

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

DECEMBER 19, 2006

SPECIAL MEETING

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

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Becky Norris, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, 911 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Grant Writer Loretta Costin, Planner David Richardson, Sheriff Dalton Upchurch, Sheriff's Office Investigator Paul Beasley, Sheriff's Office Investigator Chris Buchanan, Sheriff's Office Major Joe Nugent, Sheriff's Office Major Mike Harrison, and Veterans' Service Officer James Kennedy.

Chairman McLemore called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., E.T.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Commissioner Peters motioned to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2006 Special Meeting. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Williams, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the following Special Projects payments.

Dist. 1	All Support Departments Luncheon - Christmas	\$100.00
Dist. 2	All Support Departments Luncheon - Christmas	\$100.00
	Stone Mill Creek Fire Department - Donation	\$150.00
Dist. 3	All Support Departments Luncheon - Christmas	\$100.00
Dist. 4	All Support Departments Luncheon - Christmas	\$100.00
Dist. 5	All Support Departments Luncheon - Christmas	\$100.00

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GULF COUNTY JAIL

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that Bay County is unable to assist Gulf County with housing of the inmates because they are at capacity. He stated that he spoke with former Jail Administrator Otto Cook, former D.O.C. Secretary Michael Moore, and Bill Davis regarding operation of the jail. Chief Administrator Butler reported that the facilities personnel audit was performed over the weekend, stating that the written report should be back by December 27th, and the Auditors would like to report to the Board. He presented a handout regarding the status of jail employees, stating that only five employees meet current standards. Commissioner Peters discussed that the State does not employ all of the students that complete the corrections class. Chief Administrator Butler requested permission to hire Correctional Officers to staff the jail (two per shift). Upon inquiry by Commissioner Traylor regarding the Board taking over the jail effective February 1st, Sheriff Upchurch discussed that they will assist any way possible, but the budget will be transferred to the Board on January 1st. After further discussion, Commissioner Traylor motioned to purchase a transport van through State Contract. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Williams motioned for Chief Administrator Butler to negotiate with private organizations to operate the jail under a temporary contract, and to determine how many employees can be kept and how many need to be hired, and bring this information back to the Board at the December 21st Special Meeting. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion for discussion. Chief Administrator Butler discussed that there are some employees that they can work with and get them certified. After further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Williams then motioned for 911 Coordinator Guthrie to assist Chief Administrator Butler in this process. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Chief Administrator Butler discussed that the preliminary audit report should be back by December 27th, and that the facility can be salvaged per the Auditors. Commissioner Traylor discussed that there is a possibility the inmates may have to be put in tents during the remodeling of the facility. Commissioner Peters then motioned for the effective date to be March 1, 2007. Deputy Administrator Lanier stated that the paperwork has been filed and they are waiting on a response. The motion then died due to lack of a second.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, the meeting did then adjourn at 4:32 p.m., E.T.

**CARMEN L. MCLEMORE
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**