

APRIL 6, 2016

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

EMERGENCY MEETING

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

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Director of Finance & Management Rhonda Woodward, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Kari Summers, Building Official George Knight, Gulf County E.D.C. Director Chris Holley, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Public Works & Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Assistant Public Works Director Lee Collinsworth, Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Warren Yeager, Jr., Sheriff Mike Harrison, and T.D.C. Deputy Director Towan Kopinsky.

<Due to technical difficulty there was no audio.>

Chairman McDaniel called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., E.T.

LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

Chairman McDaniel noted the purpose of holding this emergency meeting is to discuss the flooding. Deputy Clerk Roberts reported that there was no audio being recorded. Chairman McDaniel stated that everyone needs to speak louder and proceeded with the meeting. After discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Emergency Management Director Nelson appeared before the Board to report that there is no problem with the Apalachicola River; stating the problem is with the Chipola River. He discussed road issues with Byrd Parker Road and Lola Road due to the rising water. Emergency Management Director Nelson then requested the Board to declare a Local State of Emergency; stating nothing will be activated right now, noting we are just at a monitoring stage at this point. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There was no public comment. After discussion regarding Gaskin Park, Emergency Management Director Nelson reported there may be concerns with some areas in Howard Creek, but there will not be as much water as last time. After discussion, Commissioner Barnes motioned to declare a Local State of Emergency due to the flooding of the Chipola River. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

There being no further business, the meeting did adjourn at 10:10 a.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK OF COURT**