

OCTOBER 25, 2012

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

REGULAR MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present: Chairman William C. Williams, III, Vice Chairman Tan Smiley, and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Ward McDaniel, and Warren J. Yeager, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Building Inspector George Knight, E.D.C./Chamber Director Barry Sellers, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Preble-Rish Engineer Clay Smallwood, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Public Works Director Jake Lewis, Sheriff Joe Nugent, and Sheriff's Office Major Bobby Plair, T.D.C. Director Jennifer Jenkins.

Sheriff Nugent called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., E.T.

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

FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE – ANNUAL REPORT

Bryce Thomas, of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services appeared before the Board and presented the annual report for Florida Forest Service (complete report on file in the Clerk's Office).

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner McDaniel, second by Commissioner Yeager, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda after replacement of Item #7 (page 44 Bay County Board of County Commissioners – Medical Examiner Services October, 2012 \$3,507.12) with a corrected invoice as follows:

1. Minutes - September 25, 2012 – Regular Meeting
- October 1, 2012 – County/City Joint Workshop
2. Agreement – Florida Department of Transportation (Off System Project)
3. Budget Amendment #1 – Mosquito Control

4. Change Order #1 – Emerald Coast Striping, LLC (Bid #1112-18 *
Miscellaneous Striping Project * Increase \$35,366.00)
5. Grant – Emergency Management (State Homeland Security Grant Contract
#EMW-2012-SS-00109-S01 * \$14,200.00)
6. Inventory – Wewa E.M.S. (Dispose * #220-138 * Computer HP * S/N X305A039)
7. Invoices - Agency for Health Care Administration Florida Medicaid (1st
Quarter FY 2012-2013 * \$3,911.00 * to be paid from
Account #42562-81000)
 - Bay County Board of County Commissioners – Medical Examiner
Services (October, 2012 * \$3,442.00 * to be paid from
Account #39927-31000)
 - Coastal Parasail – Beach Raking (Invoice #12007 * \$2,500.00 * to
be paid from Account #27452-46100)
 - Coastal Parasail – Beach Raking (Invoice #120006 * \$3,000.00 *
to be paid from Account #27452-46100)
 - Gulf County Transportation (Sept 1-30, 2012 * FY 2011-2012 *
\$1,551.16 * to be paid from Account #51363-82005)
 - Legal Services of North Florida (July 1 – September 30, 2012 *
\$643.51 * to be paid from Account #71015-82000)
 - Life Management Center (June, 2012 * Batch #111212 * \$497.36
* to be paid from Account #51363-31300)
 - Life Management Center (August, 2012 * Batch #121302 * \$443.06
* to be paid from Account #51363-31300)
 - North Florida Construction, Inc. – Stumphole Revetment Phase V
– DREF (Application #3 * to be paid from Account
#113538-34000)
 - Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency – TIF Revenue Request
(FY 2012-2013 * \$124,301.00)

- Sniffen & Spellman, P.A. - Legal Services (Invoice #9452 * \$393.51 *
to be paid from Account #21111-31200)
 - The Ferguson Group, LLC – Federal Lobbyist (Invoice #1112171
* \$6,500.00 * to be paid from Account #21111-31200)
 - The Ferguson Group, LLC – Federal Lobbyist (Invoice #0912571 *
\$67.02 * to be paid from Account #21111-31200)
8. Letter of Support – R.W.S.A.C. Regional Rural Development Grant (Sherri
Martin, FL Department of Economic Opportunity)
 9. Recommendation – Gulf County Restore Act Committee
 10. Resolution – Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Settlement as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA WHICH SUPPORTS CONGRESSIONAL INTENT THAT FINES DERIVED FROM A SETTLEMENT RELATED TO THE DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD THE GULF’S ECOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY UNDER THE LOCAL INPUT AND CONTROL GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2012 President Obama signed in to law the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies (RESTORE) of the Gulf Coast Act.

WHEREAS, in passing and signing into law the RESTORE ACT, Congress and the President recognized the significant environmental and economic impacts brought upon the Gulf Region in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

WHEREAS, the RESTORE ACT gives communities harmed by the spill flexibility in determining how to use funds granted to them through Clean Water Act penalties.

WHEREAS, we have learned that federal officials are discussing a settlement agreement with BP that would direct penalties under the Oil Pollution Act through a Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA), reducing the amount paid in civil penalties for violating the Clean Water Act and undermining Congressional intent and our recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County Florida supports full implementation of the RESTORE Act, oppose any effort to undermine Congress's direction to distribute the majority of penalties paid by those responsible for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill back to Gulf communities, and directs that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the following: the President of the United States, the Department of Justice/Attorney General, the Senators from each of the five affected states, the Congressman from the coastal districts if each of the five affected states, the Boards of Commissioners/Supervisors of the Gulf counties and the parishes of the five affected states.

ADOPTED THIS 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012.

(End)

11. Retirement – Senior Management Positions (Building Official & Mosquito Control Director II)

12. 2012 Tax Roll Extension

(End)

PUBLIC HEARING – P.D.R.B. RECOMMENDATIONS (OCTOBER 15, 2012)

The Board then considered the following recommendation from the October 15, 2012 meeting of the Planning & Development Review Board:

VARIANCE APPLICATION – HINDS & IVEY

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider a variance for Hinds & Ivey, (Parcel #03798-660R & #03798-662R * S31, T6S, R11W) Gulf County, Florida. County Attorney Novak read the public hearing notice stating that the P.D.R.B. recommended tabling the variance application for Hinds & Ivey.

SMALL SCALE MAP AMENDMENT – CHRIS MCLEMORE

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider a small scale map amendment for Chris McLemore (Parcel ID #01045-070R, * S35, T5S, R9W), County Attorney Novak reported that an ordinance was introduced to the P.D.R.B., stating that the first action necessary in the ordinance process is to bring a non-conforming existing structure into compliance by changing the one (1) acre parcel land use designation from conservation to residential or agricultural, as approved and recommended by the P.D.R.B. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion and Chairman Williams called for public comment. There was no public comment, the motion then passed 3-0, with Commissioner McLemore abstaining due to family relations, and Commissioner McDaniel abstaining due to family owning property in area. (Form 8B for both abstentions is on file in the Clerk's Office)

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 163.3187, 125; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING PARCEL ID #01045-070R, 1 ACRE OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM CONSERVATION TO RESIDENTIAL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 163.3187 provides for the authority and procedure for the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County (BOCC), Florida to amend its land use map parcels under county control and that of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, GULF COUNTY ROD & GUN CLUB ESTATES was divided by court order recorded in Circuit Court Minutes Book 3, Page 125 with a plat of said Estates recorded on August 21, 1962 in O.R. Book 15, Page 293; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Comprehensive Plan were adopted June 12, 1990 and the Gulf County Land Development Regulations were adopted January, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the concept of growth management and land use was not fully understood by many property owners thinking more on property taxes than development regulations; and

WEHREAS, Gulf County recognizes that numerous parcels were potentially missed placed into an unfavorable land use category when the Comprehensive Plan was adopted; and

WEHREAS, on January 24, 2012, the BOCC approved to waiver the Small Scale Map Amendment application fee for property owners of Conservation lands that qualified for the exemption; and

WHEREAS, Gulf County through Small Scale Map Amendment with a fee waiver, approved a land use change from Conservation to Agricultural for Parcel ID #00683-000R by adopting Ordinance 2012-02 on March 27, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the State owned land along and next to the “Estates” was designated Conservation land use; and

WHEREAS, the “Estates” were also designated as Conservation land use; and

WHEREAS, parcels with missed designated land use can cause undue financial hardship on said owners and Gulf County is committed to assisting said owners resolve the land use issues; and

WHEREAS, a complaint was filed against the owner of Parcel ID #01045-070R on July 2, 2012 for building a structure without a Gulf County Building Permit; and

WHEREAS, investigation found Gulf County had issued a Building Permit for a portable shed to be located on said property; and

WHEREAS, the structure located on said parcel has a larger footprint than stated in the building permit; and

WHEREAS, the structure is a non-conforming use within Conservation land use; and

WHEREAS, Gulf County Planning and Building Department issued a Stop Work Order on July 9, 2012 to owner of said property; and

WHEREAS, research discovered that said owner was not the first to build within the “Estates” without a Building Permit and they are also non-conforming; and

WHEREAS, Gulf County Planning and Building Department staff’s were concerned over property right issues and various legal implications and presented three potential options of removal, large scale land use change or a small scale land use change to the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB); and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2012 the PDRB voted to recommend the small scale map amendment process and directed staff to draft the text for recommendation; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2012 the BOCC voted to approve the PDRB recommendation that stated: In consideration of the current development dispute and previous approvals, the PDRB recommends to the BOCC to direct any private property owner with a verified single “lot of record” parcel with a deeded boundary of ten (10) acres or less before the adoption of 1990 Comprehensive Plan that was designated Conservation to apply for a Small Scale Land Use Change per Florida Statutes 163.3187 to pursue reconciliation for any development grievance on that parcel; and

WHEREAS, THE Gulf County PDRB held a Public Hearing on October 15, 2012 and voted to recommend approval of the land use change to the Board of County Commissioners to change the land use of said parcel from Conservation to Residential; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 163.187(1) (c) (2) and Florida Statute Section 125.66 (2) (a), specifically provides for the proper publication, notice and announcement of Gulf County's intent and consideration of any and all land use modification requested by the parcel owner and ordinance adoption; and such notice has been properly published for general circulation in the county; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance approves land use change only and any additional approvals, permits, etc., must be secured before the Stop Work Order is rescinded; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 163.3187 (1) (c) (2) and Florida Statute Chapter 125, notice was provided to the public of a public hearing to be held October 23, 2012 to adopt the proposed land use changes by ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, THAT IN EXERCISE OF ITS AUTHORITY, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA HEREBY GRANTS THE LAND USE CHANGE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1) Changing Parcel ID #01045-070R (Exhibit "A") from Conservation to Residential.

Section 2) A certified copy of the enacting ordinance shall be on file with the Clerk of Court of Gulf County, Florida.

Section 3) Effective date, this ordinance shall take effect as provided by law 31 days from adoption. Passed and duly adopted by the Gulf County Commissioners for Gulf County, Florida this October 25, 2012.

(End)

TABLE BID #1112-19 – SALE OF COURTHOUSE FOUNTAIN

Deputy Administrator Lanier reported that Bid #1112-19 (Courthouse fountain) was previously brought to the Board for consideration and was tabled for additional information, stating there was only one bid received and recommended awarding the bid to the only bidder, in the amount of \$350.00. Commissioner Yeager motioned to table this bid for the Board to review. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COUNTY INVOICES

Deputy Administrator Lanier stated that it is taking considerable time to pay invoices and recommended that all budgeted items be placed in the Consent Agenda at the beginning of each fiscal year for approval. After discussion, Commissioner Yeager requested to table this issue until the next Board meeting.

INVENTORY – GULF COUNTY E.M.S.

Gulf County E.M.S. Director Whitfield reported that he received a verbal request from Bay County E.M.S., stating that they would like to borrow a manual stretcher that is not in use (in storage) for approximately six months. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PLANNING AND BUILDING – BUILDING HEIGHTS

Planner Richardson discussed a letter from Eglin Air Force Base concerning building heights, and reported that the P.D.R.B. has received several variances regarding this issue. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Planner Richardson stated this could apply to all of Gulf County, but the major concern is the coastal areas.

CONTRACT – MORPHOTRAK / GULF COUNTY JAIL

Jail Administrator Hammond requested approval and for the Chairman to sign the renewal contract with MorphoTrak (sole source) for the live scan system (inmate fingerprints) at the County Jail, in the amount of \$5,102.00. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CONTRACT EXTENSION – JAIL MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Jail Administrator Hammond requested permission to pay Sacred Heart Hospital for the Jail Medical Director after approval of the contract extension. County Attorney Novak reported that this contract is a renewal of last year, stating it has been updated for the current year, and recommended approval, contingent upon County Attorney review. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BRITISH PETROLEUM (B.P.) LITIGATION – CLOSED MEETING

County Attorney Novak reported that he met with Beasley Allen Law Firm concerning the Deepwater Horizon Litigation, stating Beasley Allen Law Firm has requested to meet with the Board in a closed session on October 26, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., E.T. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. County Attorney Novak reported that the closed session meetings under Florida Statute will be sealed transcripts until the pending litigation is resolved.

STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANS – COUNTY EMPLOYEES

County Attorney Novak reported that the County Attorney's of Florida have implemented Strategic Highway Safety Plans', stating that the group is traveling around the State surveying County policies and restrictions in regards to County staff and highway safety. He requested permission to review the County Personnel and Safety Policy and consider some language change in Section 6 regarding texting while driving by County staff and bring this change to the Board for consideration at the next meeting. The Board had no objections.

ORDINANCE - BEACH DRIVING PERMIT

County Attorney Novak reported that some Senior Constituents in Gulf County have asked for clarification from the Board regarding the Beach Driving Permit Fees. After discussion by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner Yeager motioned to clarify the Ordinance which would allow Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens that are Gulf County tax payers or Gulf County residents a onetime \$3.00 fee to purchase a beach driving permit. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CONTRACTS – TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Upon discussion by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner McLemore motioned to authorize the Chairman to execute the two T.D.C. contracts, pending R.F.P.'s and contingent upon County Attorney's review. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

County Attorney Novak reported that the Animal Control Ordinance Sub-committee will meet on November 7, 2012 at 3:00 p.m., E.T.

PROPERTY DONATION - FIRE DEPARTMENT SUBSTATION

Commissioner Yeager reported that a resident of Indian Pass would like to donate some property for a fire department substation, and requested permission to work with County Attorney Novak concerning this issue. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DEEPWATER HORIZON – COMMISSIONER VOTING

Commissioner McLemore requested that County Attorney Novak clarify for the public his voting rights regarding B.P. issues. County Attorney Novak stated that Commissioner McLemore has abstained in the past regarding B.P. issues due to his employment with this company and reported that if any Commissioner abstains from a vote is required to complete the Form 8B. Commissioner McLemore reported that he is no longer an employee of B.P.

TROY DEAL PARKING AREA – CAPE SAN BLAS

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the Troy Deal parking area located north of the Stumphole on the Bayside, stating it is one of three primary parking areas on Cape San Blas, and requested approval of a proposal from Preble-Rish, Inc. for the stabilization of $\frac{3}{4}$ acre of land, in the amount of \$9,700.00, to be paid from Beach Renourishment Funds. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0, with Commissioner Yeager abstaining, due to a business relationship with Preble-Rish, Inc.

RESOLUTION – RESTORE ACT

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the Resolution on page 69 of the Consent Agenda, stating the Resolution is asking that the President and the Federal Government not to take the Restore Act Funds, and this Resolution will be sent out to approximately 83 different groups.

REJECT BID #1112-20 – SALE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY

Chief Administrator Butler recommended that the Board reject Bid #1112-20 for the sale of County owned property, stating that the lots are worth at least \$30,000.00 and the only sealed bid received was for \$1,000.00. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to reject Bid #1112-20. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION – E.M.S. GRANT PRE HOSPITAL E.M.S. SYSTEM

On behalf of Grant Writer Kopinsky, Chief Administrator Butler requested approval of a proposed resolution for E.M.S. Grant Pre-hospital E.M.S. System. Commissioner Smiley motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and after discussion the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-38

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE MONIES FROM THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MATCHING GRANT WILL IMPROVE AND EXPAND THE COUNTY'S PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, Gulf County has an outstanding Emergency Medical Services system, which serves the citizens of Gulf County; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services system receives funding from Gulf County only for specific, itemized, budgeted expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the budgeted funds for the Emergency Medical Services system cannot be used for other items or activities; and

WHEREAS, the existing budget allocations do not provide for all needs of the Emergency Medical Services systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS as follows:

1. That monies from the Emergency Medical Services Matching Grant will improve and expand the County's pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services system.
2. That the grant monies will not be used to supplant existing County Emergency Medical Services budget allocations.
3. That a copy hereof shall be provided to all parties of interest upon request.

ADOPTED this 25th day of October, 2012.

(End)

RESOLUTION – CAPE SAN BLAS LIGHTHOUSE

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that staff was instructed at the last Board meeting to start the process to make application to acquire the Cape San Blas Lighthouse properties, stating the process has been started and recommended approval of a proposed resolution. County Attorney Novak read the proposed resolution by title. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the proposed resolution. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-39

RESOLUTION/CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, certain real property owned by the United States of America, located in at Cape San Blas, in Gulf County, Florida has been declared surplus and, at the discretion of Eglin Air Force Base, may be assigned to the Secretary of the Interior for disposal for public park or recreational purposes under the provisions of 40 U.S.C. 550 (e), and any regulations and policies promulgated pursuant thereof, more particularly described as follows:

Cape San Blas lighthouse, Lighthouse Keepers' Quarters (#1), Lighthouse Keepers' Quarters (#2), and Oil House

General Services Administration Control Number: 4-D-FL-1265AA

HUD Assigned Number: 54201230008

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners needs and will use said property in perpetuity for public park or recreational purposes as set forth in its application and in accordance with the requirements of said Act and any regulations and policies promulgated there under;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners shall make application to the National Park Service for, and secure the transfer to, the above-mentioned property for said use and subject to such exceptions, reservations, terms, covenants, agreements, conditions, and restrictions as the National Park Service and the Federal disposal agency may require in connection with the disposal of said property under said Act and the regulations and policies issued pursuant thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners has legal authority, and is willing and able, to properly develop, maintain, operate, and assume liability of the property, and that Towan Kopinsky, Gulf County Grants Coordinator, is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, to do and perform and all acts and things which may be necessary to carry out the foregoing resolution, including the preparing, making, and filing of plans, applications, reports, and other documents, the execution, acceptance, delivery, and recordation of agreements, deeds, and other instruments pertaining to the

transfer of said property, including the filing of copies of the application and the conveyance documents in the records of the governing body, and the payment of any and all sums necessary on account of the purchase price thereof or fees or costs incurred in connection with the transfer of said property for survey, title searches, recordation of instruments, or other costs identified with the acquisition of said property.

William C. Williams, III
Chairman
Gulf County Board of County Commissioners
1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Room 301
Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

I, William C. Williams, III hereby certify that I am the Chairman, of the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners; and that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the vote of a majority of the members of said Board, present at meeting on the 25th day of October, 2012, at which a quorum was present.
(End)

The Board discussed various items regarding the Cape San Blas Lighthouse Project.

STUMPHOLE PROJECT – C.D.B.G. – D.R.I.

Chief Administrator Butler requested permission for the Chairman to sign and execute any documents necessary for the close-out of the C.D.B.G – D.R.I. Grant on the Stumphole Project. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

JOB DESCRIPTION – ADMINISTRATION

Chief Administrator Butler requested permission to draft a job description for a position in the Administration Office. Commissioner Yeager reported that this was discussed during the budget process, stating the County has to get a handle on procurement. The Board had no objection to this request. Chief Administrator Butler stated that he will report back to the Board once the job description is drafted. Chairman Williams discussed his concerns regarding hiring a procurement specialist and the matters regarding E.D.C.

ADMINISTRATIVE RETIREMENT

Commissioner Yeager requested that Chief Administrator Butler review the Administrative Retirement and bring a recommendation to the Board.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - HAUNTED HOUSE

Sheriff Nugent reported the Gulf County Sheriff's Department is holding a Haunted House at the Comforter Funeral Home in Wewahitchka on Friday and Saturday night to help raise money for the food drive. He invited the public to attend.

SACRED HEART HOSPITAL – DIALYSIS

Commissioner McLemore discussed his concern regarding Sacred Heart Hospital and the dialysis program, and requested that Chairman Williams review this issue. Chairman Williams reported that he has an upcoming meeting with Sacred Heart Hospital and would address this issue during that meeting and bring a recommendation back to the Board.

RESTORE ACT CONSORTIUM

Commissioner Yeager reported that he attended the RESTORE Act consortium meeting in Tallahassee, stating that he will keep the Board informed concerning this matter.

PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

Upon inquiry by Commissioner McDaniel, Building Official Collinsworth reported that the contractor started construction on the new Public Works Building yesterday morning (October 24, 2012).

IMPACT FEES – BEACON HILL PARK

Chairman Williams discussed the impact fees that were set aside for Beacon Hill Park and requested for Deputy Administrator Lanier to work with Building Official Collinsworth concerning this matter.

TROY DEAL PARKING AREA – COMMISSIONER YEAGER

Commissioner Yeager reported that he previously abstained on the Troy Deal Parking Area topic due to a business relationship with the agency (Preble-Rish, Inc.).

EXTENSION AGENT OFFICE

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Smiley, Building Official Collinsworth reported that the re-modeling of the Old Gulf County Health Department building is near completion and the Gulf County Extension Office should be moving into their new office building within the next few weeks. Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed the phone service hook-up and reported that the Gulf County Extension Office would be moving into their new offices located at the Old Gulf County Health Department building on November 5, 2012.

DANIELS HOUSE

Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Building Official Collinsworth reported that the City of Wewahitchka is going to address this issue by burning the Daniels House. Commissioner McDaniel reported that he received a letter from the City of Wewahitchka stating that the City was going to demolish the house and that the Wewahitchka Fire Department was going to burn the debris.

EXTENSION AGENT OFFICE

Commissioner McDaniel discussed the re-modeling project at the Old Gulf County Health Department building and reported that the Gulf County Maintenance Department has done an excellent job on the re-modeling project.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Upon discussion by Commissioner Yeager, he then motioned for Public Works Director Danford to continue to work with Mosquito Control Director Cothran as his designee. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Williams called for public comment.

P.A.C. GROUP

Christy McElroy, of Port St. Joe appeared before the Board and presented documents for the Board to review; she then discussed her concerns regarding the P.A.C. Group. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to allow Mrs. McElroy to continue to speak on this topic (allotted time expired). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mrs. McElroy continued to discuss the P.A.C. Group and their goal regarding the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner McLemore motioned to allow Mrs. McElroy to continue to speak on this topic (allotted time expired). Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mrs. McElroy continued to discuss P.A.C. Group's contributions and a lease agreement between the City of Port St. Joe and the Andersons'. She discussed letters that she sent to members of the P.A.C. Group regarding various issues. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to allow Mrs. McElroy to continue to speak on this topic (allotted time expired). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mrs. McElroy continued to discuss various topics regarding the P.A.C. Group. Commissioner McLemore discussed his concerns regarding this year's campaign. Chairman Williams discussed his concerns regarding the P.A.C. Group and this election year. Commissioner McDaniel discussed his concerns regarding campaign contributions. Commissioner Smiley discussed his concerns regarding living in Gulf County. Commissioner Yeager discussed his concerns regarding this year's campaign and the community of Gulf County. Bill Koran, of District V, appeared before the Board and requested that the Board address any statements that he has made that were not accurate. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Mr. Koran stated that he is a member of the P.A.C. Group. Further discussion followed by members of the Board and Mr. Koran regarding various issues with the P.A.C. Group.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

E.D.C. Director Sellers appeared before the Board and discussed that The Port Authority had two fulltime employees, the Chamber of Commerce had two fulltime employees, and the E.D.C. had two fulltime employees two years ago, stating that they have gone from six fulltime employees to one fulltime employee (being Mr. Sellers). He reported that the E.D.C. is planning on hiring an additional employee within the next few weeks. Upon inquiry by Chairman Williams, E.D.C. Director Sellers reported that he would be President/C.E.O. over both entities and each entity would have its own Vice President. He stated that he would know more after today's E.D.C. meeting. Upon discussion by Chairman Williams, E.D.C. Director Sellers stated he would report his findings back to the Board.

DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT BOARD

Chairman Williams discussed his concerns regarding the salary of a previous employee and how the check and balance works within the department. Gail Alsobrook appeared before the Board and stated that she cannot discuss the salary of a previous employee, also stating that the County Commissioners would need to direct that inquiry to the Downtown Redevelopment Board. She reported that an audit is executed annually. Upon discussion by Chairman Williams, Mrs. Alsobrook discussed the record process for the Downtown Redevelopment Agency. After further discussion, Chairman Williams requested that Chief Administrator Butler, Gail Alsobrook, and the City of Port St. Joe to meet to discuss this matter further.

There being no further business, the meeting did then adjourn at 9:41 a.m., E.T.

**WILLIAM C. WILLIAMS, III
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**