

AUGUST 1, 2016

SPECIAL MEETING

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in special session with the following members present: Chairman Ward McDaniel, Vice Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, and Commissioners Joanna Bryan, Sandy Quinn, Jr., and Jerry W. Barnes.

Others present were: Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Director of Finance & Management Rhonda Woodward, Clerk Budget & Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Kari Summers, Building Official George Knight, Central Services Director Lynn Lanier, Gulf County E.D.C. Director Chris Holley, Gulf County E.D.C. Staff Assistant Lianna Marsman, HR/Risk Management Director Denise Manuel, County Planner Brett Lowry, Preble-Rish, Inc./County Engineer Clay Smallwood, III, Property Appraiser Mitch Burke, Gulf County Property Appraiser Office IT Tech Dennis Barfield, Jr., Public Works & Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Assistant Public Works Director Lee Collinsworth, Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Warren Yeager, Jr., Sheriff Mike Harrison, T.D.C. Executive Director Jennifer Jenkins, T.D.C. Deputy Director Towan Kopinsky, and Veterans' Service Officer & S.H.I.P. Administrator Joe Paul.

Chairman McDaniel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., E.T.

VOIP – BID #1516-16

After discussion by Central Services Director Lanier and recommendation by the Committee, Commissioner McLemore motioned to award Bid #1516-16 for the VOIP (voice communications system) to Mediacom. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner McLemore amended his motion to add the Sheriff's Substation (located in Wewahitchka) to this service. After further discussion by members by the Board, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner Bryan voting no.

SALE OF T.D.C. POLARIS – BID #1516-17

Assistant Administrator Hammond requested the Board reject Bid #1516-17 for the sale of T.D.C.'s Polaris; stating that the vehicle will be used "in house" by the Sheriff's Office, Fire Department(s), and Turtle Patrol (no sealed bids were received for this bid). Commissioner McLemore motioned to reject Bid #1516-17 for the sale of a Polaris (2014 Polaris Ranger & Trailer * Asset #230-33 & #230-34) from T.D.C. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

CONSORSIUM POT III

RESTORE Act Coordinator Yeager appeared before the Board to provide an update regarding Pot III RESTORE Act Funds; reporting that approximately \$12.8 million will come to each County in yearly increments over the next 15 (fifteen) years. He requested that the Board think about whether they want to devote the entire \$12.8 million toward a project or put forward funds for projects each year. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Bryan, RESTORE Act Coordinator Yeager stated that the same parameters apply to Pot III as did for Pot I; reporting that it has to fall under the economic development or environmental criteria. Commissioner Bryan stated that funds from one of the Pots need to be used for a comprehensive stormwater management plan for the County, including converting septic to sewer and diverting stormwater runoff. RESTORE Act Coordinator Yeager reported that \$25,000.00 from Pot I funds have been invested in the proposed stormwater plan. After discussion by RESTORE Act Coordinator Yeager, Commissioner Bryan requested that the Board look at a bridge replacement at the Stumphole. Additionally, she discussed a lock system at the St. Joe Beach Canal. RESTORE Act Coordinator Yeager stated that he will come back before the Board in August to talk more regarding this subject.

JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT CR 386

Deputy Administrator Summers requested Board approval for a Joint Participation Agreement (J.P.A.) with F.D.O.T. for a S.C.O.P. Grant Agreement for the resurfacing of County Road 386. Upon inquiry by Chairman McDaniel, Deputy Administrator Summers reported that CR 386 will be resurfaced, widened, and have a bicycle lane. After discussion by Chairman McDaniel, Commissioner Bryan stated there is an issue at the end of CR 386 as it approaches Highway 98; reporting that the rumble strips are loud for the residents that live along CR 386. She asked if F.D.O.T. has another type of warning plan implemented in this project. Assistant Administrator Hammond stated that the project has not been designed yet, but comments can be added. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. After discussion, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Administrator Summers read the proposed resolution by title. Commissioner Quinn motioned to adopt the following resolution. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO ENTER INTO A S.C.O.P. JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (J.P.A.) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Complete Resolution on file with Clerk

(End)

JARROTT DANIELS EXTENSION

Upon request by Deputy Administrator Summers, Commissioner Quinn motioned to approve the extension of the Jarrott Daniels Project (2014 Jarrott Daniels Road S.C.O.P. Project * Bid #1415-10) to October 31, 2016. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner Bryan voting no.

BUDGET

Chief Administrator Butler reported that the Board will have to reduce the (2016-17) budget by \$319,959.00 to keep the same millage rate of 7.2442. Chief Administrator Butler suggested the Fire Control Districts be kept at .5000 mills each, and discussed the MSTU for Bayside, Gulfside Beachfront and Interior. After discussion by Clerk Budget & Finance Officer Herring, Commissioner McLemore motioned to set the tentative millage rate the same as today (7.2442). Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Barnes motioned to set the millage rate for the Special Dependent Fire Control Districts at .5000. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Barnes motioned to set the millage rate for the Gulfside Beachfront MSTU at 1.3139. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner McLemore voting no.

Commissioner Quinn motioned to set the millage rate for the Gulfside Interior MSTU at 1.1549. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner McLemore voting no.

Commissioner Quinn motioned to set the millage rate for the Bayside MSTU at 1.1052. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed 4 to 1, Commissioner McLemore voting no.

Clerk Budget & Finance Officer Herring stated the Board will need to set tentative public hearing dates. Chief Administrator Butler recommended September 6th and September 20th. After discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to hold the budget hearings on September 6th and September 20th. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Budget & Finance Officer Herring stated that with the Board setting the tentative millage rate at the current millage rate, the Board is required to cut \$319,959.00 from the existing proposed budget. She requested that the Board provide County Administration and herself direction to present a proposed balanced budget.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Quinn, and unanimous vote, the meeting did then adjourn at 9:44 a.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK OF COURT**