

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 2, 2009

SPECIAL MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in special session with the following members present: Chairman Nathan Peters, Jr., and Commissioners Bill Williams, and Warren Yeager. <Vice Chairman Carmen L. McLemore and Commissioner Billy E. Traylor were absent>.

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Planner David Richardson, City Mayor Mel Magidson, and City Attorney Tom Gibson.

Chairman Peters called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m., E.T.

COUNTY/CITY ISSUES

Grant Writer Kopinsky discussed requisitions 1 & 2 from the City of Port St. Joe for the construction of the Beaches Sewer System for work done by L & R Contracting (pay application #8 \$289,983.60 and pay application #9 \$185,308.20). Commissioner Yeager motioned to pay the two invoices/requisitions contingent upon these items. (1) leave all White City hook-ups (tap fees) at \$500.00, (2) hook up the Highland View V.F.W. for a \$500.00 tap fee, (3) apply the remaining balance of the \$400,000.00 appropriation for Beacon Hill, and any left-over funds from the Beaches Sewer project, to the extension of the Beacon Hill trunk line, (4) for the City upon receipt of the payment of these two requisitions, on the same day, issue a check to the contractor (L&R) for their two invoices. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion for discussion. After further discussion concerning the City's impact fee ordinance, Commissioner Yeager amended his motion to include (5) that the City look at revising their impact fee ordinance for residents, both transitioning now and futuristically. Commissioner Williams stated his second stands.

Chief Administrator Butler inquired about sub-contractors being paid timely once payment is made to L&R. County Attorney McFarland informed the Board that they do not have a contractual relationship with the contractor.

City Mayor Magidson inquired to verify the County's motion to pay the City is contingent upon these terms being agreed to and voted on by the City. City Mayor Magidson discussed the need to determine the appropriate size grinder for the V.F.W. based on their usage. He stated that if the City Engineers determine it is appropriate for the V.F.W. to have a residential size grinder, (\$1,875.00) the City will approve based on the V.F.W. signing a Hold Harmless Agreement. City Mayor Magidson stated that the City is looking into the ordinance and State Statute that allows for an extended payment plan (current & future hook-ups). He further stated that the City is not adverse to the Beacon Hill contingency. He discussed the White City Sewer tap fees for commercial properties, and a letter from D.E.P. (concerning the toxicity levels in the canal) stating that from 2007, the City

is fine and has passed the test. Commissioner Williams stated his second stands.

Commissioner Yeager advised the Board that local contractors have agreed to donate their time to do the hook-up for the V.F.W.

City Attorney Tom Gibson presented a copy of the letter from D.E.P. for the record that states the quarterly water test has been within the limits and the City has not had any toxicity issues since January.

Upon Chairman Peters calling for the vote, the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

There being no further discussion, and upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, the meeting did then adjourn at 12:48 p.m., E.T.

NATHAN PETERS, JR.
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK

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