

MAY 5, 2015

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

SPECIAL MEETING

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 Warren J. Yeager, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Emergency Management Director Nelson, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, County Planner Bret Lowry, and Public Works Director Joe Danford.

Chairman McDaniel called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m., E.T.

ROAD BOND PAVING PROJECTS

Chief Administrator Butler discussed needing direction from the Board regarding providing services to the public (road grading, grass cutting, etc.). Commissioner Yeager stated that if the County gets out of the road grading business; it would save the County \$100,000.00. He reported that he and Commissioner Quinn have committed monies to the City of Port St. Joe to help pave Long Avenue and Garrison Avenue (Gas Tax Road Bond, Series 2015). Commissioner Yeager suggested that the Board use as much of the bond dollars to pave dirt roads within the County. Commissioner McLemore stated he agrees with Commissioner Yeager's suggestion to work on getting new construction projects completed. After discussion by members of the Board, Chief Administration Butler stated that Staff would present a list of roads to the Board to consider and prioritize. Upon request by Chief Administrator Butler, the Board had no objection in allowing him to work with both City Managers in bidding the projects all at one time in order to receive better pricing.

LANDFILL CLOSEOUT

Public Works Director Danford appeared before the Board to request permission to: 1. rent, lease, buy (purchase) outright, finance to buy equipment to aid in the closure of the Landfill; 2. hire temporary help for closure operations, if necessary; 3. contract with a reputable experienced firm in landfill closure to do part or all of the Landfill closure; and/or 4. sale unnecessary equipment to help finance the purchase on new equipment that is need for the Landfill closure (Five Points Landfill). After discussion by Commissioner McLemore, Chief Administrator Butler stated that Staff did sit down and discuss, but they are needing Board's approval to advertise for bids. After discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to allow staff to move forward and come back to the Board with a recommendation. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. Upon inquiry by Chairman

McDaniel, Public Works Director Danford stated that the Landfill will not be closed by September, 2015. After discussion, Commissioner McLemore added to his motion to approve the advertisement to receive sealed bids. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

CONFIRMATION & AUTHORITY FROM BOARD FOR PUBLIC HEARING DATE & TIME

Upon request by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner Yeager motioned to hold both public hearings regarding the proposed Leave No Trace ordinance at their regularly schedule Board meetings in May. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VEHICLES

Emergency Management Director Nelson appeared before the Board to discuss the need to spend the remainder of grant funds; reporting that one (1) project is to purchase a new vehicle. Upon request by Emergency Management Director Nelson, Commissioner McLemore motioned to advertise to receive sealed bids for the purchase of a new vehicle and to sale E9-1-1 Coordinator Guthrie's vehicle to help pay for the new one along with the grant funds. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner McLemore requested that Emergency Management Director Nelson look at Staff before advertising.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Quinn, and unanimous vote, the meeting did then adjourn at 5:34 p.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**