

FEBRUARY 10, 2015
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 Ward McDaniel, Vice Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, Commissioners Joanna Bryan, Sandy Quinn, Jr., and Warren J. Yeager, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Building Inspector George Knight, Central Services Director Denise Manuel, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, Deputy Grant Coordinator Kari Summers, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, County Planner David Richardson, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Mike Harrison, Tax Collector Shirley Jenkins, T.D.C. Executive Director Jennifer Jenkins, and Veterans' Service Officer Joe Paul.

Sheriff Harrison called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m., E.T.

Chairman McDaniel opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA / INFORMATION PACKET

Chairman McDaniel called for public comment regarding the Consent Agenda or the Information Packet. There being no public comment, Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and Information Packet. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously, as follows:

1. Minutes - November 25, 2014 – Regular Meeting
 - December 9, 2014 – Regular Meeting
 - December 18, 2014 – Special Meeting
 - January 8, 2015 – Special Meeting
2. Approval of Checks and warrants for January, 2015 which are incorporated herein by reference, pursuant to Chapter 136.06 F.S.
3. Agreement – The Standard Insurance Company (Amendment #1 * Group Insurance * #158433)

– Troy University (TROY Community Spirit Program)

4. Change Order – Southern States Pavement Markings, Inc. (CO #2 * CR 386 Signing & Payment Marking * Bid #1314-16)
5. Inventory – Gulf County Clerk of Court (Remove * #10-389 * Dell OptiPlex 330 * Serial Number 4B1GHH1 * Dell OptiPlex 330 * Serial Number 591GHH1 * Dell OptiPlex 330 * Serial Number 791GHH1 * Dell OptiPlex 330 * Serial Number 1M02CB1 * Dell OptiPlex 330 * Serial Number 131GHH1 * Dell OptiPlex 330 * Serial Number B844CB1 * Dell OptiPlex 330 * Serial Number C91GHH1 * 10-327 * Dell Server * Serial Number 378RY81 * ? Server or Data Domain * Serial Number 90P4678 * WatchGuard Firebox * Serial Number 70740F073-F430 * Allied Telesyn AT-FS716E * Serial Number IOKT2352D * Lexmark Prospect Pro205 Printer * Serial Number 000AL72692M * HP Photosmart C3180 Printer * Serial Number CN67PC31PJ * APC Back-UPS ES350 * Serial Number 378RY81 * APC Back-UPS ES350 * Serial Number 90P4678 * IBM eServer UPS 1000T * Serial Number AS0427230388 * Canon DR-2050C Scanner * Serial Number DL326826 * Canon DR-2050C Scanner * Serial Number DL320205 * Canon DR-2050C Scanner * Serial Number DL326814 * Sampo Monitor * Serial Number 53210516-HC00004 * IBM Monitor * Serial Number 23N7453 * #10-301 * Tatung Monitor * Serial Number 6AH319680001 * View Sonic Monitor * Serial Number QC90733233220 * #10-336 * Tatung Monitor * Serial Number 6AH319680014 * Dell Monitor * Serial Number CN-OMC040-64180-65D-OWGL * View Sonic Monitor * Serial Number QC9073323226 * View Sonic Monitor * Serial Number QC9073350107)
6. Invoice – The Ferguson Group, LLC – Federal Lobbyist (Invoice #1214554 * \$430.33 * to be paid from Account #21111-31200)
7. Refund Request – Gulf County Tax Collector (Parcel ID#06267-250R * \$545.22)
8. Request – Beach Blast Triathlon (Temporarily Close U.S. Highway 98 * April 25, 2015)

- Wewahitchka Ministerial Association (Waive Fees Honeyville Community Center * October 8, 2015)

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HEALTHIEST WEIGHT COMMUNITY

Gulf County Health Department Project Manager Sarah Hinds appeared before the Board to discuss the Healthy Weight Community Champion Recension Program and presented the Board with a recension award for participating in this program. Jessie Pippin, of Gulf County Health Department appeared before the Board to discuss the S.W.A.T. Program and thanked the Board for their support in this program.

LETTER OF SUPPORT – GULF COAST PARKWAY

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the Gulf Coast Parkway and requested permission to submit a letter of support to D.O.T. on Enterprise Zone letterhead supporting the County's route. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the submission of this support letter. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

CANCELLATION – BOCC BOARD MEETING

Upon recommendation by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager motioned to cancel the next Board meeting (February 24, 2015). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS – CLAY / FIVE POINTS LANDFILL

Upon discussion and recommendation by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Yeager motioned to advertise to receive sealed bids for clay and top soil for the closure of the Five Points Landfill. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

LIMITED MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – HONEY HILL ROAD

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to accept a Limited Maintenance Agreement on Honey Hill Road to clean timber from a ditch. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

MEETING – SIDEWALK PROJECT

Chief Administrator Butler reported that today at 2:00 p.m., he has a meeting with the project manager regarding the sidewalk project on St. Joe Beach; stating that D.O.T. has changed the plans in which the County applied for.

RESOLUTION – SIDEWALK PROJECT

Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Bryan motioned to adopt a resolution supporting the application that was made to D.O.T. regarding the sidewalk project on St. Joe Beach. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously. <Received an email from Chief Administrator Butler on 03/19/2015 noting this resolution was not needed.>

AMEND LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN – S.H.I.P.

County Attorney Novak discussed the \$300,000.00 pledge from S.H.I.P. funding to the PACES Foundation for the Gateway Manor Project and amending the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP). Commissioner Yeager motioned to amend the LHOP rental strategic to submit to Florida Housing. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

MORATORIUM – BEACH DRIVING PERMITS

Upon discussion by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner Yeager motioned to impose a moratorium on the issuance of beach driving permits until March 1, 2015. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

DONATE PROPERTY – WELLS FARGO

County Attorney Novak discussed the property donation from Wells Fargo at 5719 Highway 71; reporting that Wells Fargo provided an affidavit that there was no hazardous material on the property. He stated that Wells Fargo is not deviating from their standard of donation program within the agreement; providing an "as is" cause. After discussion, Commissioner Bryan motioned to accept the property donation at 5719 Highway 71 from Wells Fargo, contingent upon final inspection by Staff. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED MSTU RESOLUTIONS

County Attorney Novak reported that on February 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., E.T. there will be a public hearing held to discuss three (3) proposed MSTU resolutions; stating that it has been publicly advertised on January 28th, February 4th, February 11th, and February 18th.

YEARS OF SERVICE – COUNTY PLANNER RICHARDSON

County Planner Richardson thanked the Board and Staff; reporting that this was his last Board meeting as the County Planner. Chairman McDaniel thanks Mr. Richardson for his years of service to the County.

SALE EXCAVATOR EQUIPMENT – FIVE POINTS LANDFILL

Upon discussion by Public Works Director Danford, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the sale of the excavator at Five Points Landfill through an auction or private sale through an equipment operator dealer. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORT – T.D.C.

T.D.C. Director Jenkins appeared before the Board to present the January, 2015 monthly status report; reporting that the 2015 Visitor Guides will be here soon.

CHANGE ORDER – SOLO PRINTING

Upon discussion by T.D.C. Director Jenkins, Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve Change Order #1 with Solo Printing; an increase in the amount of \$1,090.68. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

SIDEWALK PROJECT – ST. JOE BEACH

T.D.C. Director Jenkins discussed the sidewalk project at St. Joe Beach; stating that if needed the T.D.C. will draft a resolution in support of the County's plans for this project.

SUBMIT BID – STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Commissioner McLemore discussed submitting a bid to hold the State Softball Tournament in Gulf County. T.D.C. Director Jenkins reported that this topic was discussed at the council meeting last week and the T.D.C. expressed concern that the tournament would be held in July, 2016 and there may not be sufficient accommodations available. After further discussion, Commissioner McLemore requested that T.D.C. Director Jenkins schedule a meeting with the ball team and possibly the tournament director. After discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner McLemore motioned to move forward with submitting a bid to the State Softball Tournament Agency to host the tournament in 2016. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. After discussion, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

BIKE FLORIDA

T.D.C. Director Jenkins reported that 600 cyclist from Bike Florida will be coming back to Gulf County from March 20th through the 27th.

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST – RADCLIFF

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed a Public Records Request (PRR #2014-69) that Mrs. Barbara Radcliff had inquired about at the last Board meeting; reporting that she believes Mrs. Radcliff has now been given a monetary amount for this request. She then read the Public Records Request that was submitted by Mrs. Barbara Radcliff. Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed her concerns regarding the reduction in Staff, working over hours to complete normal duties, and estimating the cost for detailed records request. Upon inquiry by Chairman McDaniel, Clerk Finance Officer Herring reported that the Clerk was unable to attend today's meeting. After discussion, Commissioner Bryan stated that it is our responsibility as a County government, under State Law, that we have this information available and to keep the information in a manner that can be accessed in order to provide it to the public. Discussion followed.

GRANT ACCEPTANCE – EDWARD B. MEMORIAL JUSTICE

Upon discussion by Deputy Administrator Lanier, Commissioner Yeager motioned to accept the F.D.L.E. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, in the amount of \$2,463.00. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

2015 TRAVEL – FAC / NACO / SMALL COUNTY COALITION

Following discussion by Deputy Administrator Lanier, Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the 2015 travel expenses for Florida Association of Counties (FAC), National Association of Counties (NACo), and the Small County Coalition. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

REJECT BID #1415-06 / DAVID B LANGSTON SIDEWALK PROJECT

Following discussion by Deputy Grant Coordinator Summers, Commissioner McLemore motioned to reject Bid #1415-06 for the David Langston Sidewalk Project (only one bidder, funding agent requires at least three bids). Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

BID #1415-07 / 2014 OLD BAY CITY ROAD PROJECT

Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Deputy Grant Coordinator Summers reported that the deadline to submit sealed bids on the 2014 Old Bay City Road CIGP Project is the 20th of February, with the bid opening to be held on February 23rd.

COUNTYWIDE VOTING

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Bryan regarding Countywide voting, County Attorney Novak reported that GIS Coordinator is working on the data in assembling a map regarding redistricting. He also reported that based on Mr. Spellman's final analysis, the projected first public hearing should be in April or early May.

BEACH NOURISHMENT

Commissioner Yeager discussed beach nourishment; reporting that there is a property owner willing to give a beach access point to assist in obtaining a higher percentage from the State match. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Yeager, County Attorney Novak recommended that the property owner attend next Thursday's meeting to be a part of the discussion.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE

Commissioner Yeager discussed the RV Ordinance recently adopted and amending it to exclude Highland View and Oak Grove. After discussion, Commissioner Yeager motioned to proceed with amending the Recreational Vehicle (RV) Ordinance. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. After discussion, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

GOVERNMENT BUDGET – SCOP / SCRAP

Commissioner Yeager discussed his concerns regarding the funding of the S.C.O.P. and S.C.R.A.P. from the Government (State) Budget; reporting there will be a loss of nine (9) million Statewide.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Commissioner Yeager reported that he is working with the Small County Coalition and Florida Association of Counties (FAC) regarding funding Rural Areas; reporting that Enterprise Zones are going away.

AMBULANCE BILLING

Commissioner Yeager reported that he is working with the Legislator regarding the limit that can be charge for an ambulance fee; reporting that Legislation is wanting to set it at the Medicaid rate.

MSTU – ½ CENT SALES TAX

After discussion, Commissioner Yeager motioned to commit the ½ cent Sales Tax that was used for the Landfill (once the landfill is closed) to the Beach Nourishment Project to help fund the MSTU. After discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion for discussion. After further discussion, Commissioner Yeager withdrew his motion. Discussion followed.

COMMISSIONER YEAGER

Chairman McDaniel thanked Commissioner Yeager for the service he provide in fighting for Gulf County in Tallahassee.

ADVERTISE SEALED BIDS – JARROTT DANIELS ROAD

Upon inquiry by Chairman McDaniel, Chief Administrator Butler reported that by the end of February, the County will be ready to advertise to receive sealed bids for the Jarrott Daniels Road Project.

YARD DEBRIS – COUNTY PICKUP

Chairman McDaniel discussed the amended contract with Waste Pro; reporting that as of March 1, 2015 Waste Pro will no longer pick up yard debris. After discussion, Commissioner Yeager discussed the County doing one (1) more clean-sweep. Deputy Administrator Lanier reported that a notice has been placed on the County's website. After discussion by Chairman McDaniel, Commissioner McLemore stated that Waste Pro needs to mail out a notice to customers regarding the change in service. Chairman McDaniel reported that anyone that wants an extra container to place yard debris in can negotiate that with Waste Pro. He discussed his concerns regarding people dumping yard debris on the right-of-way.

PURCHASE EQUIPMENT – DEAD LAKES CAMPGROUND

Upon request by Chairman McDaniel, Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve the purchase of a small box blade for the Dead Lakes Campground (Dead Lakes Park), to be paid from Campground Funds. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

DOG PARK – BEACON HILL / VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Chairman McDaniel discussed his concerns regarding the dogs using the ball field as a dog park, reporting that the dogs will not be able to use the field during ball season. Commissioner Bryan stated that the dog park that is presently on site was purchased with Impact Fee money. She discussed her concerns regarding improvements that are going on through the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Funds; stating that a small amphitheater, restrooms improvements, pavilions, and nature trails will be completed with these funds. Commissioner Bryan discussed expanding upon the dog park once the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Projects are complete. Discussion followed.

The meeting did then recess at 10:35 a.m., E.T.

The meeting did then reconvene at 10:38 a.m., E.T.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING – FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE

Following discussion by County Attorney Novak, County Planner Richardson read the proposed ordinance by title. After discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner Bryan motioned to add a dog park for Beacon Hill/Veterans Memorial Park to the Five Year Capital Improvement Schedule. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Yeager motioned to adopt the following titled Ordinance. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously. County Planner Richardson reported that he will place the dog park project under the fifth (5) year scheduling. Chairman called for public comment. There was no public comment.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-04

AN ORDINANCE PER THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA STATUTE 163.3177(3)(b) TO YEARLY REVIEW AND UPDATE THE GULF COUNTY FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE; ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE GULF COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2014/2015 WORK PLAN; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE UPDATED CONCURRENCY TRACKING DATA; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 125.01 empowers the County Commissioners the power to carry on county government; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 163.3177(3)(a) requires each Comprehensive Plan to have a Capital Improvements Element; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 163.3177(3)(a)1 requires the Capital Improvements Element to implement a five (5) year capital improvements planning period; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvements Element has identified the five year capital improvements planning period as the Gulf County Five Year Capital Improvements Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Five Year Capital Improvements Schedule will be submitted for approval after the adoption of the Gulf County Annual Budget; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 163.3177(3)(b) requires a Five Year Capital Improvements Schedule to be reviewed annually and amended by ordinance as necessary; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 163.3180(1) stipulates that only sanitary sewer, solid waste, drainage, and potable water are subject to concurrency on a statewide basis; and

WHEREAS, Gulf County under the provisions of Florida Statute 163.3180(1) and 163.3180(1)(a) has opted to continue concurrency for transportation, recreation, and open space and schools; and

WHEREAS, Gulf County has no roadways that are operating below LOS "D" as specified in the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, D.O.T. capital projects or projects subject to D.O.T. grant funding listed in the D.O.T. Five Year Transportation Plan and the Gulf County Capital Improvement Schedule are subject to budget priorities by the State of Florida/D.O.T. and projects may be advanced or delayed as necessary by D.O.T.; and

WHEREAS, Gulf County has no facilities operating below LOS concurrency specified in the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners voted to maintain solid waste concurrency by closing the County's Five Points Land Fill and transferring solid waste operation to a commercially operated transfer station; and

WHEREAS, the solid waste operations and transfer station are under a five (5) year contract with an additional three (3) two (2) year extensions providing an opportunity for eleven (11) years of concurrency; and

WHEREAS, the existing Solid Waste Escrow account will be applied to the cost of closing and monitoring Five Points Land Fill; and

WHEREAS, no Gulf County project is needed to eliminate a concurrency deficit, only to maintain, improve or enhance the quality of service; and

WHEREAS, the updated concurrency tacking data is incorporated by reference into the yearly review; and

WHEREAS, Gulf County adopts by reference the Gulf County School District 2014/2015 Work Plan with no financial obligations by Gulf County; and

WHEREAS, the capital improvement projects of the Port of Port St. Joe are referenced as an economic benefit to Gulf County with no financial obligation by Gulf County; and

WHEREAS, projects in the Five Year Capital Improvement Schedule for years 1, 2 and 3 are funded and projects in years 4 and 5 can be funded or projects that are proposed pending funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Joe has delayed the construction of the Sports Complex and therefore the Gulf County agreement to match the City of Port St. Joe contributions up to a maximum of \$600,000 has been delayed to the fifth year of the schedule or until the local economy and the burden on the tax payers has improved; and

WHEREAS, the WindMark Annexation, Phase III Sewer Project for Beacon Hill by the City of Port St. Joe has delayed the construction date until additional project funding is secured; and

WHEREAS, the recreational projects for Beacon Hill Park, WindMark Park North, and Highland View Boat Ramp are funded by NRDA that is administered by FDEP; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Pass Boat Ramp Project was not approved by D.E.P. for NRDA funding and the proposed funding was moved to enhance the WindMark Park North Fishing Pier Project; and

WHEREAS, a public notice for both public hearings was posted at the entrance of the Gulf County Courthouse and the Robert M. Moore Administration Building on January 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the two Public Hearings for January 27, 2015 and February 10, 2015 were duly advertised in accordance with Florida Statute Section 125.66(2)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners held two Public Hearings with the first on January 27, 2015 and for proposed adoption on February 10, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners has made no Goals, Objections, or Policy text changes to the Capital Improvements Element; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners updates the Five Year Capital Improvement Schedule to reflect the planning period of 2014/2015 through 2018/2019; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS IN EXHIBIT A:

If any part of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutionally void or invalid, the validity of the remaining part of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Any other Ordinance or portion of any Ordinance in force at the time this Ordinance becomes effective, which may be in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been replaced and repealed to the extent of such conflict, otherwise, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

This Ordinance shall become effective as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2015.

(End)

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING – MIKE SMITH VARIANCE

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a Public Hearing for Mike Smith (Parcel #06174-001R) for a side setback variance for a shed/pole barn, County Attorney Novak read the Public Notice and summarized the format that the Board will follow under the Quasi-Judicial Hearing process. He then called for Mr. Smith or his representative to come forward. Chairman McDaniel called for Mike Smith. No one came forward. County Attorney Novak called forward anyone that wishes to speak regarding this variance application. Chairman McDaniel called for public. No one came forward. <Clerk Finance Officer swore in Deputy Administrator Lowry.> Deputy Administrator Lowry reported on the P.D.R.B. vote regarding the Smith Variance at their February 9th meeting <form on file with Clerk.>. County Attorney Novak reported that the P.D.R.B. voted 4-0 to deny the variance application from Mike Smith for the 18 foot side setback along Jackson Street and deny a 3 ½ foot setback variance along the adjacent parcel to the West; stating the P.D.R.B. made an alternate motion to recommend to the Board to grant a 12 ½ foot variance along Jackson Street. Upon inquiry by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner Yeager stated that he spoke with Mr. Mike Smith over the phone regarding this variance application. <All other Commissioners stated that they had not had any correspondence regarding this variance request.> Commissioner Yeager motioned to follow the recommendation of the Planning Board. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously. Upon discussion by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner Yeager included in his motion to accept findings presented by the P.D.R.B. regarding this variance application <form on file with Clerk>.

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING – ELLIS SMITH, JR. VARIANCE

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a Public Hearing for Ellis Smith, Jr. (Parcel #03806-080R) for a setback variance for a building, County Attorney Novak read the Public Notice and called for public that wished to speak regarding this variance to come forward. <Clerk Finance Officer Herring swore in Barbara Radcliff, Jake Husband, Tom Gibson, Tom Graney, and Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry.> Deputy Administrator Lowry provided the Board with a summary of the Ellis Smith, Jr. variance application. Attorney Tom Gibson appeared before the Board to discuss this variance application; reporting that the P.D.R.B. recommended the Board grant a 2 ½ foot setback on both sides. Deputy Administrator Lowry discussed the findings of the P.D.R.B. at their February 9th meeting <form on file with Clerk>. After discussion by County Attorney Novak, Deputy Administrator Lowry stated that the P.D.R.B. recommended to the Board, by a 4-0 vote, an alternative variance of a 2 ½ foot on both sides of the proposed structure into the 9 ½ foot setback requirements for a structure exceeding 25 feet in height, and additional conditions that the applicante comply and not exceed a 7 foot setback on both sidelines of the lot. Upon inquiry by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner Bryan stated that she has had numerous conversations and emails from many people, not limited to Barbara Radcliff, Tom Graney, Jim Garth, and Bo Williams, but she has not spoken to the applicant or his representative regarding this variance application. After discussion, Commissioner Yeager stated he has received emails regarding this variance application. Chairman McDaniel stated he has received numerous phone calls and emails regarding this variance application. Upon inquiry by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner McLemore stated that he had not had any discussion or correspondence regarding this variance application. Commissioner Quinn discussed speaking with Rodney Herring regarding supporting the Veterans in Gulf County. County Attorney Novak called those that were previous sworn in to appear before the Board to speak. Barbara Radcliff, of Port St. Joe appeared before the Board to discuss the P.D.R.B. recommendation; stating that she is in support of this recommendation. Tom Graney, of St. Joe Beach appeared before the Board to discuss the P.D.R.B. recommendation and the minor re-plat. Commissioner McLemore motioned to move forward with the P.D.R.B. recommendation. After discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the P.D.R.B. recommendation. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. After discussion by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner McLemore included in his motion the affirmative statements. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY BUSINESS

Chairman McDaniel called Nadine Branch to appear to speak on county business. She nor a representative were present.

REPORT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COALITION

Christy McElroy, of E.D.C. appeared before the Board to present a status report and strategic plan. Commissioner Yeager thanked Ms. McElroy for serving as the Chairman of the E.D.C. board.

BEACH NOURISHMENT – BEACH EROSION

Pat Hardman, of the Coastal Community Association appeared before the Board to discuss her concerns regarding the beach erosion at the Cape and the need for beach nourishment before the homes fall into the beach. She discussed the proposed MSTU and the need to look at other ways the County can fund this project. Commissioner Yeager discussed his concerns regarding the beach erosion at the Cape.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Yeager, and unanimous vote, the meeting did then adjourn at 11:31 a.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**