

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

AUGUST 11, 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, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, G.I.S. Director Scott Warner, Planner David Richardson, Assistant Public Works Director Jake Lewis, Road Department Superintendent Bobby Knee, Assistant Road Department Superintendent Chris Wood, 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 6:00 p.m., E.T.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the following Consent Agenda items. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

1. Minutes July 8, 2009 Special Meeting
 - July 14, 2009 Regular Meeting
 - July 21, 2009 Special Meeting
 - July 22, 2009 Workshop
2. Agreement FEMA 1831 2009 North Florida Flooding (FEMA-1831-DR-FL *
#09-SS-E8-02-33-13-507)
 - Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement (Public Risk Management of Florida)
3. Deed (C. Michael Lister and Claude E. Lister property at Douglas Landing)
4. Fees Tipping Fee Waiver (First Baptist Church)
5. Funding Request District 1 (American Cancer Society Relay for Life \$100.00)
6. Grant Agreement Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (\$70,309.00)
7. Inventory Emergency Management (Transfer #90-166 to the T.D.C.)

- Grant Writer (Transfer #205-2 to the Wewahitchka Courthouse)
 - Gulf County Beaches Fire Department (Junk #150-100, #150-101, #150-103, #150-104, #150-113, #150-114, #150-115, #150-116, #150-117, #150-118, #150-119, #150-120, #150-121, Jaguar 100 Portable Radios * Transfer #150-62, 1994 International Fire Truck to the Overstreet Fire Department)
 - Gulf County Emergency Service Unit (Junk #145-29 * Ultralite II Breathing System * Transfer #145-54 50' Hose Reel, #145-55 50' Hose Reel to the Road Department)
 - Gulf County Sheriff's Department (Transfer 2004 Dodge Durango VIN #1D4HD38N94F172824 to the Howard Creek Fire Department)
 - White City Fire Department (Transfer #170-3, #170-4 to the Public Works Department * Transfer #170-66 1986 Ford Fire Truck to the Stone Mill Creek Fire Department)

8. Invoice Ausley & McMullen, P.A. Gulf Pines Hospital Bankruptcy (Invoice #78800 * in the amount of \$204.70 * to be paid from Account #21111-31200)
 - County Attorney Timothy McFarland (July, 2009 * \$9,506.00 * to be paid from Account #21314-31100)
 - Florida Department of Revenue Unemployment Compensation (Edward M. Dowling * \$571.40 / Daniel E. Hanlon * \$42.28 * to be paid from Account #21111-25000)
 - Legal Services of North Florida (April 1 June 30, 2009 * to be paid from Account #71015-82000)

9. Purchase Request - Maintenance Department (to purchase a 3/4-ton Van through Florida Sheriff's Association State Contract)

10. Records Disposition (Insurance Records 1959-1983, Workers Compensation Records 1972-1976, Board & Clerk Correspondence

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1989, Board Correspondence 1984-1988, Payroll Records 1986-1988, Payroll Deduction 1989-1993, Deferred Compensation 1990-1991, Insurance Records 1990-1991, Bank Statements 1954-1965; 1967-1973; 1985-1998, Utility Customer Records 1982-1997, Automated Accounting System 1986-1998, Disbursement Records Detail 1987-1998)

11. Refund Building Permit Fee (John M. Hudnell, Sr. * \$55.00)

12. Resolution Bay Medical Center (Inmate Medical \$70,000.00) as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-21

WHEREAS, Bay Medical Center formally initiated the conflict resolution process set forth in the Florida Governmental Conflict Resolution Act on January 26, 2009 related to the provision of medical services to county detainees and inmates, and

WHEREAS, Gulf County, Florida and Bay Medical Center have participated in good faith negotiations pursuant to the requirements of the Florida Governmental Conflict Resolution Act, and

WHEREAS, the parties have settled all conflicts now outstanding between them pursuant to the act,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida as follows:

1. This Resolution is adopted in compliance with Florida Statute 164.1067(2008).
2. All outstanding accounts and bills for services rendered by Bay Medical Center to detainees or inmates of Gulf County, Florida who were ill, wounded or otherwise injured at the time of their arrest and for which financial responsibility is the legal requirement of Gulf County pursuant to Florida Statute 901.35(2008) have not been paid in full by Gulf County, Florida and all such issues have been settled with the exception of one account related to Mary Annette Ramsey, a.k.a., Mary A. Ramsey.
3. As full and final satisfaction for all Bay Medical accounts and billings related to the provision of services by Bay Medical Center to Mary Annette Ramsey, a.k.a., Mary A. Ramsey for which Gulf County is financial responsible pursuant to F.S. 901-35(2008), the County agrees to pay and Bay Medical Center agrees to accept the sum of \$70,000.00.
4. Gulf County shall pay the sum of \$35,000.00 upon adoption of this Resolution to Bay Medical Center as a partial payment towards the \$70,000.00 sum due and shall pay an additional sum of \$35,000.00 on or before March 1, 2010 to Bay Medical Center as full and final satisfaction of this outstanding account.
5. Further, it is the intention of Gulf County, Florida to enter into a contract for services with Bay Medical Center governing the parties' respective obligations and duties for future medical care provided to Gulf County detainees and inmates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal of Gulf County, Florida on the day below indicated.

EFFECTIVE this 11th day of August, 2009.

(End)

13. Road Closure - U.S. Highway 98 in the vicinity of Beacon Hill Park on September 12, 2009 for the Beach Blast Triathlon & Duathlon)

(End)

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS

County Judge Fred Witten appeared before the Board and inquired regarding the status of the Courthouse renovations, and the rededication of the Courthouse designating the facility as the George Y. Core Judicial Complex. Chairman Peters stated that the Maintenance Department is working shorthanded. Chief Administrator Butler reported that they are out of funds this year for the project, stating that all the floor tile, grout, ceiling tiles, and grid have been purchased for the project. County Judge Witten discussed that blocking the doors and hallways off are a safety hazard, and encouraged the Board to complete the project as soon as possible.

WEWAHITCHKA COURTHOUSE

County Judge Witten appeared before the Board and inquired about the Wewahitchka Courthouse. Commissioner Traylor discussed that the new roof will be complete within a week. County Judge Witten discussed that this facility is going to be needed to hold Court due to all the scheduling conflicts for the Courtroom in the main Courthouse.

PUBLIC HEARING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a proposed ordinance governing land use in Gulf County, County Attorney McFarland read the proposed ordinance by title and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the following ordinance. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATE STATUTES SECTION 163.3187, AND CHAPTER 420, SPECIFICALLY CHANGING PORTIONS OF PARCEL ID #06076-000R, 06224-000R, 06228-000R, AND 06229-000R, 610 ACRES OF A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTIONS 13, 23 & 24 OF TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM AGRICULTURAL TO RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY; AMENDING THE LAND USE ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ANY CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(End)

PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE - GULFSIDE INTERIOR M.S.T.U.

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a proposed ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2006-22 (Gulfside Interior M.S.T.U.), County Attorney McFarland read the proposed Ordinance by title, and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Yeager motioned to adopt the following ordinance. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner Peters voting no.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GULF COUNTY ORDINANCE 2006-22, REVISING SECTION 3 OF THAT ORDINANCE BY AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM MILLAGE WHICH MAY BE LEVIED WITHIN THE CAPE SAN BLAS GULFSIDE INTERIOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT, PRESERVING THE REMAINDER OF ORDINANCE 2006-22 IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(End)

PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE - GULFSIDE M.S.T.U.

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a proposed ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2006-21 (Gulfside M.S.T.U.), County Attorney McFarland read the proposed Ordinance by title, and called for public comment. Ron Schaffer appeared before the Board and inquired if the increase in millage was to offset the decrease in valuations. Commissioner Yeager discussed that this Ordinance allows a maximum millage not to exceed 10 mills, but to be levied only to the extent to meet the required bond obligation. Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the following Ordinance. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner Peters voting no.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GULF COUNTY ORDINANCE 2006-21, REVISING SECTION 3 OF THAT ORDINANCE BY AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM MILLAGE WHICH MAY BE LEVIED WITHIN THE CAPE SAN BLAS GULFSIDE MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT, PRESERVING THE REMAINDER OF ORDINANCE 2006-21 IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(End)

PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE COMMUNICATION SERVICES TAX RATE

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a proposed ordinance adopting a new Local Communication Services Tax Rate, County Attorney McFarland read the proposed Ordinance by title, and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Traylor motioned to adopt the following ordinance. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Commissioner Traylor amended the motion to

reflect that the revenue generated from this tax be applied to the landfill costs and fees. Commissioner Yeager stated that his second stands. After further discussion by members of the Board, the motion then passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTING A NEW LOCAL COMMUNICATION SERVICES TAX RATE, PROVIDING FOR INTENT; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A NEW LOCAL COMMUNICATION SERVICES TAX RATE; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(End)

SMALL COUNTY SURTAX ORDINANCE

County Attorney McFarland reminded the Board of the deadline on the Small County Surtax Ordinance which was passed, stating that he has not received the agreement from the Cities on how to distribute their portions. Chairman Peters instructed Chief Administrator Butler to follow up with the Cities on this agreement and report back to the Board at the next Board Meeting.

T.D.C. FLORIDA BEACH MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION

T.D.C. Director Pickett appeared before the Board and discussed the Florida Beach Management Program, stating that this allows them to request, through the Department of Beaches and Coastal Systems within D.E.P., a Long Range Beach Management and Erosion Control Plan for State funds. T.D.C. Director Pickett read the Resolution by title. Commissioner Yeager motioned to adopt the following Resolution. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PROCEED WITH THIS SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR STATE FUNDS UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 161.091, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, BEACH AND COASTAL ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT, FOR THE FLORIDA BEACH EROSION CONTROL PROGRAM LEGISLATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011, FOR THE ST. JOSEPH PENINSULA BEACHES.

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners has identified beach preservation and beach renourishment as a priority for the St. Joseph Peninsula beaches; and

WHEREAS, Gulf County has developed a Long Range Beach Management and Erosion Control Plan for the St. Joseph Peninsula beaches to address beach preservation and beach renourishment; and

WHEREAS, The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners supports beach preservation and beach renourishment and is willing to serve as the local sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners is aware that there is a local funding share to implement the Long Range Beach Management and Erosion Control Plan for the St. Joseph Peninsula beaches for projects authorized by Section 161.101, Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Gulf County Board of County Commissioners that the Board hereby supports the St. Joseph Peninsula Erosion Control Project, and is willing to serve as local sponsor. The Board is prepared to provide the necessary local funding to implement the Long Range Beach Management and Erosion Control Plan for the St. Joseph Peninsula beaches. The Board also supports the Department's beach and coastal management program.

This resolution adopted by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners this 11th day of August, 2009.

(End)

T.D.C. QUARTERLY REPORT

T.D.C. Director Picket appeared before the Board and reported that they are in the process of redoing the Gulf County Visitor Guide, stating that they have been selected 1 in 3 in the State of Florida for best overall. She discussed the beach renourishment project, stating that any questions should be directed to the T.D.C. T.D.C. Director Picket stated that the M.S.T.U. bond has not increased. She reported that the property values decreased an average of 17% on the Gulfside and 24.1% on the Gulfside Interior. She presented a revenue report, stating that for the month of June they had a decrease in revenue in the amount of \$14,000.00, but year to date totals are up. Commissioner Traylor commended T.D.C. Director Pickett for a great job.

PORT AUTHORITY QUARTERLY REPORT

Alan Cox, Chairman of the Port Authority, appeared before the Board and introduced Executive Director Tommy Pitts, Commissioners Johanna White, Patrick Jones, and Administrative Assistant Nadine Lee. He discussed that they are working very hard to obtain a no-match \$30,000,000.00 Federal stimulus grant, stating that they are 1 of 4 Ports in the state seeking funds for this purpose. Executive Director Tommy Pitts appeared before the Board and gave a quarterly report on the Port Authority, stating that they have completed the \$5,000,000.00 bulk head project on the Gulf County Canal. He discussed that they have entered into an agreement with D.O.T. for two grants with no match required, stating that \$420,000.00 will be for an access road into the site and down to the bulk head, and \$912,000.00 for rail access. Chairman Alan Cox discussed that they are pursuing the task of obtaining permits for the deep water site on the West side of the bridge.

CRIMESTOPPERS

Sheriff Nugent appeared before the Board and reported that the Attorney General's Office

designates approximately \$5,000.00 to Gulf County, and stated that if the Board does not agree to go with the Panhandle Crimestoppers, the funds will go back to the Attorney General.

GULF COUNTY C.D.C. - WEATHERIZATION

Quen Lamb, Executive Director of C.D.C., appeared before the Board and discussed the weatherization program, stating that the earliest funding will be received is late September or early October. He discussed that the Weatherization group out of Tallahassee has to reorganize and perform training before the funds are received. Executive Director Lamb discussed that C.D.C. only assist with the weatherization.

L.H.A.P. RESOLUTION

County Attorney McFarland discussed that the Resolution for the administrative fees has been corrected and recommended approval of the Resolution. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously as follows.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVING THE REVISED LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ACT, SUBSECTIONS 420.907-420.9079, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND RULE CHAPTER 67-37, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS NEEDED BY THE STATE; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 1992 the State of Florida enacted the William E. Sandowski Affordable Housing Act, Chapter 92-317 of Florida Sessions Laws, allocating a portion of documentary stamp taxes on deeds to local governments for development and maintenance of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Act, ss. 420.907-420.9079, Florida Statutes (1992), and Rule Chapter 67-37, Florida Administrative Code, requires local governments to develop a one-to-three year Local Housing Assistance Plan outlining how funds will be used; and

WHEREAS, the SHIP Act requires local governments to establish the maximum SHIP funds allowable for each strategy; and

WHEREAS, the SHIP Act further requires local governments to establish an average area purchase price for new and existing housing benefiting from awards made pursuant to the Act; the methodology and purchase prices used are defined in the attached Local Housing Assistance Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Community Development Corporation has prepared a three year Local Housing Assistance Plan for submission to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission finds that it is in the best interest of the public for the Local Housing Assistance Plan review and approval so as to qualify for said documentary stamp tax funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA that:

Section 1: The Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida hereby approves the Local Housing Assistance Plan, as attached and incorporated hereto for submission to the Florida Housing Corporation as required by ss. 420.907-420.9079, Florida Finance Statutes, for fiscal years 2009-2010.

Section 2: The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and/or the County Administrator is hereby designated and authorized to execute any documents and certifications required by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation as related to the Local Housing Assistance Plan, and to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the term and conditions of said program.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th day of August, 2009.

(End)

INVENTORY - CLERK

Clerk Norris requested approval to remove items from the Clerk's Office inventory, #10-327, #10-303 A,B,C, #10-373(1-6), #10-326(B), #10-390, #10-371(A), #10-400, #10-391, #10-395, #10-392, #10-396, #10-342, #10-393, #10-389, #10-394, #10-387 computer servers and monitors, stating that are no longer of any value. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

Clerk Norris discussed that the Tentative Value Adjustment Board Organizational meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., E.T.

CHANGE ORDER #2 STUMPHOLE ROCK ENHANCEMENT

On behalf of Grant Writer Kopinsky, Deputy Administrator Lanier requested approval of change order #2 from GAC Contractors, stating that this would be a decrease in the contract award in reference to their direct purchases, in the amount of \$405,240.91. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this change order. Commissioner McLemore seconded the

motion, and it passed unanimously.

CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA ROAD DEPARTMENT SHOP

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed a letter from the City of Wewahitchka requesting to negotiate with the Board regarding the sale of the Road Department Facility and requesting to meet with the Board. Commissioner Yeager motioned to proceed. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. Commissioner Williams discussed the possibility of leasing the facility. Commissioner Yeager amended his motion to reflect the possibility of leasing the facility. Commissioner Traylor stated that his second stands, and the motion then passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner McLemore voting no.

GULF COAST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE UTILITY PERMIT EASEMENT

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed an electric utility services easement from Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative for the consolidation site, and requested the Chairman sign upon Board approval. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ROAD BOND CHANGE ORDER #21

Road Department Superintendent Knee appeared before the Board and discussed interest which has been added to the Road Bond line items for each District. Bill Kennedy, Preble-Rish, Inc. appeared before the Board and discussed that they are close to the end of the Road Bond project. He discussed that change order #21 is for District 5, City of Port St. Joe, and City of Wewahitchka, stating that the total amount to increase is \$94,007.99. Mr. Kennedy commended Clerk Finance Director Carla Hand for all her hard work in keeping up with the figures, stating she is great to work with. Road Department Superintendent Knee reported that the funds are available. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve change order #21 for District 5 (\$19,010.00). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve change order #21 for the City of Wewahitchka (\$12,860.00). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve change order #21 for the City of Port St. Joe (\$62,137.99). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Road Department Superintendent Knee reported that September 11, 2009 is the deadline for spending the funds for the road bond, stating that there is a penalty after this date. He reported that there will be \$156,418.20 left over County wide. Commissioner McLemore motioned to split the \$156,418.20 five ways. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

Planner Richardson discussed that D.C.A. and D.E.P. are still negotiating on the Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

RESOLUTION BAY MEDICAL

County Attorney McFarland requested approval of the Resolution for Bay Medical Center regarding Inmate Medical. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

HURRICANE GUSTAV BEACH RENOURISHMENT

Chief Administrator Butler discussed a letter from Preble-Rish, Inc., concerning the beach renourishment project and the March 2009 storm, stating that assuming that the County will receive federal and state funding financial assistance, Preble-Rish, Inc. has agreed to submit individual task orders under this agreement and will charge based on FEMA approved engineering fees. He recommended that the Board sign an agreement with Preble-Rish, Inc. for Professional Services. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0, with Commissioner Yeager abstaining due to a business relationship with Preble-Rish, Inc.

BID #0809-23 3 BARGES

Chief Administrator Butler discussed Bid #0809-23 for the purchase of 3 barges, stating that they have been sent to Northwest Florida Water Management District for review. He discussed that E.D.C. is looking for a contractor to move sand on the River and also to remove sand from the River. Chief Administrator Butler recommended that the Board table Bid #0809-23 until the next Board Meeting. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITION ADVERTISE FOR R.F.Q.

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the Information Technology support position, stating that they are still looking for funding for this position, and recommended that the County advertise for R.F.Q.'s for 1 full time employee. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

WEWAHITCHKA COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that the Wewahitchka Courthouse roof project will be complete by next week, and that Fisher Construction is the Contractor which completed the renovations in the early 90's. He recommended a change order with the Contractor for the repair of the windows, not to exceed the amount budgeted. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve the change order and allow Fisher Construction to complete the work. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CONSOLIDATION ADVERTISE R.F.P. METAL BUILDING

Chief Administrator Butler reported that the survey work, elevation bench marks, well installation, and the office pad have been completed, and recommended the Board advertise to receive R.F.P.'s for a metal building, septic system and chain link fence for the consolidation site. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BARGAINING UNIT CREW LEADER POSITIONS

Chief Administrator Butler reported that the Bargaining Unit and the Supervisor organizational charts are near completion, stating that two inmate crew leaders were lost and replaced with County crew leaders. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve for the two County crew leader positions to be posted. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE RESERVE FUNDS

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that in review of the current budget, there are several

Departments that have excess funds (due to anticipation of high fuel costs, etc.) and recommends the Board set aside in an Infrastructure Reserve Fund. He further explained that these Reserve Funds may need to be used to cover the 12.5% match on pending Road projects should the County not receive a match waiver. Chief Administrator Butler stated that if the funds are not used by the end of the Fiscal Year, the Board will need to take action to carry these funds over to the new Fiscal Year, to be designated for the Infrastructure Reserve Fund. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Williams, Chief Administrator Butler confirmed that these funds will be addressed by the Board individually if the waiver is denied. On motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Yeager, and unanimous vote, the Board approved to set aside \$661,000.00 in an Infrastructure Reserve Fund.

PORT AUTHORITY

Chairman Peters discussed that the Port Authority has a mound of dirt to give to the County and City and requested Road Department Superintendent Knee and Assistant Public Works Director Lewis contact the Port Authority to obtain the dirt.

ELECTED OFFICIALS CITY AND COUNTY

Chairman Peters discussed that elected officials have a responsibility to ensure tax payers their dollars are used wisely. He thanked the City of Port St. Joe and the Board of County Commissioners for coming together for the combined meeting on July 22, 2009. Chairman Peters discussed that he submitted a letter to the City of Port St. Joe requesting the City and County meet together every 4 months and the City approved, stating that the Chair will rotate.

CONSOLIDATION ARTICLES THE STAR

Commissioner Traylor discussed articles in The Star in reference to consolidation that are not true, and suggested that, Editor Tim Croft contact Chief Administrator Butler to get the correct information.

GULF COUNTY BEACHES

Commissioner Traylor requested T.D.C. Director Pickett appear before the Board and he discussed the pictures presented by T.D.C. of the beaches at Beacon Hill, and thanked T.D.C. Director Pickett for all her hard work.

DIXIE YOUTH GIRLS SOFTBALL DONATION

Upon motion by Commissioner Williams, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board approved to pay \$500.00 to the Dixie Youth Girls Softball team from the Recreation funds.

SASSY NAILS DONATION

Commissioner Williams reported that Sassy Nails located in Port St. Joe will be providing free haircuts to the children on Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and walk-ins all day on Monday, stating that they can contact Susan or Lisa at 850-340-1651 to make an appointment.

BURNED HOUSE ST. JOE BEACH

Commissioner Williams discussed a house fire at 211 Magellan Street St. Joe Beach, stating that he has requested County Attorney to follow up regarding the property being in foreclosure, stating that the property needs to be removed due to safety issues. Commissioner Williams

motioned for County Attorney McFarland send a letter to Code Enforcement regarding removal of the burned home. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

WHITE CITY SEWER

Commissioner Williams discussed some problems with the White City sewer, stating that some of the residents have removed their drain fields and placed them on the road side, stating that this material cannot be hauled to the landfill. He discussed that this is the City's responsibility and should have been taken care of by the City. Chief Administrator Butler discussed that this will have to be hauled to Steel Field and it is not a lot of tonnage. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Traylor, Commissioner Williams discussed that this should have been hauled by the City. After further discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner Williams motioned for Chief Administrator Butler to contact Charlie Weston regarding this issue. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CONGRESSMAN BOYD HURRICANE GUSTAV

Commissioner Yeager discussed a letter in the Information Packet to Congressman Boyd in reference to the match waiver from F.E.M.A. on Hurricane Gustav. He stated that the County has been approved for the 12.5 % match waiver, but now U.S. Fish & Wildlife may not approve it because it is within a CBRA area. Commissioner Yeager explained that the County is asking Congressman Boyd for his assistance in obtaining a "Letter of Concurrence" for this project from U.S. Fish & Wildlife.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Doug Kent, Gulf County Health Department Administrator, appeared before the Board and discussed that the Health Department and Sacred Heart Hospital applied for a joint grant for the purchase of a Mammography machine, stating it was awarded and now there will be a new machine for the Hospital.

Doug Kent, Gulf County Health Department Administrator, discussed that the Health Department wrote a grant for a digital x-ray machine to be located in the Wewahitchka Health Department, stating that it was approved.

Doug Kent, Gulf County Health Department Administrator, appeared before the Board and requested that the Board stress the importance of keeping the septic tank program local. He suggested that the Board send a letter to our Legislators requesting that D.E.P. be kept out of the septic tank program.

H1N1 NOVEL FLU

Doug Kent, Gulf County Health Department Administrator, appeared before the Board and requested to be placed on the next agenda to discuss the H1N1 Novel Flu pandemic.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the meeting did then adjourn at 7:28 p.m., E.T.

NATHAN PETERS, JR.
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK