

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

**APRIL 3, 2008**

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

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

Others present were: Clerk Executive Administrator Towan Kopinsky, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Building Official Lee Collinsworth G.I.S. Director Scott Warner, Human Resources Director Denise Manuel, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Public Works Director Gerald Shearer, Road Department Superintendent Bobby Knee, Assistant Road Department Superintendent Chris Wood, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, and Veteran's Service Officer James Kennedy.

Chairman Traylor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., E.T.

#### **MOSQUITO CONTROL**

Chairman Traylor began with discussion of problems of transportation, stating there are only four trucks operational as of today. Commissioner McLemore stated that he made a mistake and will not be on the Mosquito Control truck again. Commissioner McLemore discussed complaints received from the public regarding mosquitoes. Chairman Traylor inquired as to how to make the Mosquito Control program more efficient. Commissioner McLemore motioned for Joe Danford to operate the program as he determines best while keeping within State guidelines and without further interference from the Board. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Danford discussed the fact that spraying schedules are subject to change and continued with a discussion of "trap counts." Mark Cothran appeared before the board to discuss three potential schedules he created to solve the problem of inadequate coverage. He further discussed the chicken program and Department of Health versus Department of Agriculture rules. Commissioner McLemore discussed doing more to educate the general public regarding Mosquito Control. The board and staff discussed several options as to how this might be accomplished.

Jimmy McNeill appeared before the board to discuss the possibility of the Eglin facility at the Cape aiding with equipment or assisting with the cost of chemicals. Commissioner Barnes discussed A/C condensers at Indian Pass being clogged with mosquitoes. Cothran presented maps, separated into four zones and color coded for the boards review.

Earl Miller appeared before the board to discuss the fact that tree trimming as a means of mosquito control kills bats which are a natural predator of mosquitoes.

Joe Danford brought to the attention of the board that Mosquito Control employee Barbara Alderman was one out of twenty nationwide selected to participate in a program concerning mosquitoes.

There being no further business and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the

meeting did then adjourn at 3:45 p.m., E.T.