to be considered. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Williams, Clerk Norris stated that Mr. Roberson's firm has assisted in some areas of audits in the State of Florida, and he has done some consulting as well. Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore, Mr. Roberson appeared before the Board and stated that they have participated with audits for Gulf County, Franklin County, City of Port St. Joe, City of Blountstown, and the City of Mexico Beach as a joint firm, stating that they meet the Governmental standards and keep their Governmental C.P.E. hours current, and that they are currently doing some consulting work with the City of Port St. Joe. After further discussion, the motion then passed unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION – SEPTIC TANKS – SENATE BILL 550**

County Attorney McFarland discussed a proposed resolution on SB 550 concerning septic tanks, and read the proposed resolution by title. Commissioner Peters motioned to adopt the proposed resolution. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-46**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA IN OPPOSITION TO A SEPTIC TANK LAW SB 550.**

**WHEREAS**, recently adopted Florida Septic Tank Law as contained in Senate Bill 550 unduly burdens property owners in Gulf County, Florida with stringent new

guidelines concerning the use and operation of the many private septic tank systems in place in rural Gulf County; and

**WHEREAS**, this new law requires inspections of septic tanks every five (5) years regardless of whether they function or not and will require the costs of pumping for such inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the new law gives the Florida Department of Health authority to enact future rules which have the effect of law without having to pass the full legislature and grants the Department of Health essentially a signed blank check to create and enforce rules for all septic tanks in Florida at the owners expense; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bill has changed multiple times before its passage with many legislators confused about the final version; and

**WHEREAS**, the penalties for noncompliance with the new law are very excessive including a \$500.00 a day fine and a misdemeanor charge incurred each day which penalties are well beyond that required to ensure the citizens compliance in Gulf County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, this law usurps the County's ability to control septic tank issues locally based upon their localized conditions and establishes a one size fits all law for every septic tank in the State of Florida.

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

1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby asks for a total repeal of the law and special session before the general election.

RESOLVED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

(End)

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT**

Planner Richardson presented the draft packet for the Capital Improvement Elements for the Boards review, stating that it will need to be adopted the first week in November. He also presented the Board with a draft on the staff analysis and schedule for the Board's review and consideration.

### **PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES – RADIO SYSTEM – SOLE SOURCE**

Public Works Director Danford discussed that they have been working on getting a radio system back in operation for the Public Works vehicles, stating a few weeks back they got a radio system, but it will only work on the North end, or the South end, but not both. He reported that there is one company that performs this work for the County, the City, and the Fire Departments, and requested Board approval for Precision Communications, as a sole source provider, to ensure there is only one Company working on our radio system. Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore, Public Works Director Danford reported that he has this budgeted in his budget. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Williams, County Attorney McFarland stated that it appears that this Company is the only one that can provide the materials and make the system work as a whole. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Public Works Director Danford requested permission, in order to hook-up the North end with the South end, for Precision Communications to install a repeater and a link on the North end of the County, stating that the City of Wewahitchka and the Wewahitchka Search and Rescue will benefit tremendously from this repeater and link, and they have received a quote for approximately \$14,334.00. Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore and Commissioner Yeager, Mr. Danford stated that it was budgeted and it is a sole source item only provider. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **FIVE POINTS LANDFILL – HOURS OF OPERATION**

Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore, Public Works Director Danford reported that the hours of operation for Five Points Landfill is Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., E.T., stating that it has been advertised and is posted on the Board. Chairman McLemore reported that he has received some complaints of people not being allowed to dump at 4:45 p.m. Public Works Director Danford reported that no one is turned away and the gates are not locked until 5:00 p.m., E.T.

### **KIWANIS – SENIOR CITIZENS – CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

Commissioner Yeager reported that the Kiwanis will be at the Senior Citizens on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., E.T. to go over the constitutional amendments that will be on the ballot.

### **HIGHLAND VIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT – OLD BUILDING**

Commissioner Williams discussed the old Highland View Fire Department building, stating that there had been discussion on restoring the building and using for a

community center, and after surveying the structure of the building, they will not be able to do this.

### **BRITISH PETROLEUM – DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL – DAMAGES**

Commissioner Williams reported that he was on a conference call with the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection concerning damages from the British Petroleum Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, stating that he will keep the Board advised on this issue.

### **TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNSEL – LEGAL COUNSEL – DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL**

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Williams concerning legal counsel for the T.D.C., Commissioner Peters reported that there was some discussion in the last T.D.C. meeting concerning the firm that the Bay County T.D.C. is using; stating that T.D.C. Director Tim Kerigan was to make a recommendation to the Board concerning this firm. Commissioner Williams discussed the ongoing issues with B.P. Commissioner Williams discussed the government claims, stating that there are three different areas (1) an operational and environmental impact, (2) claims side, and (3) litigation. After further discussion by members of the Board, County Attorney McFarland stated that there are two issues here (1) Beasley & Allen Law Firm is working on the County claims and (2) the T.D.C. claims, stating that all the T.D.C.'s along the coast have been working with the same firm, and T.D.C. Director Kerigan is going to make the recommendation to use that firm (Nicks & Patterson from Texas). Based upon the vote and recommendation of the T.D.C. Board, Commissioner Peters motioned to allow the T.D.C. to hire the law firm of Nicks & Patterson to handle the T.D.C. claims for their loss of revenue due to the taxes associated with that (Bed Tax), as well as any other T.D.C. related claim (nothing to do with the County). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Commissioner Peters reiterated that the County is not suing anybody, they are only approving the T.D.C. to do that, as the Board has oversight over them. The motion then passed unanimously.

### **COUNTY LEGAL COUNSEL – DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL**

County Attorney McFarland reported that the Beasley & Allen Law Firm has been doing a great job for the County, and recommended for the Board to give them the authority to submit a public entity claim on behalf of Gulf County. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

County Attorney McFarland recommended for the Board to give Beasley & Allen Law Firm permission to spend their funds for pre-litigation strategies. Commissioner Williams

motioned to approve the recommendation to move forward with pre-litigation strategies. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. County Attorney McFarland recognized Mr. Jones from Beasley and Allen Law Firm who was in audience.

### **MUNICIPALITIES – ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

Commissioner Williams stated that there needs to be a meeting with the Municipalities concerning the economic and infrastructure needs recovery for this County. Commissioner Williams motioned for Chairman McLemore to submit a letter to the Municipalities to hold a joint workshop to discuss the economic recovery, British Petroleum and Oil Response recovery, and the water and sewer infrastructure quality. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **PETERS PARK REPAIRS**

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Peters, Building Official Collinsworth reported that he is meeting with the Contractor on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. concerning the cracks on the court at the Nathan Peters Park.

### **CONSOLIDATION SITE**

Chairman McLemore thanked Building Official Collinsworth for the packet of information presented to the Board on the consolidation site.

### **SAULS CREEK ROAD**

Chairman McLemore discussed that the County needs to get the Sauls Creek Road open to the public, stating that he has spoken with Assistant Public Works Director Bobby Knee concerning this issue. Chairman McLemore recommended the County purchase the permit, have Public Works do the work, and pull the money from the infrastructure fund. Commissioner Williams stated that we do not have the funds available for this project. He stated that we have just gone through the budget process and this project was not placed as a priority. Commissioner Williams recommended that the County let this roll through the State process, once it's denied, then look at what grants are available, the permit and total scope of the project, before committing to Engineering and funds. Commissioner Peters discussed that Chairman McLemore knew about the cost of repairs to this road during the budget process, stating that there are two recommendations coming from the County Engineer, Bill Kennedy, as to (1) if the County does the work that he recommends, it will cost over \$100,000.00, and (2) if this is contracted out it will cost over \$300,000.00. Commissioner Peters stated that the first thing the Board needs to do is get the permit. He stated that Assistant Public Works Director Knee reported that it would be well under the \$100,000.00 for Public Works to do the work. Commissioner Williams stated that this Board has put total focus on

multiple projects, primarily the consolidation site, and with the cuts in manpower we do not have the manpower to dedicate to this project; knowing that with a \$7,000.00 permit follows \$100,000.00 of Engineering. Chairman McLemore requested the Board to purchase the permit in the amount of \$7,000.00 and have Public Works start the repairs to the road; stating that according to Assistant Public Works Director Knee, they have the materials to fix the road and just make it passable. Commissioner Yeager discussed that we cannot spend the funds to fix this road the way it needs to be fixed, stating that he feels that Public Works can get the road passable, but the problem is that it floods every year. Commissioner Yeager stated he is not in favor of spending any money or Engineering fees on this road until it is determined what F.E.M.A. will do. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Yeager concerning the pending F.E.M.A. P.W. payment, Chief Administrator Butler reported that we heard that we are going to get paid, but F.E.M.A. has not paid anyone in the State of Florida yet for that event, but there is no reason to believe that we want. Commissioner Peters motioned to proceed with permitting. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion for discussion, stating that we need a permit and there are people who own property on this road and they cannot get to their property. Commissioner Williams asked for clarity of the motion. Commissioner Yeager stated he would support getting the permit, but not the work without it coming back before the Board. Clerk Norris called for clarity of the motion. Commissioner Peters amended his motion to proceed with permitting and repair of the Sauls Creek Road. The motion then passed 3 to 1, with Commissioner Williams voting no, and Commissioner Yeager abstaining due to a business relationship with Preble-Rish, Inc.

#### **WETAPPO DUMP SITE**

Chairman McLemore requested to proceed with the permitting to reopen the Wetappo dump site on the North end of the County. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

#### **E.M.S. CONTRACT – SACRED HEART HOSPITAL**

E.M.S. Director Whitfield reported that the Board approved at the last meeting a contract with Sacred Heart Hospital in regards to non-emergency transport services at the hospital, and recommended to rescind the motion due to issues with the contract that does not meet our criteria. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### **E.M.S. MEDICAL DIRECTOR POSITION**

E.M.S. Director Whitfield discussed that E.M.S. Medical Director Dr. Tom Curry has resigned from this position, and requested permission to negotiate a contract with Dr. Pablo at Sacred Heart Hospital under an emergency basis due to time constraints.

Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Chairman McLemore called for public comment.

### **COMMISSIONER TRAYLOR AND COMMISSIONER PETERS**

Raymond Wood appeared before the Board and commended Commissioner Traylor for 19 years of service and Commissioner Peters for 24 years of service with the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Raymond Wood appeared before the Board and addressed County Attorney McFarland regarding a statement the Attorney made to him at a previous meeting, stating "if I knew the way out the door was that way, I'd try and go that way". Mr. Wood also stated that his name is Raymond Wood, it's not Buddy. Mr. Wood stated that he spent \$5,000.00 on a lobbyist to see that he (County Attorney McFarland) doesn't get County Judge. County Attorney McFarland responded that he would not participate in a Raymond Wood show. Mr. Wood stated he would be filing a civil suit against County Attorney McFarland for defamation of character.

### **COUNTY BOARD**

Freddie Whitfield appeared before the Board and discussed that he has never seen such arrogance on any Board, anywhere, stating for the Sheriff to get up and introduce this Board as Honorable is an insult. Mr. Whitfield stated that is set aside for the Judicial System, not the Executive System.

### **VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD**

Freddie Whitfield suggested that when this Board appoints someone to the Value Adjustment Board to make sure they can read and they are honest, stating that it cost him because of the V.A.B. decision. He stated that he was denied due process during the V.A.B. hearings. Mr. Whitfield stated that he was done wrong and he doesn't forget. Commissioner Yeager motioned to allow Mr. Whitfield an additional three minutes to speak. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **CONSOLIDATION SITE**

Mr. Whitfield reported that he visited the proposed County Shop today, stating that he has several concerns he wants to share, as follows:

- (1) Who chose the site, and why?
- (2) What did this property cost the County?

- (3) Who did it come from?
- (4) Were core samples taken before this site was chosen?
- (5) What would it cost to de-mulk and re-fill with suitable soil?
- (6) What is the density of the soil; has it been tested?
- (7) He sees no expansion joints for that whole pour (concrete slab).
- (8) He sees no stub-outs from the building for ground wire to stub and tie to the parameter ground.

Mr. Whitfield stated that if these issues have not been solved, he begs the Board to stop until they are, and cut their losses and run. Commissioner Traylor stated that he will not respond to these comments. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Peters, Building Official Collinsworth discussed that most of these statements, if not all are false. He stated the slab is not ready to pour, the footers are not dug to depth, it has had a compaction test and will have another before the slab is poured, and the ground wire and rebar is not there because it's not ready to pour.

#### **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – HAUNTED HOUSE**

Sheriff Nugent reported that the Sheriff's Office is having a Haunted House at the old Comforter Funeral Home in Wewahitchka on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and invited everyone to attend; entry fee being one food item. Chairman McLemore offered inmate labor if needed.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, the meeting did then adjourn at 7:15 p.m., E.T.

**CARMEN L. MCLEMORE  
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:  
REBECCA L. NORRIS  
CLERK**