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GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA  
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February 10, 2010

Dion J. Moniz, Esq.  
Harrison, Sale, McCloy  
Duncan & Jackson  
PO Drawer 1579  
Panama City, FL 32402

RE: Bay Medical vs. Gulf County/Mary Ramsey

Dear Mr. Moniz:

Please find enclosed the final payment of \$35,000.00 with regards to Mary Ramsey and pursuant to the Resolution Agreement dated August 11, 2009.

Sincerely,



Timothy J. McFarland

TJM/sjl  
enclosure

✓ cc: Information Packet

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# Memorandum

**To:** Gulf County BOCC  
**From:** Scott Warner, GIS Director  
**Date:** February 1, 2010  
**CC:** Don Butler  
**Re:** Florida URISA- Nominated to participate with FLURISA board as Panhandle Regional Director

I just wanted to take a minute to share with you all some exciting news. **I recently accepted a nomination to participate as a volunteer with the Florida Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (FLURISA) board as the Panhandle Regional Director.** This position represents GIS professionals in the Panhandle Region of Florida including 10 counties; Gulf, Calhoun, Jackson, Bay, Washington, Holmes, Walton, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Escambia. URISA is a nonprofit association of professionals from all around the world using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and other information technologies to solve challenges in state/ provincial and local government agencies and departments. This organization is considered to be the premier organization for the use and integration of spatial information technology to improve the quality of life in urban and regional environments. I am very excited and honored to be representing Gulf County and our region in this new roll and wanted to share the news with you.

Thank you for your time,  
Scott Warner

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting on Monday, February 15, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. EST, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. EST. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:

1. January 14, 2010 Minutes
2. Variance – William C. Thompson – Parcel ID #03805-017R in Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida – Variance of development regulations. Located at St. Joe Beach. Requesting a Variance on setbacks.
3. Variance – Charles Barton – Parcel ID #00979-120R in Section 33, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County, Florida – Variance of development regulations. Located at Howards Creek. Requesting a Variance on setbacks.
4. Variance – Terry L. Voyles – Parcel ID #03761-010R in Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida – Variance of development regulations. Located at Beacon Hill. Requesting a Variance on setbacks.
5. County Development Regulations
6. Public at Large
7. Staff

The public is encouraged to attend and be heard on these matters. Information prior to the meeting can be viewed at the Planning and Building Department at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Room 312.

Ad #2010-04

Date: February 4, 2010 and February 11, 2010

Invoice: Gulf County Planning Department

Enclosure: Map

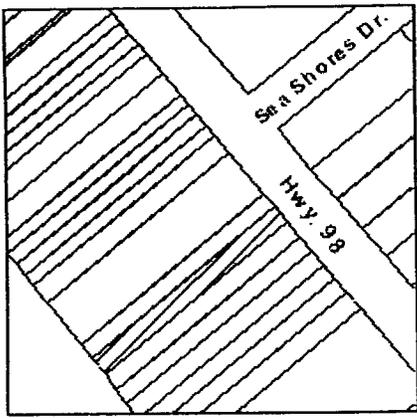
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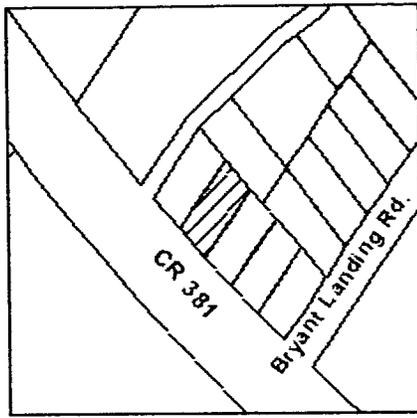
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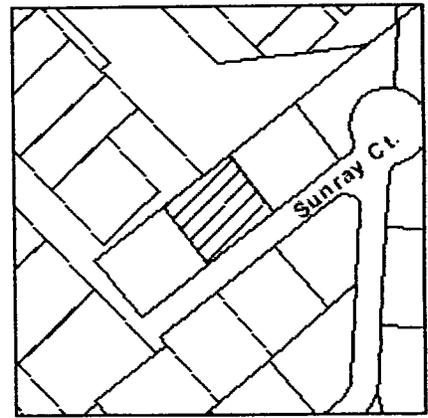
2. Variance – William Thompson



3. Variance – Charles Barton



4. Variance – Terry Voyles





APWU Local 1414  
 PO Box 2522  
 Panama City, FL 32402  
 (850) 785-9397 Fax (850) 785-1167

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 PANAMA CITY  
 COMMISSIONERS

January 24, 2010

Dear Local Mayors and Commissioners:

My name is Mark Zediak and I am the new president of the Panama City Local of the American Postal Workers Union. Please read the enclosed brochure. I am sending this with the hope that your concerns and comments can still be presented to the United States Postal Service, as I feel that this proposed action by your Postal Service will have negative ramifications for all businesses and residents of the Florida Panhandle. The outcome of the proposal is that all mail sent from cities with a 324 zipcode will no longer have an overnight service standard to Tallahassee or Dothan. The Postal Service has solicited public comments on the proposal which have to be postmarked by January 29, 2010, and sent to:

MANAGER CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
 NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT  
 PO BOX 40005  
 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32203-0005

The enclosed brochure is an informational handout that was given out by our Union at the public meeting which the Postal Service held at the Bay County Fairgrounds on January 14, 2010. It is a brief overview of how your local mail is processed here in Panama City. I regret that I did not have time to personally notify each one of you prior to the meeting, but the Postal Service did not notify us of this until December 29, 2009, and I have just assumed this office on January 3, 2010. Our local media (WMBB TV13, WJHG TV7, and the Panama City News Herald) all have had coverage on the public meeting but I felt that all communities in the affected area that are impacted by this proposal by the Postal Service should have the opportunity to respond with their concerns and comments. I am asking that you share this information with your local officials and constituents.

Respectfully,

*Mark Zediak*

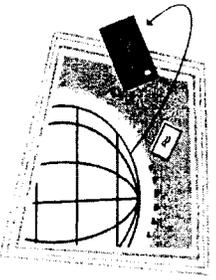
Mark Zediak, President APWU Local 1414

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## Save Overnight Mail!

If you want to preserve your local Postal Service, please attend the Public meeting at:

**Legion Hall**  
Bay County Fairgrounds  
2230 E 15th St  
Panama City, FL 32405

When:

Thursday, January 14th 7pm

The US Postal Service will have representatives on hand to answer questions and explain their proposal to improve your local mail service.

Public Input must be postmarked by  
January 29, 2010 to: USPS  
MANAGER CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
PO BOX 40005  
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32203-0005

## Public Meeting Postal Service Area Mail Processing Feasibility Study

Informational Handout

Tel: 850 785-9397

Panama City  
Local 1414  
American Postal  
Workers Union

### What's an AMP study?

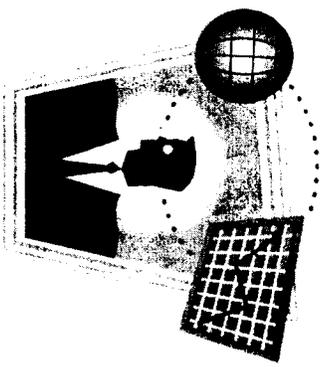
The United States Postal Service has undertaken an Area Mail Processing feasibility study at the Panama City Processing and Distribution Facility (P&DF) located at 1336 Sherman Ave., Panama City, FL 32401. The results of the study call for the movement of all outgoing mail operations from Panama City to the Pensacola, FL P&DF, which is approximately 100 miles away. This means that all mail that is collected here locally will now be trucked to Pensacola for sortation and distribution throughout the country and the world. This outgoing mail operation takes place 6 days a week, and starts about 5 pm each evening and is usually complete by midnight, depending on mail volumes. A good percentage of this mail is destined for local addresses, and will be returned to Panama City to be re-processed by various types of machinery (letter sorting machines, flat (large envelope) sorting machines, and parcel sorting machines). This operation is called the incoming mail operation. It has to be complete by about 6 or 7 am and trucked throughout the central panhandle to your delivery office.

Your mailman reports to work at about 7 or 8 am to start preparing your mail for his daily delivery to your home or business. The incoming operation at the Panama City P&DF is responsible for the delivery of all mails in a geographic area roughly bounded by the Apalachicola River to the east, the Alabama state line to the north, and a line extending from just east of Crestview, FL to just east of Destin, FL. If your zipcode starts with 324 your daily mail is processed in Panama City.

### SERVICE STANDARDS

The Postal Service adheres to standards that the government created many years ago to ensure the quality of your mail service. These standards apply to first class mail (correspondence, bills, payments, etc) and fall into 3 categories: overnight delivery, 2 day, and 3 day standards. Each piece of first class mail has to be delivered anywhere in the 50 states within 3 days or the Postal Service has suffered what is referred to as a service plan failure. AMP studies are designed to improve the service you receive as a postal patron. Presently the Panama City P&DF has overnight service standards to the following geographic areas: Tallahassee, FL; Dothan AL; and Pensacola, FL. The implementation of this proposed AMP study would result in the reduction of overnight service standards to

Tallahassee and Dothan to a two day standard. So if your grandmother lives in the Dothan area, you will have to mail that birthday card a day earlier than you used to. And if your business partner or some state office in Tallahassee needs some correspondence tomorrow, you're going to have to pay for an expedited mail service starting at about \$15-\$20 rather than that 44 cent stamp you use now. A more logical (from a service standpoint) AMP solution would be to process Pensacola's outgoing mail here in Panama City and give them overnight service to our State Capitol!!!



**FREEDOM 180**

**presents:**

*The  
House of Horrors and  
Happiness*

**DATE:** February 27, 2010

**TIME:** 3:00-9:00pm

**LOCATION:** PCMI

(Panama City Marine Institute,  
222 E. Beach Drive, Panama City, Florida)

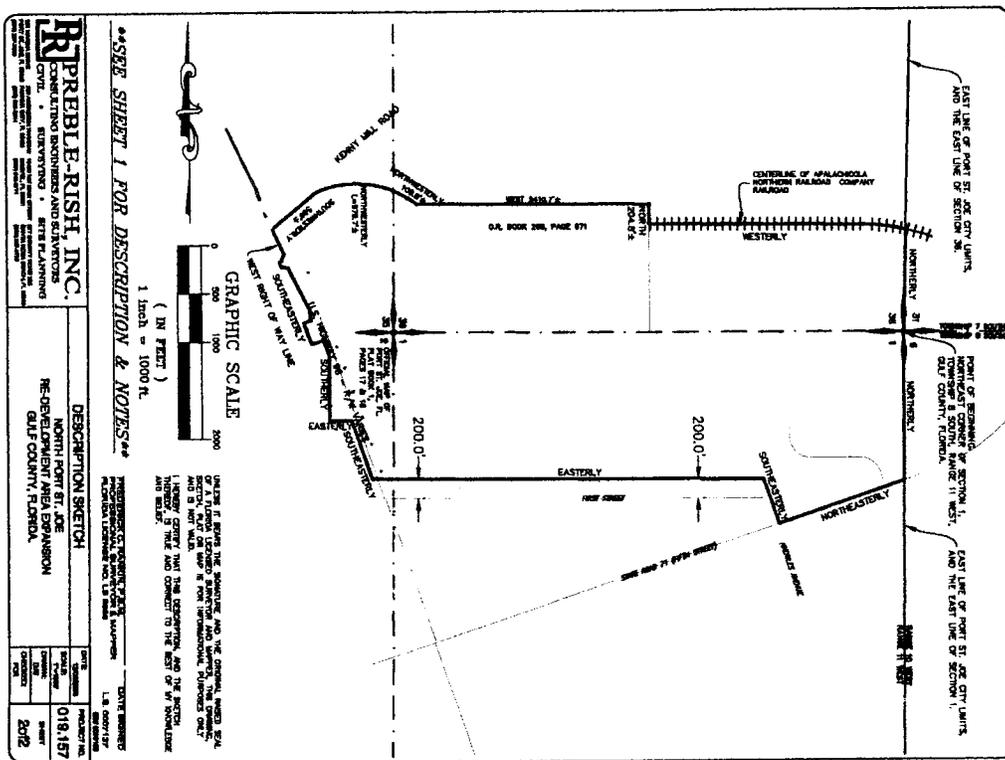
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For more information, contact the Freedom 180 office at  
385-1111 or 385-1112.

**NOTICE TO TAXING AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to Sections 163.346 and 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes, the City Commission of the City of Port St Joe, Florida, as the governing body of the City, does hereby give public notice of its intention to adopt a resolution in accordance with Section 163.361, Florida Statutes, titled as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST JOE, FL; RELATING TO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT; MAKING FINDINGS; APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AGENCY TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN AS AMENDED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The expansion areas are located in that part of the City containing approximately (399) acres and more particularly described as follows:



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The proposed Resolution will be first read at a public meeting to be held on **Feb 16, 2010**, beginning at 6:00 pm and The City will consider the Resolution for adoption at a public meeting to be held on **Mar 2, 2010** beginning at 6:00 pm or as soon thereafter as possible, at City Hall in Port St Joe, Florida. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed Resolution. To obtain a copy of or to inspect the Resolution contact: The City of Port St Joe at 850.229.8261 or visit at 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr Blvd, Port St Joe, FL 32456.

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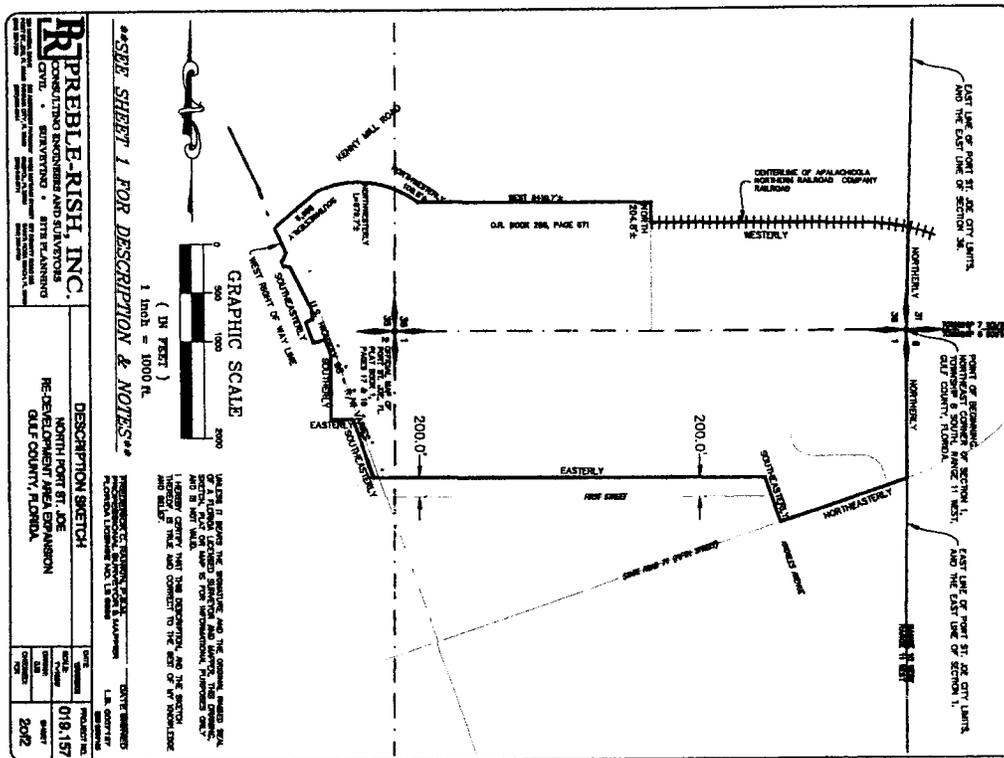
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**CORRECTED RESOLUTION #09-06 OF THE CITY OF PORT ST JOE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; FINDING THE EXISTENCE OF BLIGHT CONDITIONS IN AN AREA OF THE CITY; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS; FINDING THE NEED FOR THE EXPANSION OF A COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA FINDING THE NEED FOR A COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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January 22, 2010

Ms. Rebecca Norris  
Gulf County Clerk of Court  
1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd Rm 106  
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

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Dear Ms. Norris:

Governor Charlie Crist has proclaimed the week of March 7-13, 2010, *Problem Gambling Awareness Week (PGAW)* in the State of Florida. The Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling (FCCG) is joining forces with the Governor and organizations across the state, to raise public awareness about the effects of pathological (commonly referred to as compulsive) gambling, and spread the message of hope that loved one's of problem gamblers can get help even if the gambler is not yet ready to do so. The theme for this year's PGAW is ***Shining the Light on Problem Gambling*** with a focus on the difficulties problem gambling can cause for families.

The impact of compulsive gambling on those closest to the gambler is real and severe. Family members often suffer a range of effects, from the deprivation of basic needs to physical, emotional, and psychological abuse. The effects of this addiction are based on some startling HelpLine data:

- 74% of callers report family conflict due to a gambling problem
- 65% report family neglect
- 4% report violence in the household.

Your help in this awareness campaign is not only essential but extremely easy too. We want to offer you free materials for dissemination that will provide families with resources to use if they, or someone they know, are experiencing difficulties due to gambling.

There is no cost associated with your organization's involvement in PGAW; the FCCG will provide all materials free of charge. There are also other ways in which you can participate in activities to support problem gambling awareness in the State such as:

- Posting information or a web banner (we will provide you with the banner) on your website that alerts visitors of PGAW and allows them direct access to the FCCG website, [www.gamblinghelp.org](http://www.gamblinghelp.org)
- Allowing the FCCG to submit a complimentary HelpLine advertisement or article for your community newsletter
- Placing FCCG note cubes and pens in areas visitors use to complete agency forms
- Any other activity you may deem appropriate for raising awareness during this time

We hope that you will join us in this initiative and shine the light on problem gambling. Please review the enclosed sample materials for consideration. To receive your free materials, call 1-888-ADMIT-IT (236-4848), or email us at [fccg@gamblinghelp.org](mailto:fccg@gamblinghelp.org).

We look forward to working with you on this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

Pat Fowler  
Executive Director

Encl:



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

**PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS WEEK**

**WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public safety issue whose actions impact family, friends, and businesses with significant societal and economic costs, affecting more than one million Floridians of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities; and**

**WHEREAS, with each problem gambler directly affecting 8-10 individuals with negative consequences to personal and social relationships of the immediate family to include physical violence and emotional abuse; and**

**WHEREAS, the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling's public awareness campaign provides an opportunity to educate the public, policymakers, educators, businesses, mental health, and criminal justice professionals, and others, about the adverse effects of problem gambling, its social, legal, financial, and emotional impacts, as well as available treatment; and**

**WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable for those who seek help, which minimizes the harm to Floridians and to the state as a whole; and**

**WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals, and organizations who are dedicated to assisting families in need can participate in preventing problem gambling by promoting the statewide 24-hour HelpLine, 888-ADMIT-IT, and by making assessments and treatment readily available; and**

**WHEREAS, the state can also join in the recognition of the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling's 22<sup>nd</sup> year in providing diverse services and support for problem gamblers and their families;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing March 7-13, 2010, as Problem Gambling Awareness Week.**



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, in the year two thousand ten.

A handwritten signature of Charlie Crist in black ink.

Governor



# FOCUS

Concerning People with Gambling Problems

Vol. 1, 09-10

## FAMILY HOLDS OUT FOR HOPE



Our son took up golf when he was just 14 years old. Michael was so good that he would play with the adults in the neighborhood, who introduced him to betting on the golf course. Given his natural competitive nature as an athlete, he was gambling on his own basketball games and in the latter days of high school he was playing Texas Hold'Em and poker with friends, which continued into college.

Though we knew Michael played poker, we did not know he had a problem until the beginning of his sophomore year in college when we went to visit him during Parents Weekend. It was then we realized something was amiss because Michael didn't look like himself and prior to that we couldn't reach him by phone. We learned from a roommate that Michael went to Atlantic City for 48 hours.

We ultimately pulled Michael out of school and arranged for a medical leave of absence. By this time, Michael had been gambling online 24/7, with numerous trips to Atlantic City, was flunking all his courses, having problems with his golf coach, and had gained 30 pounds in two months time. His credit card debt from his online bets was

significant and when all was said and done and Michael returned home, he owed in excess of \$5,000.

Both while away at college and when Michael was back in Florida, he attended counseling and self-help groups. We also attended sessions with the therapist and went to a support group for family members. However, nothing ever resulted in Michael stopping for long periods of time.

Today, several years later, Michael's gambling is sporadic but is not as problematic as it used to be. He has since graduated college with honors, is working towards his graduate degree, and is employed full-time. He lives at home and we help manage his money.

Michael's gambling continues to have short and long-term impacts on our family. He has never regained our full trust. His younger brother became disheartened upon realizing there was little he could do to help Michael. We acknowledge that Michael eventually needs to lead an independent life, which is critical to his development, but he needs to first gain stability and demonstrate that he can manage on his own.

*"We know that Michael never hit bottom because we chose not to let him."*

We stopped seeing the counselor, even though we found it beneficial, because he said we needed to totally cut Michael off and we are not prepared to abandon our son. We know that Michael never hit bottom because we chose not to let him. We also realize that Michael

has difficulty relating to some of the self-help group members because they tend to be much older than he. Similarly, the support group meetings for loved ones in our area are comprised of primarily spouses versus parents, and although we aren't looking to "divorce" our son, we do find the guidance offered and the forums helpful.

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We will continue to stand by our son as he transitions to the next phase of his adult life. Despite his challenges and daily struggles, we have seen the progress he has made since the day we brought him home from college. Finally, if there's one thing that recovery has taught us is that anything is possible if you keep the faith and keep working the program one step at a time.

*Bill and Delores*



Gambling Problem? Yours?  
A friend's? A family member's?

Call the FCCG 24-hour Help Line  
888-ADMIT-IT (888-236-4848)

**Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling, Inc.**

901 Douglas Avenue, Suite 200  
Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714

Phone: (407) 865-6200

Fax: (407) 865-6103

24 Hour HelpLine:

888-ADMIT-IT

(888-236-4848)

www.gamblinghelp.org

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Pat Fowler

**Our Mission:**

The Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling, Inc. (FCCG), established in 1988, is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) educational and advocacy corporation under contract with Florida state government. The FCCG's primary mission is to help persons adversely affected by difficulties due to problem and compulsive gambling. The FCCG maintains a neutral stance on the issue of legalized gambling while seeking to assist citizens in need of support. Governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, the FCCG is an affiliate of the National Council on Problem Gambling.



**The Forgotten Victims**

By Paul Ashe, President and Pat Fowler, Executive Director



As is the case with other addictions, the focus and available resources for help are usually directed at the addicted. Even less services and funds are available to address the collateral damage caused by compulsive gambling on those most negatively affected - the family.

Whether you're a spouse, a child, a parent, a sibling, or an adult child or other family member, the impact of compulsive gambling can be broad and devastating, ranging from deprivation of basic necessities, such as shelter and food, to mental, physical and financial abuse. Even well after the gambling stops, the family often continues to suffer the emotional and financial scars with few resources for healing and recovery. It is not uncommon to hear an adult child of a compulsive gambling parent speak of the issues they continue to confront or a senior parent share how an adult child drained them of their life savings and retirement through manipulation or intimidation due to a gambling problem.

Yet, if families are going to survive, resources need to be made available to realistically help them move forward in their lives. One supportive resource is the self-help fellowship of Gam-Anon.

Comprised of family members and loved ones of compulsive gamblers, this group offers identification and assistance in family recovery. Although everyone who attends may not find physical or cultural identification here, the program furnishes meaningful insights and assistance to everyone. Upon attending meetings and remaining open, one can experience

program benefits. The drawback is that these groups are sparse and may not be easily accessible in many areas.

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In recognition of the need to provide help and guidance to family members and gamblers, the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling has instituted a series of programs. Loved ones and gamblers are eligible for the PATS program, which provides free assessment and treatment services (under a new treatment pilot program). Self help workbooks, a Peer Connect Program and live chat options are also available. In addition, the organization offers financial education services and information regarding one's legal rights. (See page 7 for program and service details.)

Finally, it's important to remember that regardless of what the relationship is with the compulsive gambler, a family member's recovery is not dependent upon what the gambler ultimately does or does not do. Whether the gambler seeks help or not, there are free resources available to assist families to begin recovery and to find a healthier way of life."



# COMPULSIVE GAMBLING AND HONESTY DON'T MIX

According to the American Psychiatric Association, pathological gambling (i.e., commonly referred to as compulsive gambling) is a mental health disorder of impulse control. One of the 10 criteria for a clinical diagnosis is "lying to conceal activity".

Compulsive gamblers lie to protect themselves from being revealed. Secrets and lies become the foundation on which a web of deceit is built in a family with a compulsive gambler. Most times, their secret is disclosed following a major event, such as a substantial loss, difficulty at or termination of work, commission of a crime, etc. Family members and others closest to the gambler feel disrespected, demeaned and completely dumbfounded upon learning their loved one has been spending countless hours gambling, resulting in major financial and/or personal and familial problems.

The lying is often the most painful part for family members. It can be agonizing to confront the issues of lying because frequently they result in arguments and a cycle of behavior of more gambling, more lying, and more arguing. For the person

being lied to, very often their life begins to revolve around whether the gambler is telling the truth. Ultimately, re-establishing trust, after an extended period of lies, is an ongoing challenge for family members and for the gamblers themselves. This is when appropriate treatment and self-help supports can prove crucial to a family's recovery. A professional therapist and recovering persons can provide the assistance necessary to help family members and others to address the various gambling related impacts and to get back on track. In isolation, many families will remain in crisis, some will split up, others will toggle between recovery and everyday life struggles, and others may choose to live in denial.

However, recovery is possible for compulsive gamblers and their families if each family member, including the gambler is committed to change. For information and free statewide services and supports, call the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling's 24-hour HelpLine at 888-ADMIT-IT or visit us online at [www.gamblinghelp.org](http://www.gamblinghelp.org).

- Frustrated with a loved one?
- Facing financial problems?
- Being lied to by someone you care about?
- Feeling helpless and don't know what to do?
- Becoming emotionally detached?
- Feeling physically ill?
- Becoming stressed out?
- Having depressed thoughts or feelings?
- Suffering from legal impacts?
- Thinking about ending your marriage or relationship?
- Believing your problems are hopeless?

## WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW

Bill and Delores suggest the following tips to parents of young gamblers:

- Intervene early
- Be prepared to make a continuous commitment
- Value the relationship
- Insist that your child seek help
- Become proactive in treatment
- Maintain that your child take responsibility for his life
- Increase awareness as to the seriousness of gambling
- Monitor (and if necessary, manage) your child's finances
- Be mindful of credit cards your child may obtain via the Internet or on a college campus
- Be attentive to how and with whom your child is spending their time
- Be aware that athletic children have a natural competitive nature, which can lead to gambling
- Look for signs of substitution (e.g. consuming alcohol or using drugs)
- Be united as to how you handle and address certain issues with your child
- Require that your child apply himself at school and/or work

Finally, it is important to keep in mind that often parents and other family members do blame their child's erratic or erratic behavior to alcohol or drug use, without ever realizing that gambling is the contributing factor.

Reviewing the preceding checklist can help family members and others to determine whether a loved one's gambling is interfering with their life.

Answering "Yes" to one or more questions shows signs of a gambling problem. If you believe you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling's 24-hour HelpLine at 888-ADMIT-IT.



# ARE YOU CODEPENDENT?

Family and others do not often realize how codependent their lives might be on the gambler. A loved one becomes codependent when their life, needs and behaviors revolve around the gambler and his or her behaviors. While codependency, to some extent, is not unusual in most relationships, when living with a compulsive gambler, it becomes unhealthy when a family member's life is deeply affected and their decisions or actions are reliant or revolve around the gambler's irrational behaviors.

## Codependency Checklist

To determine whether you or someone you know may be codependent due to gambling, answer the questions in the following checklist. Be sure to check the box that most closely matches how you feel:

Do you or someone you know:	Never	Sometimes	Very Often	Always
Have a hard time saying "No" to the gambler?				
Have difficulty telling the gambler what you really think or feel?				
Do whatever the gambler wants you to do?				
Try not to let the gambler see that you're upset about her gambling?				
Try not to let the gambler see that you're upset about other things so she will remain happy?				
Try to keep the gambler away from situations in which he will gamble?				
Encourage the gambler to gamble?				
Make excuses for the gambling behavior?				
Feel afraid that the gambling is hurting your relationship or your family's, but hide how you're feeling?				
Just give up trying to change things?				
Feel that things could be worse and that you should try to live with the gambling?				
Let the gambler do whatever he wants so you can have free time?				
Feel sorry for the gambler because she has nothing to do if she doesn't gamble?				

If you or someone you know responded primarily in the "Very Often" and "Always" categories, you likely have some level of codependency and might even be enabling the gambler.

Codependents and others are frequently in denial as to how they may be contributing to the gambling problem and ultimately to their own unhappiness. In some cases, loved ones may actually be enabling the gambler in his behavior. The Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling's HelpLine has many years of experience listening to the stories of the non-gambling spouses or partners, parents, adult children, young people, and others who call in to its 24-hour HelpLine. More often than not, enablers do not recognize their behaviors until it is brought to their attention by a friend or family member, colleague, professional counselor, self-help support group or other person.

### Some of the more common explanations reported by family members include:

- I accompany my wife to the casino because I don't want her to be there all hours of the night alone.
- I make only friendly bets with my son or wager low amounts but never on the game he's experiencing the most difficulty with.
- I lie or cover for my mother because it's easier.
- I loan or borrow money for my partner to pay off debts or to gamble.
- I would never get upset about his gambling because I didn't want the children to see us arguing.
- I give my girlfriend money to gamble with because I don't want to deal with her irrational behavior.
- I think the gambling problem will somehow just stop.

Like codependency, enabling is a behavior that becomes ingrained and can take time for family members to change their behaviors and to redirect their attention to themselves. Recognizing oneself as an enabler can truly be the single most awakening moment for loved ones, as well as a time for renewed vigor to keep the focus on self.



# PUTTING "ME" FIRST

If anyone would have told me that I would marry a compulsive gambler, I would have never believed it. My husband was the man of my dreams, a handsome educated professional, and despite our 10 year age difference, we have persevered for over 40 years. However, it's only been the past 15 years where our marriage was reborn – thanks to our respective recovery programs. The prior near 30 years consisted of varying points of devastation. During this time, we had no money for anything, including groceries and rent, became accustomed to living without lights or phone service and were deep in credit card debt.



Little did I know when I met my husband that he was already gambling. It didn't matter where we lived. In Cuba, it was casinos, the old fashioned type. In Puerto Rico, it was the lottery, horse races, poker games with friends, and blackjack at the casinos. He went to the horse races each week and played the lottery daily. I gave birth to a child at the time that died of congenital heart failure and my husband's gambling only made the grieving process that much more unbearable.

The turning point came, or so I thought, when my husband embezzled money from the company he worked for over a decade. Amazingly, his boss let him leave honorably, without being arrested, but he was required to pay the money back. We moved to Florida where we had family. Yet, it didn't take long before he started gambling again,

unbeknownst to me, until there was a shortage of money. His relapse on lottery games nearly resulted in the loss of our home. I was in such a lost and depressed state of mind that I didn't have the strength to go to self-help groups. I was resigned to the fact that I was gradually losing my mind. My sons alternated taking me to the meetings and the rest, I suppose, was a complete leap of faith.

I recall the empowering day when my children and I told my husband that he needed to seek help or get out. We never dreamed he would actually take to the program because we forced him to go. Four years later, my husband was able to pay off his credit card debt and the money he stole from his employer. It was another six years before he repaid others, beginning with our sons, his sister, brother-in-law, and close acquaintances.

*"I've learned that there's nothing like crisis to make a person pro-active, provided it doesn't destroy you first."*

In the interim, I learned to save every penny. I went back to school when our oldest of three children was only age 10, finished a B.A. in psychology and decided to explore what went wrong in our relationship. Thereafter, I attended graduate school, received my degree, and today I am a licensed mental health counselor working with domestic violence victims.

I owe my mental health to the self-help group, Gam-Anon, and to

the countless women and others who have helped me through hopeless times. The best years of my married life have been in the program. I began the healing process and saw, for the first time, how I contributed to my own victimization by allowing the gambling. Meetings helped me to discover how I was part of the problem which was a revelation I wasn't prepared for. Before then, I thought "he was the one with all the problems!"

Today, we attend the English and Spanish group meetings and my husband has become an older mentor, serving as a father figure to many. He also is now the dad he never was. Overall, he is a different person and I am in awe when I hear him speak. I too have learned a few things over the years, including:

- ***You have to become brave!*** Actually, when you get to the point where you become fed up, you become brave.
- ***Intervention is needed.*** The family needs to let out the family secret and pressure the gambler into the program and treatment.
- ***Financial independence is critical.*** We need to put all of our efforts into becoming self-sufficient so we don't become dependent on someone else to make us happy.
- ***Allow the children to help.*** Our children worked paper routes, which not only generated income but built character and resilience as to holding up during troubled times.

Finally, I've learned that there's nothing like crisis to make a person pro-active, provided it doesn't destroy you first.

# GAMBLING BY ANY OTHER NAME IS STILL GAMBLING

Yes  
NO  
Maybe

Very often, people have different perceptions as to what defines gambling. This is a very important distinction so family members and others closest to the gambler do not inadvertently encourage their loved one to gamble.

Gambling, by definition, is anytime a person places an item of value at risk in anticipation of winning something of greater value. Whether someone wagers \$1 on a lottery ticket or raffle, \$10 at bingo, \$100 on a golf game, \$500 on a horse race, or \$5,000 on the stock market, it all falls into the category of gambling. Among children, even

dares qualify as gambling because youngsters are risking something of value, whether money, personal possessions, pride or prestige.

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Knowing the limits can be very helpful when establishing parameters with a compulsive gambler who hasn't any limits.

## UNDERSTANDING ABSTINENCE

According to most gambling addiction counselors and therapists, as well as Gamblers Anonymous, the self-help group for compulsive gamblers, abstinence from gambling is essential to treatment and positive change. Controlled gambling is the belief that a compulsive gambler can engage in gambling behavior at the level of a social gambler, who hasn't any difficulty, and can stop after a certain point. In fact, for most compulsive gamblers this is almost never possible.

The idea of spending only a limited amount of money in a gambling outing is one of the rationalizations or justifications that compulsive gamblers engage in to allow themselves to continue to gamble. While abstinence is not a requirement for recovery, it is the recommended treatment option for the compulsive gambler. In most instances when

gamblers substitute their primary form of gambling for another, they ultimately find that they cannot limit themselves and that attempts to control their gambling activity are unsuccessful.

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One of the most difficult and important aspects of abstinence is for the gambler to substitute the gambling behavior with new routines. Frequently, the gambler will look for support from family members and others as a means of occupying their time and thoughts.

## 888-ADMIT IT DATA REVEALS TELLING TRENDS FOR LOVED ONES

Per 2008-2009 data from loved ones to the FCCG's 24-Hour HelpLine (888-ADMIT-IT):

- 26% of contacts are from family members or others closest to the gambler (i.e. spouse or significant other, parent, adult child, sibling or other relative).
- Nearly 60% sought assistance primarily for help resulting from relationship problems.
- Over 35% of these callers made contact due to overextended debt, difficulty paying bills or a substantial loss by the gambler.
- Family conflict (75%), anxiety (60%) and depression (42%) were among the top three difficulties loved ones were experiencing at the time of contact.
- Callers identified the gambler as male in 60% of the cases, further revealing that women are continuing to close in on the gender gap.

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For information, support and free services, call the FCCG's 24-Hour Problem Gambling HelpLine. Confidential & Multilingual. 1-888-ADMIT-IT. [www.fccg.org](http://www.fccg.org)



# FCCG OFFERS FREE SERVICES TO REBUILD FAMILIES

For more than 20 years, the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling has been providing services and supports for compulsive gamblers and their families. Today, HelpLine services include a multitude of free options available statewide to persons in need of information, assistance or resource referrals for a gambling problem.

### **24-Hour HelpLine (888-ADMIT-IT)**

Confidential and multilingual service is available around the clock, seven days a week. HelpLine Specialists are trained to listen to caller concerns and to offer a series of options pending individual needs. Callers receive supportive intervention, information and resource referrals to self-help, professional treatment, peer-to-peer connections, financial, legal, and other assistance.

### **A Chance for Change Recovery Program**

Callers can receive a wealth of information and publications addressing impacts and recovery options. For example, the FCCG's *A Chance for Change Program* is three 7-part series of recovery workbooks for loved ones, gamblers and elder gamblers. The comprehensive program aids persons in addressing all aspects of the addiction and its impacts (financial, legal and otherwise). The *A Chance for Change* program also provides step-by-step guidance in assessing one's situation, in establishing and adhering to a recovery plan, and in navigating a new, happier and healthier life. Workbooks are available in English and Spanish and are delivered via the mail in an unmarked envelope to further assure caller anonymity.

### **Peer-to-Peer, PATS & Soft Transfer Programs**

HelpLine callers can also speak to a recovering family member, as well as a compulsive gambler, as part of

the FCCG's *Peer-to-Peer Connection Program*, for valuable insights and support. In addition, callers with an inability to pay or without appropriate insurance coverage can participate in the *PATS Program*, which allows family members and others to attend a session with a professional therapist for free. In fact, the FCCG's *Soft Transfer Program* will even schedule the appointment with the counselor while callers are on the phone.



### **Self-help Supports**

Self-help is a crucial element of the healing process, which is equally critical for family members, whether or not the gambler is seeking help. The FCCG supplies information about the self-help groups of *Gam-Anon* (support group for persons adversely affected by the gambler), for *Gamblers Anonymous* (recovery fellowship for gamblers) and to *Celebrate Recovery*, which is a worldwide Christ-centered recovery ministry that works the 12 steps of recovery. All of these programs are totally free.

### **Special Programs**

The FCCG offers recovery options for specific populations and provides special programs and services to addictions, mental health and other health care professionals, schools, community groups, government organizations, businesses, and others.

### **Online Supports**

The FCCG furnishes online forums from its web site ([www.gamblinghelp.org](http://www.gamblinghelp.org)), which is now available in both English and Spanish, and offers a *Live Chat* option, which is accessible Monday through Friday for varying hours of the day.

## RELAPSE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK HARDER

A major consideration during recovery from compulsive gambling is the ability to recognize that people, places and things can serve as triggers, which cause a person to react or respond in a way that can be detrimental to their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. Triggers often lead to relapse, which can have short or long-term impacts on the gambler and family. Although relapse is a normal part of the recovery process, when it occurs, a key point to remember is that it can be viewed as an opportunity to work harder, to discover what didn't work, and to try again with renewed commitment.

Recovery is about a person's commitment to change in their life. Whether the gambler seeks help and changes their way of thinking and behavior, family members can take control of their own lives. Loved

ones can choose how they respond to the gambler and to situations that arise. They can also determine the options they use to cope. Having a strong support system in place, including self-help and professional treatment, can prove lifesaving during these periods.



Long-term change requires work and commitment. One of the best ways to resist the temptation of relapsing is to have a plan in place. Practicing a plan for change can begin by thinking about your life differently. Your thoughts become words. Your words become actions. Your actions can change your life.

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## REBUILDING AND REAFFIRMING THE FAMILY

Rebuilding the family is a central component of the healing process for loved ones living with a compulsive gambler. Learning to relax and to enjoy life are also key factors. Adhering to the following three principles each day may help in reaffirming a fresh start:

1. Take time to sit in a quiet space for 5 minutes and let go of all thoughts and stressors. Imagine a peaceful place and just breathe.
2. Do something that is healthy, uplifting and restoring for 30 minutes (e.g., exercise, read a book, dance to music, meditate, watch a good television program, take a power nap, etc.)
3. Recite the following out loud: *Any change is possible if I put my heart and mind to it. Only I can change my life. The power to change my life is within me right now.*



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In the Matter of an  
Application for Permit by:

Permittee  
City of Port St. Joe  
By: The Honorable Mel Magidson  
City Mayor  
305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard  
Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

Permit Number: 23-0298752-001-DWC/CM  
Project: Beacon Hill Sewer - Dry Line  
Connected To: City of Port St. Joe WWTP  
County: Gulf

## NOTICE OF PERMIT ISSUANCE

Enclosed is Permit Number 23-0298752-001-DWC/CM to construct a domestic wastewater collection/transmission system, issued pursuant to 403.087(1), Florida Statutes.

The Department's proposed agency action shall become final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, within fourteen days of receipt of notice. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

Petitions by the applicant or any of the persons listed below must be filed within fourteen days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, must be filed within fourteen days of publication of the notice or within fourteen days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within fourteen days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

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The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition within fourteen days of receipt of notice shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information:

- (a) The name, address, and telephone number of each petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any; the Department permit identification number and the county in which the subject matter or activity is located;
- (b) A statement of how and when each petitioner received notice of the Department action;
- (c) A statement of how each petitioner's substantial interests are affected by the Department action;
- (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;
- (e) A statement of facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Department action;
- (f) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, as well as the rules and statutes which entitle the petitioner to relief; and
- (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wants the Department to take.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Department have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Mediation under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available for this proceeding.

This permit action is final and effective on the date filed with the clerk of the Department unless a petition is filed in accordance with the above. Upon the timely filing of a petition this permit will not be effective until further order of the Department.

Any party to the permit has the right to seek judicial review of the permit action under Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by the filing of a notice of appeal under Rules 9.110 and 9.190, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the clerk of the Department in the

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Office of General Counsel, Mail Station 35, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-3000; and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date when this permit action is filed with the clerk of the Department.

Executed in Pensacola, Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT  
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David P. Morres, P.E.  
 Program Administrator, Water Facilities

FILING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

FILED, on this date, under Section 120.52, Florida Statutes, with the designated deputy clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this NOTICE OF PERMIT ISSUANCE and all copies were e-mailed before the close of business.

  
 Name

January 21, 2009  
 Date

Enclosure: Permit Number 23-0298752-001-DWC/CM

c:

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## STATE OF FLORIDA

### DOMESTIC WASTEWATER COLLECTION/TRANSMISSION INDIVIDUAL PERMIT

<b>PERMITTEE:</b>	<b>PERMIT NUMBER:</b>	23-0298752-001-DWC/CM
City of Port St. Joe	<b>ISSUANCE DATE:</b>	January 21, 2010
By: The Honorable Mel Magidson	<b>EXPIRATION DATE:</b>	January 20, 2015
City Mayor	<b>COUNTY:</b>	Gulf
305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard	<b>PROJECT:</b>	Beacon Hill Sewer - Dry Line
Port St. Joe, Florida 32456	<b>CONNECTED TO:</b>	City of Port St. Joe WWTP

This permit is issued under the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapters 62-4 and 62-604, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

The above named permittee is hereby authorized to construct the facilities shown on the application and other documents on file with the Department and made a part hereof and specifically described as follows:

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** Construction of a dry line involving approximately 6,016 LF of 10-inch PVC and 1,441 LF of 12-inch HDPE FM that will connect a future, not in this permit, pump station to be located near the intersection of Burch Street and Wentletrap Avenue in Beacon Hill to the 10-inch FM stubout near the intersection of Americus Avenue and Desoto Street in St. Joe Beach. The 10-inch stubout is being built under the St. Joe Beaches Sewer project, DEP Permit Number 23-0290111-001-DWC/CM issued August 22, 2008. The proposed project will provide sewer service to an estimated 937 future connections from Beacon Hill.

The construction will be in accordance with the plans and specifications entitled "Beacon Hill Sewer - Dry Line," as signed and dated by Philip Jones, P.E. on December 15, 2009 and revised on January 20, 2010.

**LOCATION OF PROJECT:** Beacon Hill, Gulf County, Florida.

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH:** The limitations, requirements and other conditions set forth in pages 1 through 2 of this permit.

#### PERMIT CONDITIONS:

1. This permit is subject to the general conditions of Rule 62-4.160, F.A.C., as applicable. This rule is available at the Department's Internet site at:  
<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wastewater/rules.htm#domestic> [62-4.160, 5-1-03]

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2. Upon completion of construction of the collection/transmission system project, and before placing the facilities into operation for any purpose other than testing for leaks or testing equipment operation, the permittee shall submit to the Department's Office that processed the permit, Form 62-604.300(8)(b), Request for Approval to Place a Domestic Wastewater Collection/Transmission System into Operation. This form is available at the Department's Internet site at:  
<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wastewater/forms.htm> [62-604.700(2), 11-6-03]
3. The new or modified collection/transmission facilities shall not be placed into service until the Department clears the project for use. [62-604.700(3), 11-6-03]
4. Permit revisions shall only be made in accordance with Rule 62-4.050(4)(s), F.A.C. Request for revisions shall be made to the Department in writing and shall include the appropriate fee. Revisions not covered under Rule 62-4.050(4)(s), F.A.C., shall require a new permit. [62-604.600(8), 11-6-03]
5. Abnormal events shall be reported to the Department in accordance with Rule 62-604.550, F.A.C. For unauthorized spills of wastewater in excess of 1000 gallons per incident, or where information indicates that public health or the environment may be endangered, oral reports shall be provided to the STATE WARNING POINT TOLL FREE NUMBER (800) 320-0519 as soon as practical, but no later than 24 hours from the time the permittee or other designee becomes aware of the circumstances. Unauthorized releases or spills less than 1000 gallons per incident are to be reported orally to the Department within 24 hours from the time the permittee, or other designee becomes aware of the circumstances. [62-604.550, 11-6-03]
6. This permit is for CONSTRUCTION ONLY of the collection/transmission system project. This permit does not authorize the connection of this collection/transmission system project to the designated wastewater treatment plant. This permit shall not be construed to infer that the clearance necessary for connection shall be granted. Any such clearance shall be granted only when reasonable assurance is given that adequate treatment and disposal is available in accordance with Department rules, regulations, and permits. Partial clearance may be granted, if required. [62-604.130(1) and 62-604.600(7), 11-6-03]

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Issued this 21st day of January, 2010

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January 25, 2010

Mr. Roger Hall, President  
Sacred Heart on the Emerald Coast  
7800 U.S. Hwy. 98 West  
Miramar Beach, FL 32550

RE: X-Ray Services in Wewahitchka Branch of Gulf CHD

Dear Mr. Hall:

Sacred Heart Health Systems and the Port St. Joe branch of the Gulf County Health Department (Gulf CHD) partner to provide state-of-the-art, digital x-ray services in the south end of the county; which to date is a very successful collaboration. It was Sacred Heart's induction into our community, paving the way for your new hospital facility.

A grant has been obtained to begin a similar operation at the Gulf CHD's branch in Wewahitchka. It is an opportunity to again partner with you to deliver x-ray services to an underserved area and would establish Sacred Heart as a provider in the north end of the county. What better way to attract customers to your new hospital facility than by making a good faith investment in their healthcare on a local level?

At the January 21, 2010 meeting of the Gulf County Healthcare Trust Fund Executive Committee meeting this project was discussed. Due to its great importance for our residents, I have been asked as Chairman to request a letter of intent from you to cement our partnership in the new x-ray department.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call (850) 227-1276, ext. 103.

Sincerely,

Douglas M. Kent, M.P.H.  
Administrator/CEO

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Copy to: Peter Heckathorne, Executive Vice President, Sacred Heart Health System  
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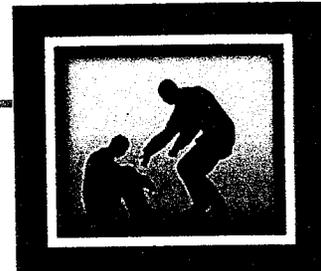
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### Monthly Report December

- An additional contractor has been added to the contractors able to work on SHIP Rehabilitations, bringing the total to 7 contractors.
- 3 additional homeowners have requested to be placed on the SHIP Rehabilitation waiting list, bringing the current total to 8 on the waiting list.
- Due to Fred Willis being too busy to complete the inspections on the SHIP rehabilitations we will now use the services of Aaron Watson to complete the pre and post inspections for the CDC.
- Recently Gulf County was audited. The auditors came to the CDC and looked at 14 08-09 SHIP files, we are awaiting their findings.
- Gulf County SHIP may award FHOP funds no later than April 30, 2010 for closings no later than June 30, 2010.
- We have closed on 4 volunteer based rehabs at Costin and Costin. 2 of the volunteer based rehabilitations are now complete through the CCDF. Gwendolyn Wood of Highland View and Maxine Gant of Port St. Joe both have new roofs. Their contractor was David Obar.

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**To:** County Emergency Management Directors  
**Cc:** DEM Recovery; Halstead, David; DeLorenzo, Mike; Peterson, Angela; Cherry, John  
**Subject:** USDA Secretarial Disaster Declaration

On behalf of Interim Director David Halstead, please see the USDA Secretarial Disaster Declaration that was approved on January 29, 2010 by Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack due to losses caused by cold weather and freezing conditions during January 2010.

Please know the Loss Assessment Reports are submitted by the Farm Service Agency local offices and not by DEM. DEM is not involved in the damage assessment process for USDA Secretarial Declarations.

Local USDA Farm Service Agencies will be making further information available in the short term.

Thanks.

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JAN 29 2010

The Honorable Charlie Crist  
Governor  
State of Florida  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor Crist:

Thank you for your letter of January 15, 2010, requesting a disaster designation for all 67 Florida counties due to losses caused by cold weather and freezing conditions that occurred in January 2010.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) has reviewed the Loss Assessment Reports, along with the additional information submitted by the State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency (FSA). Based on this review, USDA has determined that there were sufficient production losses in 60 counties to warrant a Secretarial disaster designation. Therefore, I am designating 60 Florida counties as primary natural disaster areas, due to losses caused by record cold weather, frost, and freezes that occurred during the period January 2 through January 14, 2010. Those counties are:

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|-----------|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Alachua   | Dixie     | Highlands    | Manatee    | Polk       |
| Baker     | Duval     | Hillsborough | Marion     | Putnam     |
| Bay       | Flagler   | Holmes       | Martin     | Sarasota   |
| Bradford  | Franklin  | Indian River | Miami-Dade | St. Johns  |
| Brevard   | Gadsden   | Jefferson    | Monroe     | St. Lucie  |
| Broward   | Gilchrist | Lafayette    | Nassau     | Sumter     |
| Calhoun   | Glades    | Lake         | Okeechobee | Suwannee   |
| Charlotte | Gulf      | Lee          | Orange     | Taylor     |
| Citrus    | Hamilton  | Leon         | Osceola    | Union      |
| Collier   | Hardee    | Levy         | Palm Beach | Volusia    |
| Columbia  | Hendry    | Liberty      | Pasco      | Wakulla    |
| De Soto   | Hernando  | Madison      | Pinellas   | Washington |

In accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following Florida Counties are named as contiguous disaster counties: Clay, Jackson, Seminole, and Walton.

The Honorable Charlie Crist  
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Clay, Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Seminole, and Walton Counties, did not sustain any crop production losses due to the disaster.

Jackson County sustained losses that were less than the 30-percent threshold, to crop production county-wide, needed to qualify as a primary natural disaster area. In addition, individual farmers in Jackson County who sustained qualifying losses were able to secure commercial financing to cover these losses and, therefore, are not qualified to receive emergency loans.

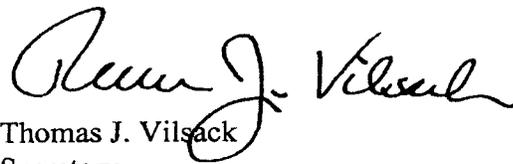
Therefore, I am unable to approve your request for the designation of Clay, Escambia, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Seminole, and Walton Counties, Florida, as primary natural disaster areas.

However, Clay, Jackson, Seminole, and Walton Counties, Florida, will be eligible for FSA emergency loan assistance since they are named as contiguous counties for this disaster, as indicated above.

This designation makes farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for assistance from FSA, provided eligibility requirements are met. This assistance includes FSA emergency loans and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE). SURE was approved as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and was implemented beginning on January 4, 2010. FSA will consider each application on its own merit by taking into account the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

Local FSA offices can provide affected farmers with further information.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary



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January 5, 2010

Honorable Nathan Peters, Jr.  
Gulf County Commissioner  
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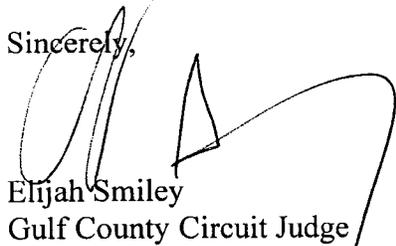
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COMMISSIONERS

Re: Gulf County Courthouse Juror assembly room/security/ secrecy

Dear Honorable Nathan Peters, Jr.

It is my understanding that consideration is being given to allocating all or part of the space used as the library on the second floor of the courthouse to the state attorney for office space. I do not believe input has been requested from the Court through Chief Judge Hentz McClellan, nor the resident circuit and county judges. We want to bring to the attention of the commission that the court use the library space as an assembly room for jurors during trials. This space allows for a secure place for jurors to assemble when the court has to consult with the lawyers on the record in the courtroom and the jurors are not permitted to hear the proceedings in the courtroom. Having a place to serve this function is important to a fair trial process. Please keep this in mind as you address the space needs of the various court officials.

Sincerely,

  
Elijah Smiley  
Gulf County Circuit Judge

- xc: Hon. Hentz McClellan, Chief Judge
- Hon. Fred Witten, County Judge
- Hon. Herman Larramore, Public Defender
- Hon. Glen Hess, State Attorney
- Hon. Becky Norris, Court Clerk
- Hon. Don Butler, County Administrator

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December 8, 2009

Mr. Don Butler  
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Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

Re: State Attorney Space Needs

Dear Mr. Butler:

We are in need of additional space at the Gulf County Courthouse location. Specifically, we need a dedicated conference room to conduct depositions, meet with victims (including family members) and witnesses, confer with law enforcement, and provide a space to prosecuting attorneys.

Currently, our Assistant State Attorneys are holding depositions and meeting with victims and their families in their offices. More often than not, this setup does not adequately provide for the number of people necessary for such activities. Nor does it always allow us to ensure privacy of these meetings to our victims and witnesses. Further, Assistant State Attorneys Larry Basford and John O'Brien will represent the State for two upcoming trials in which crimes were committed in Gulf County. These attorneys are prosecuting high profile cases and space is not currently available for these attorneys to prepare the cases or use during the trials. With several major cases coming up in Gulf County, this additional space is very critical to our office.

With the possible upcoming relocation of the Regional Conflict Counsel, it seems a convenient time to make such a request since these offices were recently renovated. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Ben Lee  
Executive Director

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