

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

SPECIAL MEETING

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

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Gulf County Extension Agent Roy Lee Carter, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Sheriff Joe Nugent, Sheriff's Office Major Bobby Plair, and Veterans' Service Officer James Kennedy.

Chairman McLemore called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., E.T.

SAULS CREEK ROAD

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that Dan Garlick of Garlick Environmental met with D.E.P. and others, stating that anything that is done above or beyond what is already there; the County will have to obtain permits. Chairman McLemore stated that we are not going to do anything without a permit. Chief Administrator Butler reported that we do not have F.E.M.A. money, but we do think it is coming, and it will pay 87.5% of what needs to be done. Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore, Dan Garlick of Garlick Environmental appeared before the Board and discussed that the biggest expense is going to be the repair of the road, and it would be better to go under the road instead of just performing minor repairs. Commissioner Yeager discussed that he is not for spending a lot of money to fix this road, and stated that he talked with the State in regards to taking over this road, stating that they own the majority of the property on this road. Mr. Garlick discussed that you can get a permit to haul a few loads of dirt, but it would be better to make a low water crossing in this area. Commissioner Yeager discussed that he supports pushing this issue with the State. After further discussion by members of the Board, Chairman McLemore recommended to table this issue. Commissioner Yeager motioned to table this matter. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY (SUNRISE-SUNSET)

Chief Administrator Butler discussed Sunrise-Sunset Townhouses at Cape San Blas, stating that the Gulf of Mexico is very close to the homes, and D.E.P. reported that Gulf County would need to declare a Local State of Emergency to allow them to do emergency work in this area. Dan Garlick, of Garlick Environmental appeared before the Board and reported that this is a bad area, stating that the beach re-nourishment is gone in this area due to the storms. He discussed one of the options in this area is to repair and restore the wall that use to be there. Commissioner Yeager reported that this expense will be strictly paid by the homeowners. Commissioner Yeager motioned to declare a Local State of Emergency in the area from the Stumphole North to the B.P. Station, and to allow the Building Department to authorize the private property owners in the affected area to take action to reduce their losses from the beach erosion. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

E.M.S. BILLING / ADVERTISE FOR RFP'S

Chief Administrator Butler recommended advertising to receive RFP'S for third party billing for E.M.S. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BID #0910-20 / PARK CLEAN-UP

Chief Administrator Butler recommended awarding bid #0910-20, for the parks clean-up to Adam Bishop (low bidder), in the amount of \$340.00 per week. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve this recommendation, contingent upon an agreement with Mr. Bishop on what is needed in the parks. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BID #0910-18 / AUDIT BIDS

Chief Administrator Butler reported that two proposals were received for Audit Services, one from Carr, Riggs & Ingram, and one from Vance LLC/Keith Jones, stating that Carr, Riggs & Ingram received the highest ranking by the Audit Selection Committee. Commissioner Williams discussed that C.R.I. scored the highest, but there have always been difficulties with this group, stating that Keith Jones is local and had some difficulties with the former group he was with. Chairman McLemore discussed the difference in the proposals, stating that there is a \$16,000.00 dollar difference in the two proposals. Commissioner Yeager discussed that C.R.I. scored higher on everything except the dollar amount. Commissioner Traylor discussed that he never knew of the County having a problem with C.R.I., and the last time the County received a low number from Keith Jones it cost them approximately \$25,000.00 more. Commissioner Williams discussed that there have been problems with both firms and suggested rejecting the bids and re-advertising. Chairman McLemore passed the Chair and

motioned to hire Keith Jones with a one year contract, instead of a three year contract. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion for discussion, stating that his price is lower and he is local and hires local people. County Attorney McFarland reported that the problem is the bid specs call for a three year contract. After further discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner Peters withdrew his second and Commissioner McLemore withdrew the motion. Chair returned to Commissioner McLemore. Commissioner Yeager motioned to reject the bid and re-advertise with a one year contract. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ZUMBA

Chairman McLemore gave a summary on the utility bills, usage, and user fees collected at the Honeyville Community Center for the past eight months. Commissioner Williams stated that this does not include clean-up, repairs, liability insurance, or the gas bill for the Community Center. Veronica Carter appeared before the Board and requested permission to use the Honeyville Community Center for Zumba classes. Kaci Rhodes, Zumba Instructor, appeared before the Board and gave a presentation on the cost and prices for the classes. Chairman McLemore suggested for the class to pay \$25.00 per night for use of the facility. Ms. Carter requested to use the facility for 24 hours per month, and to pay \$160.00 per month for the facility. Chairman McLemore stated that he does not support a private person coming in and using a County building and making a large profit. Commissioner Yeager discussed the possibility of an affiliation with the Health Department to include a wellness program. After further discussion, Commissioner Williams motioned to approve this recommendation, contingent upon County Attorney McFarland reviewing and the appropriate relationship with a Governmental entity. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, the meeting did then adjourn at 5:01 p.m., E.T.

**CARMEN L. MCLEMORE
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:
REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**