

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

FEBRUARY 10, 2009

REGULAR MEETING

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

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Aiken, Extension Agent Roy Lee Carter, G.I.S. Director Scott Warner, Human Resources Director Denise Manuel, Assistant Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Gerald Shearer, Road Department Superintendent Bobby Knee, Sheriff Joe Nugent, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, T.D.C. Director Paula Pickett, and Veterans' Service Officer James Kennedy.

Sheriff Nugent called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., E.T.

Planner Richardson opened the meeting with prayer, and Commissioner Traylor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve the following consent agenda items. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

1. Minutes January 27, 2009 Regular Meeting
2. Bid Honeyville Park Restroom #0809-07 (Rescind previous motion to award, Reject all bids received, Permission to advertise to receive sealed Bids for Restrooms/Concession Stand)
3. Invoices - Ausley & McMullen, P.A. Gulf Pines Hospital Bankruptcy (Invoice #73342 * in the amount of \$60.00 * to be paid from Account #21111-31200)
 - County Attorney Timothy McFarland (January, 2009 * \$10,270.84 * to be paid from Account #21314-31100)
 - Florida Department of Revenue Reimbursement Invoice Unemployment Benefits (\$596.61 * to be paid from Account #21111-25000)
 - Rumberger, Kirk, & Caldwell - General Employment Matters (File #G214-107990 * Invoice #729095 * in the amount of \$3,692.17 * to be paid from Account #21111-31200)
 - St. Joseph Bay Humane Society (January, 2009 * \$2,940.00 * to be paid

from Account #43262-82000)

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APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL / RAFFIELD FISHERIES, INC.

Clerk Norris reported for the record, based on a previous inquiry by Barbara Radcliff, that the County has not paid the A.R.P.C. in reference to the Raffield's C.D.B.G. loan. Clerk Norris stated that her office is waiting on an Agreement between the County and A.R.P.C. before a transfer of funds can be made.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Clerk Norris reported that the Maintenance Department has recently completed another section of the Clerk's Office renovations, and that they are on the last phase of the Clerk's Office. Chairman Peters thanked the Maintenance Department for all of the work on the Courthouse renovations. Commissioner McLemore discussed that the Courthouse floors (hallway's) need to be addressed once the renovations are completed. Clerk Norris discussed that the Maintenance Department is very talented and we are fortunate to have this group.

ECONOMIC STIMILUS PACKAGE / D.O.T.

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed that she received a request from the Department of Transportation to submit projects to them in reference to the economic stimulus package. She stated that two of the projects have been qualified for submission and need to be prioritized. Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed that the two projects are (1) S.R. 30E at the Stumphole (in the amount of \$3.5 million), and (2) C.R. 30A from Dead Man's Curve to the Franklin County Line (in the amount of \$2.5 million for repaving and widening), and requested that the Board prioritize these projects. Commissioner Yeager motioned for C.R. 30A from Dead Man's Curve to the Franklin County Line to be number one and S.R. 30E at the Stumphole be number two. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

<Commissioner Traylor left the meeting at 10:08 a.m.>

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed that the 2nd Congressional District Healthcare Council has requested re-appointment of a member, stating that Doug Kent has been serving on this committee, and recommended that Doug Kent be reappointed. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 4-0.

HEALTHCARE / EARMARK REQUEST / ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed a request from the Healthcare Committee to submit an

economic stimulus project request. Commissioner Williams discussed that each County will present their requests for their specialized Healthcare needs in the County. He discussed that they are requesting additional equipment for Mammography for women throughout Gulf and Franklin County, stating that their request is to match Federal funds of \$275,000.00 (out of \$475,000.00) if they qualify. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed a letter from A.R.P.C. regarding a County representative to serve on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, and stated that last year Property Appraiser Kesley Colbert and Tony Justice from the City of Wewahitchka were appointed. Commissioner Yeager motioned to re-appoint Property Appraiser Colbert and Wewahitchka City Commissioner Tony Justice. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0). <Commissioner Traylor returned to the meeting at 10:09 a.m.>

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Deputy Administrator Lanier reported that the Northwest Florida Water Management District (N.W.F.W.M.D.) will hold a Public Hearing on their five-year land acquisition work plan on Thursday, February 26, 2009, at 1:20 p.m., E.T. in Havana, Florida.

IMPACT FEE COMMITTEE

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed that since the Impact Fee Committee has been inactivated, she has received a request from South Gulf County Fire Department for repeater equipment (in the amount of \$2,255.21) to be paid from South Gulf County Fire Department Impact Fees. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request, contingent upon it meeting the impact fee requirements. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

INVOICE - G.A.C. / WEWAHITCHKA COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT

Upon request by Road Department Superintendent Knee, Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve payment of G.A.C. Contractors Invoice #5957, in the amount of \$11,900.00, for paving at the Wewahitchka Courthouse parking lot. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

AWARD BID #0809-09 / 1991 FORD TRACTOR

Road Department Superintendent Knee recommended that Bid #0809-09, for sale of 1991 Ford Tractor be awarded to Christopher McLemore, in the amount of \$7,600.00. He requested that the funds be placed in the Road Department budget to assist with the purchase of a new work crew van. After discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner Traylor motioned to award Bid #0809-09, in the amount of \$7,600.00, to Christopher McLemore. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it failed 2-2, with Commissioner McLemore abstaining due to family member being involved.

EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL GRANT FUNDS

Sheriff Nugent requested that Chairman Peters execute the documents for the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant awarded to the Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$1,000.00.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FLOORING

Sheriff Nugent discussed that the Sheriff's Office is in need of some tile for their floor and requested to have any leftover tile once the Courthouse renovations are complete.

FLORIDA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION / VENTURING CREW MEETING

Sheriff Nugent discussed that there will be a venturing crew meeting on February 26, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. (through the Boy Scouts of America) on Public Safety and educating the children on E.M.S., fire departments and law enforcement programs, and stating that transportation will be provided from Wewahitchka.

EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL GRANT FUNDS

Commissioner Yeager motioned for the Chairman to sign the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant acceptance paperwork. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CODE ENFORCEMENT / CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that he received a request from Wewahitchka City Manager, Don Minchew for the County to take over Code Enforcement in the City, stating that the County does not have the manpower for Code Enforcement in the City of Wewahitchka or City of Port St. Joe. Chairman Peters passed the Chair to Vice Chairman McLemore and motioned to deny this request. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion for discussion. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Traylor, Code Enforcement Officer Aiken discussed that it is up to the Board. After discussion by members of the Board, the motion passed 4-1, with Chairman McLemore voting no. Chairman McLemore returned the Chair to Commissioner Peters.

DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY / C.R.A.

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that the Board agreed at the last Regular Board Meeting to pay 80% of the Downtown Redevelopment Agency request, stating that he has received a base amount of \$12,600,000.00 from the Property Appraiser, and recommended that the Board pay the balance based on the Property Appraiser's certified base amount. County Attorney McFarland confirmed that Florida Statutes state that the amount comes from the Property Appraiser. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Yeager, County Attorney McFarland reported that he made a formal request to the City by certified mail and has had no response. <Commissioner McLemore left the meeting at 10:28 a.m.> Commissioner Yeager motioned to proceed and pay the balance based as recommended by Chief Administrator Butler. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. <Commissioner McLemore returned to the meeting at 10:31 a.m.> After discussion by the Board, the motion passed unanimously. The Board discussed the need to meet with Property Appraiser Colbert and clean up the boundary issues.

LOCAL HOUSING COMMITTEE PLAN / S.H.I.P.

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that the Board received the Local Housing Committee Plan of Action on January 27th and recommended that the Board adopt the plan. Commissioner Traylor motioned to adopt the plan. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

S.H.I.P. / 2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT CERTIFICATION

Chief Administrator Butler recommended that the Chairman sign the S.H.I.P. Annual Report Certification, contingent upon the form being completed. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve the recommendation. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that E.D.C. has requested the third quarterly payment of the amount budgeted which is due in April. Commissioner Traylor motioned to pay the third quarterly payment to E.D.C. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

G.A.C. INVOICE / IOLA ROAD STORMWATER PROJECT

Upon recommendation by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to pay Invoice #6036 in the amount of \$198,901.49, to G.A.C. for the Iola Road Stormwater Project. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the Budget Committee Meeting and requested direction from the Board concerning the list previously presented. Chairman Peters discussed that no one Commissioner is allowed to strike an item from the list, stating that it must come back before the Board. After discussion by the Board, the Board agreed to strike (1) constructing a larger jail to contract with State and Federal facilities, (2) requiring Occupational Licenses, and (3) requiring dog licenses. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore regarding ceasing work in each City, Chairman Peters stated that any City work should be brought before the Board prior to committing to the work.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

County Attorney McFarland requested the Board review a draft Ordinance regarding signs, stating that he will not advertise until after the Board reviews it due to it being very controversial. He requested that the Board give him further direction at the next Board Meeting.

MANSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INVOICE / ST. JOSEPH PENINSULA EROSION CONTROL PROJECT / BEACH RE-NOURISHMENT / BID #0607-34

Upon recommendation by T.D.C. Director Picket, Commissioner Yeager motioned to pay progress payment #10 from Mansion Construction Company, in the amount of \$2,979,283.93, for the St. Joseph Peninsula Erosion Control Project. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

M.R.D. INVOICE / ST. JOSEPH PENINSULA EROSION CONTROL PROJECT / BEACH RE-NOURISHMENT / BID #0607-34

Upon recommendation by T.D.C. Director Picket, Commissioner Williams motioned to pay Invoice #1226 from M.R.D. Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$103,429.02, for the St. Joseph Peninsula Erosion Control Project. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed 4 to 0, with Commissioner Yeager abstaining due to a business conflict.

PLANS

Planner Richardson discussed that during the economic crisis there is going to be a lot of plans and policies floating around and encouraged the Board to be cautious.

PUBLIC WORKS / BEACH RAKE / ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

Public Works Director Shearer requested permission to advertise to receive sealed bids for a new beach rake. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request, and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion for discussion. Upon inquiry by Chairman Peters, Public Works Director Shearer discussed that they have two beach rakes and funds were appropriated for parts for one, and the other beach rake is no longer in service. He discussed that the one beach rake will be traded-in on the new beach rake. Commissioner McLemore discussed that the saltwater is bad on the equipment. Commissioner Williams discussed the possibility of outsourcing this service and requested permission to work with Commissioner Yeager, Chief Administrator Butler, and Public Works Director Shearer on this issue. After discussion by members of the Board, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS / WORK CREW MOWERS

Public Works Director Shearer requested permission to change from Snapper mowers to Hustler mowers when they need to be replaced. The Board had no objections.

PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING / PHONE SYSTEM

Solid Waste Director Danford discussed that the phone system will be installed on Tuesday, February 17th in their new building and they will only have their wireless service available on that day.

The Meeting Recessed at 10:50 a.m.

The Meeting Reconvened at 10:57 a.m.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ISSUES / R.F.P.

Commissioner Yeager discussed the issues concerning an IT (Information Technology) person for the County, and requested Chief Administrator Butler draft an R.F.P. and meet with all Constitutional Officers regarding assistance in paying the costs. Chairman Peters directed Chief Administrator Butler to meet with Constitutional Officers regarding their help to pay the cost of this position. Clerk Norris discussed the money she pays for computers software and maintenance agreements, she also stated that she has to hire outside people to come in and work on the Finance Department computers, and that it would be great to have an IT person on staff. Commissioner Yeager requested Chief Administrator Butler research this and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

RISH PARK

Commissioner Yeager discussed that he met with the staff at Rish Park regarding fire issues, stating that they need assistance with a road between their buildings (approximately 190'). Commissioner Yeager motioned for the County to build road access for fire protection to their buildings. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ROAD ASSISTANCE INDIAN PASS

Commissioner Yeager discussed stabilizing a County Road in the Indian Pass area,

(approximately 70'), which a property owner is unable to access. Commissioner Yeager motioned to stabilize road in the Indian Pass area. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Yeager, Chief Administrator Butler discussed that he and Planner Richardson met with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and they want the County to establish an H.C.P. (Habitat Conservation Plan) for all properties on Cape San Blas which have been determined to be a habitat for beach mice. He discussed that the Beach Mouse permit will take approximately six months to obtain. Chief Administrator Butler discussed that there will be a meeting on February 19th with Fish and Wildlife on this issue.

HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Williams discussed that at the last Board meeting the Board tabled the \$1 million request from Sacred Heart, stating that he met with Sacred Heart representative and they have requested that we send the money to the State. Commissioner Williams motioned to send the funds to the State. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

TRAVEL / UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA / I.F.A.S.

Commissioner Williams requested permission to travel to Gainesville on February 23rd to speak at University of Florida, I.F.A.S. regarding growth management, metro resources and budgeting through the State's management. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BURNED HOUSE / HOWARD CRREK

Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Code Enforcement Officer Aiken appeared before the Board and discussed a burned house at 6262 Doc Whitfield Road, stating that this property is involved in a legal case. He discussed that he served the homeowner on February 3rd with a notice of violation in reference to the house. Code Enforcement Officer Aiken reported that it is an unsafe building and his request was to repair the building or demolish it by February 18th. He discussed that if nothing is done by that date, then it will go before the Special Magistrate. County Attorney McFarland discussed that Code Enforcement Officer Aiken has done a great job and has started the formal process. Commissioner McLemore requested that Code Enforcement Officer Aiken report at the next meeting on this issue.

IMPACT FEE

Commissioner McLemore discussed the Impact Fees, stating that each Commissioner was given \$10,000.00 for projects. He stated that he was given \$10,000.00 for the Land's Landing project which did not go through. Commissioner McLemore motioned to transfer these funds to the Honeyville Community Center parking lot, contingent upon the Impact Fee Committee approval. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion by members of the Board, the motion passed unanimously.

SLUDGE ORDINANCE

Commissioner McLemore discussed that there is an Ordinance in place regarding sludge,

and requested that the Board review enforcement of the Ordinance.

COUNTY POLICIES

Chairman Peters reported that he requested that the County Policies be reviewed and that Chief Administrator Butler and Grant Writer Kopinsky are working on this project. He discussed that every Supervisor for this County will understand and know the Policies of the Board.

WORK ORDER SYSTEM

Chairman Peters discussed that the Board has approved a work-order system (Munis) and the software is not going to be ready for about 30 to 45 days. Chairman Peters passed the Chair to Vice Chairman McLemore and motioned to start the work order process manually March 1, 2009. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Chairman McLemore returned the Chair to Commissioner Peters.

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

Chairman Peters passed the Chair to Vice Chairman McLemore and motioned to change both of the regular Board Meetings back to 6:00 p.m., E.T. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner Yeager discussed requiring only the staff that is needed to attend, and they will be given comp time for attending the meetings. After discussion by members of the Board the motion passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner Traylor voting no. Chairman McLemore returned the Chair to Commissioner Peters.

PROJECTS / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Chairman Peters discussed the vehicles for the Health Department and the County paying the insurance on them. Chairman Peters requested the Board submit a letter to Health Department Administrator Doug Kent regarding non-statutory requirements. Chairman Peters then passed the Chair to Vice Chairman McLemore. Commissioner Peters motioned to submit a letter to Health Department Administrator Doug Kent regarding non-statutory requirements. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Commissioner Traylor discussed that the Board needs to review the statutory list of requirements for the County. After discussion by members of the Board, the motion passed unanimously. Chairman McLemore returned the Chair to Commissioner Peters.

HONEYVILLE PARK / HONEYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Commissioner Yeager discussed that he was assigned to review the Honeyville Park and Dead Lakes Park, stating that a lot of his discussion should be County-wide on the parks. He recommended that Honeyville Park be closed from dusk till dawn, with only two lights left on for security purposes.

Commissioner Yeager discussed that the walk-in freezer in Honeyville Community Center is for emergencies and it is running at all times, and requested that Road Department Superintendent Knee remove what is in the freezer and shut it down.

Commissioner Yeager recommended that the Honeyville Community Center fees be increased by \$50.00 per day for the use of the center and that the fees not be waived.

Commissioner Yeager discussed that the thermostat in the Honeyville Community Center

needs to be monitored at all times.

Commissioner McLemore discussed he agrees on all recommendations for the Honeyville Park, stating that there are a lot of agencies that use the Honeyville Community Center for which the County is not receiving funding. He suggested that the lights be on during special events during the year that are scheduled at night, upon approval by the Board.

Commissioner McLemore discussed that all parks need to be closed from dusk till dawn. Commissioner Yeager discussed that there has to be lights on at the parks that have boat ramps. After discussion by the Board, Commissioner Yeager motioned to (1) close Honeyville Park from dusk till dawn with only two lights for security, (2) increase Honeyville Community Center fees by \$50.00 per day and not to waive any fees (must be paid at time reserved), (3) shut down the walk-in freezer in the Community Center, and (4) monitor the thermostat at the Community Center. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Upon inquiry by Extension Agent Carter, Commissioner Yeager discussed that no fees will be waived for the Honeyville Community Center.

DEAD LAKES PARK / SECURITY LEASE

Commissioner Yeager discussed options for the RV Park, stating that there should be some control and over-sight for the park, with the possibility of privatizing the RV Park to generate revenue for the County. He discussed the Wildlife Officer currently living in the trailer at the park who is not paying any rent or utilities. Commissioner Traylor discussed that the agreement stated that he would pay the utilities. County Attorney McFarland stated that it is in the lease that he prepared for the tenant to pay the utilities. After discussion by members of the Board, County Attorney McFarland discussed that this is a way to have someone to watch the park and live in the trailer. Commissioner Yeager motioned to privatize the RV Park, and to advertise for an R.F.P. for operation of Dead Lakes Park. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Yeager discussed that the Dead Lakes Park cannot be closed from dusk till dawn due to the RV Park, the facility for the coin laundry, and the boat ramp. Commissioner Yeager stated that the well pumps need to be monitored to make sure they are handled properly. He further expressed the need for accountability on all Park spending.

INSURANCE

Chairman Peters reported that Commissioner Traylor will not report on Insurance until June.

CONSOLIDATION

Commissioner Williams discussed that he was assigned to look into consolidation of County Departments, stating that he met with all Department Heads and discussed the frame work of consolidating with walls and without walls. Commissioner Williams requested additional time to review the consolidation project.

PARKS

Chairman Peters recommended that Commissioner Yeager work on all Parks throughout the County to look for cost savings. Commissioner McLemore recommended that Beacon Hill Park, Highland View Park and Salinas Park also be closed from dusk till dawn.

LANDFILL

Commissioner McLemore discussed that he met with Solid Waste Director Danford and Chief Administrator Butler regarding the landfill, stating that they started out with a \$900,000.00 budget. He discussed that there is no way for the landfill to pay for itself, stating that they are looking at cutting \$400,000.00. Solid Waste Director Danford discussed that there is \$233,000.00 in escrow and the City of Port St. Joe has set back or budgeted approximately \$100,000.00 per year. Commissioner McLemore motioned for the City of Port St. Joe and the City of Wewahitchka to pay for landfill services at \$50.00 per ton beginning April 1, 2009. Chairman Peters discussed that the City of Wewahitchka and the City of Port St. Joe need to pay for landfill costs. Chief Administrator Butler discussed that former City Manager Lee Vincent got their tonnage amounts from the County's and that the City budgeted for \$50.00 per ton. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Traylor, County Attorney McFarland discussed that there is not an Ordinance regulating a tipping fee on the two Cities. After discussion by the Board, Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Solid Waste Director Danford discussed that he has put aside \$233,000.00 for escrow, stating that they do not need this entire amount for escrow. He discussed that he needs approximately \$160,000.00 to pay the current year and one back year to bring the County current with D.E.P., and it will be approximately \$80,000.00 for each year after that. Solid Waste Director Danford discussed that he made an additional payment on debt service, and will leave \$40,000.00 for excess for a compactor. After discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner McLemore motioned to charge all governmental entities \$50.00 per ton. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner McLemore requested the Board reinvest these savings on the landfill by doing an M.S.B.U. study. He also discussed purchasing scales (\$60,000.00) for the Wetappo Landfill and re-opening it two days a week. Commissioner McLemore stated that road-side pickup must stop. Solid Waste Director Danford discussed that there is a time line that has to be followed, and that there would have to be a general permit from D.E.P. or transfer station permit. Commissioner Williams discussed that the M.S.B.U. would be very beneficial for the County. After discussion by the Board, Commissioner McLemore motioned to start the process and advertise for an M.S.B.U. study. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LOBBYIST

Robert S. (Bo) Bludworth, Governance Services, LLC, appeared before the Board and discussed the need for the Regional Stimulus package and gave a progress report on the House and Senate. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Williams, Mr. Bludworth discussed that they will be working with Gulf County and the group.

DEAD LAKES PARK / TENANT

Upon inquiry by Road Department Superintendent Knee concerning utility bills, Chairman Peters directed Mr. Knee to bill the tenant from the date of the lease agreement to the current billing cycle.

HONEYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER FEES

Extension Agent Carter appeared before the Board regarding waiving the Honeyville Community Center fees during the six weeks in the summer that the Extension Agent uses

the facility. After discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner Yeager discussed that they will not waive the fees, but will assist him in finding resources to help him cover the costs.

AWARD BID #0809-09 / 1991 FORD TRACTOR

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Traylor, Road Department Superintendent Knee stated that he has another tractor that Extension Agent Carter can use. Extension Agent Carter stated that he needs a tractor less than 10 hours for horse shows and grading the area for a clinic. Commissioner Williams motioned to award Bid #0809-09 for a 1991 Ford Tractor to Christopher McLemore, in the amount of \$7,600.00. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed 3 to 1, with Chairman Peters voting no, and Commissioner McLemore abstaining due to family involvement.

There being no further business and upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, the meeting did then adjourn at 12:27 p.m., E.T.

**NATHAN PETERS, JR.
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**