

## **PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA**

**MAY 7, 2009**

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

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

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Clerk Human Resource Officer Elaine Bland, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Human Resource Director Denise Manual, Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Gerald Shearer, Road Department Superintendent Bobby Knee, Assistant Road Department Superintendent Chris Wood, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, and Tax Collector Shirley Jenkins.

Acting Chairman McLemore called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., E.S.T.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Chief Administrator Butler reported that E.D.C. is requesting their final quarterly payment, stating that it is a few months ahead of schedule. Upon inquiry by Acting Chairman McLemore, Chief Administrator Butler stated that the funds are in the Budget. After discussion, Commissioner Traylor motioned to pay the final payment for the E.D.C., in the amount of \$18,425.00. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

#### **BEACHES SEWER / CITY OF PORT ST. JOE**

Chief Administrator Butler reported that the City of Port St. Joe is requesting reimbursement of funds for the Sewer System Project at St. Joe Beach, in the amount of \$1.5 million. He stated that the City of Port St. Joe has already been reimbursed for this work by their Sewer Bond, and discussed his concerns regarding reimbursement and scope of work. After discussion, Chief Administrator Butler recommended that the Board not reimburse the City of Port St. Joe until the Auditors approve this payment request. Commissioner Williams discussed his concerns regarding draws and scope of work. Commissioner Traylor motioned to pay the reimbursement request upon the Auditors approval. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

#### **ENTERPRISE ZONE**

Commissioner Yeager discussed property that is under the Enterprise Zone that will not be developed for many years, and stated that other areas would benefit from being in an Enterprise Zone. Commissioner Yeager motioned that he be allowed to work with Chief Administrator Butler regarding this issue. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

**HONEY BEES**

Acting Chairman McLemore discussed his concerns regarding beekeepers within the County that are not certified with the Florida Department of Agriculture. He also discussed his concerns regarding bee yards that are placed near churches, an emergency helicopter pad, and livestock. He reported that the bees are stinging people, horses, and livestock. After discussion, Acting Chairman McLemore requested that Code Enforcement Officer Aiken work with the Florida Department of Agriculture regarding this issue.

There being no further discussion, and upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, the meeting did then adjourn at 10:13 a.m., E.S.T.

**CARMEN L. MCLEMORE  
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

**REBECCA L. NORRIS  
CLERK**