

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

MAY 8, 2007

REGULAR MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Bill Williams, Vice Chairman Jerry W. Barnes, and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Billy E. Traylor and Nathan Peters, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Executive Administrator Towan Kopinsky, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, E.D.C. Director Alan McNair, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Emergency Management/911 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Grant Writer Loretta Costin, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Shane McGuffin, Human Resources Director Denise Manuel, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Road Department Superintendent Bobby Knee, Assistant Road Department Superintendent Chris Wood, T.D.C. Director Paula Pickett, Sheriff's Office Major Joe Nugent and Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Ricky Tolbert.

Major Nugent called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m., E.T.

Vice Chairman Barnes opened the meeting with prayer, and Major Nugent led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

THREE CREEKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT / THE ST. JOE COMPANY

Upon discussion by Chairman Williams and County Attorney McFarland regarding The St. Joe Company's petition to create a Community Development District in Windmark Beach, the Board agreed to take no position regarding the petition.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote the Board approved the following Consent Agenda items:

1. Minutes - April 24, 2007 - Regular Meeting
- April 26, 2007 Special Meeting
2. Agreement - Gulf County Emergency Management (Gulf County, Gulf County School Board & American Red Cross - Wewahitchka Middle School Emergency Shelter Operations)
3. B.C.C. Correspondence - F.D.L.E. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program - Committee (Chairman Williams

and Representatives of Sheriff's Office, Probation Office,
County Jail, and State Attorney's Office)

4. Contract - Change Order #1 / Cathey Construction Co. (Courthouse Roof Project
* Bid #0607-07 * \$78,000.00 Increase * Dry-In)
5. Direct Purchase Requisition - Honeyville Community Center/Storm Shelter (Bid
#0607-13 * Block USA * #0701-04-02-M * \$24,495.00 * to be
paid from Account #27172-62000)
6. Employee Appreciation Picnic (Honeyville Park 5/25/07@ 12:30 E.T.)
7. Inventory - Road Department (Junk #100-440, #100-468, #100-511)
8. Invoices - Agency for Healthcare Administration - Medicaid (February,
2007 * \$37,763.22 / March, 2007 * \$6,247.00 * to be paid
from Account #52264-34100)
 - Cathey Construction & Development - Honeyville Community Center/
Storm Shelter (Bid #0607-13 * #1 * \$51,058.50 * to be paid
from Account #27172-62000)
 - County Attorney Timothy McFarland (April, 2007 * \$10,331.50
to be paid from Account #21314_31100)
 - Dewey Blaylock - Tactics Consulting (Inv #20004 * \$2,400.00 *
to be paid from Account #22313-31000)
 - Fisher Building Supply - Road Paving (Inv #132456 * \$377.65 /
\$226.38 * to be paid from Account #41441- 53000)
 - MRD Associates, Inc. - Erosion Control (Project #05-210.2
#810 * \$11,082.50 / Project #06-210.7 * #824
\$50,607.55 * to be paid from Account #43137- 31000)
 - Preble-Rish, Inc. - Americus Avenue (Inv #65140 * \$56,608.00
to be paid from Account #41441-31000)
 - Preble-Rish, Inc. - Wetappo Landfill (Inv #75232 * \$4,448.75 * to be
paid from Account #42634-34000)
 - Preble-Rish, Inc - Five Points Landfill (Inv #75233 * \$3,258.45 * to be
paid from Account #42634-34000)
 - Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell - Claim #133371/Bolden (File #G214-
109747 * Invoice #711798 * \$9,979.17 to be paid from
Account#21111-31200)
9. Proposal - Engineering/Honeyville Sewer Project (Preble-Rish, Inc. * \$78,150.00)
10. Purchase Request - Road Department (G & C Supply Co., Inc. * \$2,292.20 *
Signs and Posts * to be paid from Account #41441-63000 /
Drainage Pipe - Gaskin Side Camp Road * \$3,031.44 * to be
paid from Account #41441-53000)

11. Reimbursement - City of Port St. Joe (Beaches Sewer Project * \$244,475.00 to be paid from D.E.P. Grant Account #33035-63000)
12. Road Bond Change Order #2 - Americus Avenue Ditch (Bid #0607-11 * \$610,226.00 Increase * Pipe * Emergency Purchase)
13. Special Projects Payments, as follows:

Dist. 3	Employees Luncheon (Barber)	\$ 149.85
Dist. 4	Employees Luncheon (Barber)	\$ 149.84
Dist. 5	Employees Luncheon (Barber)	\$ 149.84
14. Travel - 22nd National Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community (May 30 - June 2, 2007, Orlando, FL)

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PRELIMINARY PLAT - VILLA SOLE SUBDIVISION

County Attorney McFarland discussed preliminary plat approval for Dan Garlick (Parcel ID #03179-005R * 9.6 acres in S19, T9S, R10W * 12 Units) that was tabled on March 27, 2007. Planner Richardson presented a new plat that has been prepared which shows the buffers. Dan Garlick appeared before the Board to discuss his planned subdivision in the Money Bayou area. He reported that he has met with representatives of D.E.P. and has decreased the subdivision to 10 units (in 2 phases) to meet the State's density requirements. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the preliminary plat of Villa Sole subdivision (based on his planned changes), and Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion by Commissioner Barnes that this will provide 150' of beach access for the public and will in no way affect beach driving, the motion passed unanimously.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LITIGATION

County Attorney McFarland discussed the ongoing litigation with D.C.A. regarding the County's Comp Plan and presented a proposed Stipulated Settlement Agreement for approval by the Board. After further discussion, Commissioner Traylor motioned to table the proposed agreement to allow input from developers, realtors and members of the Homebuilders Association, and Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Upon discussion by County Attorney McFarland regarding the timeframe on submitting the agreement, the Board scheduled a public hearing regarding this matter for Thursday, May 17th at 10:00 a.m., E.T. (to be advertised). The motion then passed unanimously.

DUNES DRIVE AGREEMENT - PARKING AREA

County Attorney McFarland discussed a proposed agreement through which the developer near

Dunes Drive agreed to give the County a perpetual easement for 65 parking spaces (including paving, signage, crosswalk, etc.) in exchange for the County limiting the parking spaces on Dunes Drive to 50. After further discussion, Commissioner Traylor motioned to enter into this agreement with Jack Williams. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT #15 / SPECIAL PROJECTS

Clerk Executive Administrator Kopinsky presented Budget Amendment #15, which re-allocates the Board’s Special Projects funds (as approved on April 26, 2007). Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the following budget amendment.

**Budget Amendment
#15
General Fund**

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
<i>Special Projects:</i>				
21072-81001 Aid to Govt Agency Dist 1	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$	\$ 2,550.00
21072-81002 Aid to Govt Agency Dist 2	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$	\$ 2,550.00
21072-81003 Aid to Govt Agency Dist 3	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$	\$ 2,550.00
21072-81004 Aid to Govt Agency Dist 4	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$	\$ 2,550.00
21072-81005 Aid to Govt Agency Dist 5	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$	\$ 2,550.00
21072-63001 Impr O/T Bldgs Dist 1	\$ 0.00	\$ 471.00	\$	\$ 471.00
21072-63002 Impr O/T Bldgs Dist 2	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,780.00	\$	\$ 1,780.00
21072-63003 Impr O/T Bldgs Dist 3	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,315.00	\$	\$ 1,315.00
21072-63004 Impr O/T Bldgs Dist 4	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$	\$ 1,800.00
21072-63005 Impr O/T Bldgs Dist 5	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,337.00	\$	\$ 1,337.00
21072-46001 Rep/Maint Dist 1	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,293.00	\$	\$ 1,293.00
21072-46002 Rep/Maint Dist 2	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$	\$ 1,800.00
21072-46003 Rep/Maint Dist 3	\$ 0.00	\$ 728.00	\$	\$ 728.00
21072-46004 Rep/Maint Dist 4	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$	\$ 1,800.00
21072-46005 Rep/Maint Dist 5	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$	\$ 1,800.00
<i>Parks & Recreation:</i>				
57072-81001 Aid to Govt Agency Dist 1	\$ 3,300.00	\$	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 450.00
57072-81002 Aid to Govt Agency Dist 2	\$ 3,300.00	\$	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 450.00
57072-81003 Aid to Govt Agency Dist 3	\$ 3,300.00	\$	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 450.00
57072-81004 Aid to Govt Agency Dist 4	\$ 3,300.00	\$	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 450.00
57072-81005 Aid to Govt Agency Dist 5	\$ 3,300.00	\$	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 450.00
57072-82001 Aid to Private Org Dist 1	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00	\$	\$ 300.00
57072-82002 Aid to Private Org Dist 2	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00	\$	\$ 300.00
57072-82003 Aid to Private Org Dist 3	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00	\$	\$ 300.00
57072-82004 Aid to Private Org Dist 4	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00	\$	\$ 300.00
57072-82005 Aid to Private Org Dist 5	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00	\$	\$ 300.00
57072-63001 Impr O/T Bldgs Dist 1	\$ 1,800.00	\$	\$ 471.00	\$ 1,329.00
57072-63002 Impr O/T Bldgs Dist 2	\$ 1,800.00	\$	\$ 1,780.00	\$ 20.00
57072-63003 Impr O/T Bldgs Dist 3	\$ 1,800.00	\$	\$ 1,315.00	\$ 485.00
57072-63004 Impr O/T Bldgs Dist 4	\$ 1,800.00	\$	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 0.00
57072-63005 Impr O/T Bldgs Dist 5	\$ 1,800.00	\$	\$ 1,337.00	\$ 463.00
57072-46001 Rep/Maint Dist 1	\$ 1,800.00	\$	\$ 1,293.00	\$ 507.00

57072-46002 Rep/Maint Dist 2	\$ 1,800.00	\$	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 0.00
57072-46003 Rep/Maint Dist 3	\$ 1,800.00	\$	\$ 728.00	\$ 1,072.00
57072-46004 Rep/Maint Dist 4	\$ 1,800.00	\$	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 0.00
57072-46005 Rep/Maint Dist 5	\$ 1,800.00	\$	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 0.00

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GRANT APPLICATIONS

Grant Writer Costin reported on the following grant applications that have been submitted:

White City Boat Ramp (B.I.P.)	\$ 95,000.00
Fire Departments (H.S.G.)	\$ 663,000.00 (Bunker Gear)
Fire Departments (H.S.G.)	\$ 210,000.00 (Tanker)
Butler Bay Road Property (F.C.T.)	\$ 6,600,000.00

DIRECT PURCHASE REQUEST / HONEYVILLE STORM SHELTER - BID #0607-13

Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board approved a direct purchase request for concrete from Couch Ready Mix USA (in the amount of \$18,680.00) for the Honeyville Storm Shelter project, as requested by Deputy Administrator Lanier. Commissioner McLemore stated that Cathey Construction Company is working hard on this project and should have it completed well ahead of schedule.

DIRECT PURCHASE PAYMENT / HONEYVILLE STORM SHELTER - BID #0607-13

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board approved payment of a direct purchase invoice (#8010105463) from Couch Ready Mix USA (in the amount of \$5,200.00) for concrete for the Honeyville Storm Shelter project, as requested by Deputy Administrator Lanier.

DIRECT PURCHASE / COURTHOUSE ROOF PROJECT - BID #0607-07

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board approved payment of a direct purchase invoice (#10810) from Emerald Coast Building Materials (in the amount of \$1,260.00) for stucco for the Courthouse Roof project, as requested by Deputy Administrator Lanier.

INVOICE - COURTHOUSE ROOF PROJECT (BID #0607-07)

Deputy Administrator Lanier presented Cathey Construction Company Invoice #5 (in the amount of \$274,177.99) for work performed on the Courthouse Roof project. Upon inquiry, Chief Administrator Butler reported that a problem was encountered when the existing roof was removed (the membrane recommended by the Architect was not sufficient due to the condition of the structure beneath the existing roof), which has resulted in an additional cost of \$78,000.00. After further discussion and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore,

second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board approved payment of this invoice.

LAW ENFORCEMENT / BYRNE GRANT COMMITTEE

Major Nugent discussed the F.D.L.E. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Committee that was approved in the Consent Agenda, stating that the Sheriff's Department has been administering and utilizing these grant funds for over 10 years. He stated that they were previously used for the D.A.R.E. program and have recently been used for the Canine Interdiction Program. Chairman Williams discussed requirements of the grant, stating he fully supports the Canine Program, but wants to ensure that the funds are utilized in the best possible way. There being no objection by the Board, Chairman Williams then appointed Major Nugent (coordinator), Jail Transition Coordinator Durben, and Emergency Management Director Nelson to serve on a committee to coordinate utilization of this grant.

AWARD BID #0607-18 / SALE OF REFRIGERANT RETRIEVAL SYSTEM

Upon recommendation by Road Department Superintendent Knee, Commissioner Traylor motioned to award Bid #0607-18 for sale of the Refrigerant Retrieval System (Item #100-441) for the Road Department to Ricky Davis, in the amount of \$100.00. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ROAD BOND PAVING FUNDS

Road Department Superintendent Knee reported on the following balances in the Road Bond Paving Funds (includes what has been obligated and paid to-date/does not include engineering fees or interest earned):

District 1 - \$	8,500.00	District 4 - \$	1,600.00
District 2 - \$	17,000.00	District 5 - \$	25,000.00
District 3 - \$	296,000.00	Priorities - \$	1,400,000.00

He also reported that the Road Department has spent \$20,000.00-\$25,000.00 for pipe, signs, etc. for this project.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE / MOSQUITO CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Upon request by Mosquito Control Director Cothran, Commissioner Peters motioned to purchase a Droplet Analysis System for calibration of the ULV Ground Application Equipment (in the amount of \$7,025.00), from Adapco for the Mosquito Control Department (sole-source purchase). Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EASEMENTS - BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT

T.D.C. Director Pickett reported that 410 of the 441 easements (93%) have been received from the property owners and recorded in the Clerk's Office.

PARK MAINTENANCE - WEEKENDS

T.D.C. Director Pickett reported that T.D.C. has agreed to fund two (2) positions to perform park maintenance on the weekends through September, and they will also include funding for these positions in next year's budget. Members of the Board thanked T.D.C. Director Pickett for their assistance.

DENSITIES - COMPREHENSIVE PLAN / AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Planner Richardson presented proposed Comp Plan densities as recommended by the P.D.R.B. for review by the Board. County Attorney McFarland reported that approval of this will be done through the ordinance process.

CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT / BROWN & BROWN

Human Resources Director Manuel reported on a settlement regarding a class action lawsuit against Brown & Brown for overcharging fees, stating that the Board is eligible to receive \$1,456.00. Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed to execute the settlement agreement and accept these funds.

TAX EXEMPTION HOLIDAY - HURRICANE SUPPLIES

Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that hurricane supplies purchased will be exempt from sales tax from June 1-12, 2007.

CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN

Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that an update of the County's Continuity of Operations Plan has been completed.

GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER / LOCAL FIRE BAN

Emergency Management Director Nelson discussed Executive Order #07-86 issued by the Governor, placing the State of Florida under a State of Emergency due to the wildfires currently around the State. After discussion regarding the recent fires in Gulf County, Commissioner Traylor motioned to ban all open burning in Gulf County until further notice. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The Board requested that Emergency Management Director Nelson provide this information to all media to inform the public.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS FOR BUSINESSES

Emergency Management Director Nelson reported there will be an exercise on hurricane preparedness for businesses on May 24, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., E.T., at the E.O.C.

STATEWIDE HURRICANE ENACTMENT

Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that there will be a statewide hurricane exercise during the week of May 29th through June 1st. He stated that it will be held in Gulf County on May 30th at the E.O.C., and invited the Commissioners to attend.

WILDFIRES

Planner Richardson reported that there are currently 216 active wildfires involving 43,000 acres in the State of Florida.

QUOTES - THRESHOLD INSPECTOR / HONEYVILLE STORM SHELTER (#0607-13)

Chief Administrator Butler reported that the County is required to have a Threshold Inspector for the Honeyville Storm Shelter project, and he presented 2 quotes (Collins & Associates - \$6,000.00 / ASC GeoSciences - \$6,475.00). Upon his recommendation, Commissioner McLemore motioned to accept the low quote for these services from Collins & Associates (\$6,000.00). Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BIOLOGICAL OPINION / BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT

Chief Administrator Butler reported that he received the draft Biological Opinion from Department of the Interior/ U.S. Fish & Wildlife, which has been reviewed and approved by the Beach Renourishment Consultant. Upon motion by Commissioner Barnes, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the Biological Opinion for the project.

CHANGE ORDER #3 - ROAD BOND PAVING PROJECT (BID #0607-11)

Chief Administrator Butler presented Change Order #3 to G.A.C. Contractors (and increase of \$1,000,023.40) for the Road Bond Paving project for approval by the Board. Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board approved execution of this change order.

PERMIT WAIVER REQUEST - CITY OF PORT ST. JOE / ST. JOE COMPANY DOCK

Building Official Collinsworth reported that he inspected the dock constructed on Marina Drive, and what he could see looks fine. He stated that it appears to be approximately 9,200 square feet, which would have generated a \$650.00 permit fee. He stated that the City requested that the permit fee be waived, but the dock is on The St. Joe Company's property. Upon inquiry, he reported that the normal process is to charge double the permit

fee when something is constructed prior to permitting. After discussion by members of the Board and Chief Administrator Butler regarding an agreement between The St. Joe Company and City of Port St. Joe regarding the “park” project and the need for the inspection process even if a permit is waived prior to construction, Commissioner Traylor motioned to follow Board procedure and charge The St. Joe Company a fine of \$1,300.00 (double the permit fee amount). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Commissioner Traylor gave a video presentation regarding the American Cancer Society “Relay for Life” Fund Raiser (through which a total of \$22,000.00 was raised), during which Chairman Williams had the honor of kissing a pig because he was the Commissioner who “earned” the most money.

ST. JOSEPH BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

Commissioner Peters thanked the Public Works and Road Departments for assisting the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society in completing the new building site by the deadline.

DEFERRED COMPENSATION

Commissioner Peters reported on a meeting he will hold on May 9th at 10:45 a.m., E.T. with the Constitutional Officers and Deferred Compensation representatives in an attempt to increase employee participation.

WEBSITE / MINUTES - BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Peters discussed that he, Deputy Administrator Lanier, Human Resources Director Manuel and Grant Writer Costin have been working to make improvements to the County’s website, and the minutes will now be on it. Commissioner Peters then motioned to no longer advertise the minutes in *The Star* (currently costs \$225.00 per month) as of May 1st. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner McLemore stated that he would also like for the Board to begin publishing their legals/ads in *The Gulf County Breeze*.

SACRED HEART HOSPITAL / INSURANCE

Commissioner Peters discussed Sacred Heart constructing a hospital in Gulf County, and he has had several inquiries regarding their acceptance of various insurance. Deputy Administrator Lanier reported that a Sacred Heart representative has assured her that they accept Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama, and Tri-Care. She stated that if Gulf County has another company that needs to be considered,

Sacred Heart would try to get contracts with other companies.

PUBLICATIONS / NEWSPAPER

Commissioner McLemore discussed an Editorial in The Star that was detrimental toward his mother, stating he is very displeased and hurt about this and feels that the County needs to begin placing all of their ads in The Gulf County Breeze (which is a locally-owned newspaper).

SACRED HEART HOSPITAL / INSURANCE

Commissioner Barnes discussed that he also had calls regarding the insurance issue with Sacred Heart (they have approximately 200 different policies for which they accept insurance).

WILDFIRES / BURN BAN

Commissioner Barnes thanked Commissioner Traylor for bringing up the burn ban, because there have been several serious fires in Gulf County recently.

BUDGETARY ISSUES

Chairman Williams reported that the House, Senate and Governor were at an impasse regarding the budgetary legislative issues, and have scheduled a Special Session on June 15-22, 2007 (which puts Gulf County in a precarious situation because the budget requests must be submitted by June 1st). He thanked the staff members for preparing the 3-scenario budgets so they will be prepared.

IMMIGRATION ISSUES

Chairman Williams discussed that he has received several calls lately regarding immigration and illegal aliens working in Gulf County. Gene Dykes then appeared before the Board and stated that a solution to this problem will have to come from the local government because the Federal Government is not helping. He discussed the possibility of the County implementing a policy to fine businesses in Gulf County that hire or rent to illegal aliens, because it is not fair to the local residents. He stated that 90 counties have passed similar laws, and a meeting can be held with the local Homebuilders Association. He also stated that the Board should not award contracts to individuals/companies that have illegals working for them. Chairman Williams discussed various issues (the number of residents in a dwelling, etc.) which affect the County. Commissioner Traylor stated that if the Government adopted the 12-20 million immigrants that are here today, it would cost \$3.5 trillion by the time they retire. County Attorney McFarland discussed the issue regarding undocumented workers is a problem everywhere, and stated that the homeowners association is a good place to begin. He further stated that to regulate the number of residents in a dwelling, etc., the County would have to adopt an ordinance addressing those issues. After further discussion, Chairman Williams requested that this

issue be incorporated into the special meeting scheduled for May 17th .

ANNEXATION AGREEMENT / CITY OF PORT ST. JOE

Chairman Williams presented documents regarding the annexation agreement with the City of Port St. Joe to the Clerk's Office, and stated that the residents of Highland View are still having issues regarding hook-up to the new sewer system.

SPECIAL PROJECTS PAYMENTS

Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the following Special Projects payments:

Dist. 1	Wewahitchka V.F.W. - Donation	\$ 150.00
	W.H.S. Varsity Cheerleaders -Donation	\$ 100.00
	Boy Scout Troop Donation	\$ 100.00
	P.S.J.H.S. Summer Basketball Program - Donation	\$ 150.00
Dist. 2	P.S.J.H.S. Summer Basketball Program - Donation	\$ 150.00
Dist. 3	W.C.F.D. - Scholarship Program	\$ 500.00
	B.F.D. - Scholarship Program	\$ 500.00
	H.V.F.D. - Scholarship Program	\$ 500.00
	P.S.J.H.S. Summer Basketball Program - Donation	\$ 150.00
	P.S.J.H.S. - Track & Field Basketball	\$ 500.00
Dist. 4	Boyer Signs - Signs for Peters Park	\$ 1,360.00
	Dorothy Beard Scholarship Foundation - Donation	\$ 200.00
	P.S.J.H.S. Summer Basketball Program - Donation	\$ 150.00
Dist. 5	P.S.J.H.S. Summer Basketball Program - Donation	\$ 150.00

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BURN BAN

Rich Brenner appeared before the Board to inquire about how the public will be notified of the burn ban. The Board agreed for Emergency Management Director Nelson to disseminate the information to the media, and to place the County's message signs on each end of the County. Chairman Williams also discussed the possibility of utilizing the City's reverse 9-1-1 system. Deputy Administrator Lanier stated that she will also place a notice on the website. Upon further inquiry about people who do have fires, Major Nugent reported that law enforcement will have them put out the fire.

COUNTY WEBSITE

Rich Brenner discussed the County's website in reference to notices regarding dates and times of all meetings (regular, special, workshops, etc.). Deputy Administrator Lanier stated they are developing a Calendar of Events for the website which will reflect all meetings and agendas. Chairman Williams also asked that anything regarding budget issues be discussed at regular meetings.

BURN BAN

Emergency Management Director Nelson discussed the burn ban, stating that he will follow the same process that was followed during the 1998 open burn ban.

S.H.I.P. PROGRAM / N.A.A.C.P.

Amy Rogers, Chairman of the Local Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P., appeared before the Board to read her response to the letter from Eddie Fields that was published in *The Star* regarding the S.H.I.P. Program and the N.A.A.C.P. Chairman Williams discussed that he will here her letter of response, but he does not want the Board meetings to be used for discussions back and forth between the two parties. Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Traylor, and unanimous vote, the Board extended Mrs. Rogers' time to speak by 3 minutes. Mrs. Rogers completed reading her response.

SENIOR CITIZENS / N.A.A.C.P.

Eddie Fields, member of the Agency Area of Aging, stated that he is a member of the N.A.A.C.P., but he criticized the local branch because of poor work that was done on the house of a senior citizen by one of Mrs. Rogers' agencies. Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board extended Mr. Fields' time to speak by 3 minutes. He stated that he does not have a problem with the National N.A.A.C.P., and has sent them a letter in reference to issues with the local branch.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN / WETLANDS

Patricia Hardman appeared before the Board to discuss the wetlands issue (50-foot setback on high-quality) in reference to the Comp Plan because it affects property near rivers, creeks, ponds, etc. County Attorney McFarland discussed that the low-quality is left to the discretion of the agency with jurisdiction, because the restrictions of the Corps of Engineers and D.E.P. are often less restrictive than some of the local area restrictions. Chairman Williams discussed that they did this in an effort to give the County some latitude. Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board extended Ms. Hardman's time to speak by 3 minutes. Ms. Hardman discussed how this will affect both North and South Gulf County, stating that people should have rights like turtles and alligators do, especially regarding their property.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #47 / SPECIAL PROJECTS

Deanne Williams and Ben Welch, of Boy Scout Troop #47, appeared before the Board to discuss the Boy Scout Troop and request Special Projects donations from the Board. Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board approved the following Special Projects payments (District 1 gave a donation earlier in this meeting):

Dist. 2	Boy Scout Troop #47 - Donation	\$ 100.00
Dist. 3	Boy Scout Troop #47 - Donation	\$ 100.00
Dist. 4	Boy Scout Troop #47 - Donation	\$ 100.00
Dist. 5	Boy Scout Troop #47 - Donation	\$ 100.00

Chairman Williams discussed a Junior Leadership Program that is being established for Gulf County's youth. Commissioner Barnes also discussed his appreciation for the Boy Scout Troop volunteers.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY / COMMITTEE

Steve Norris, Gulf County's representative on the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority, and Ray Reisner, of HDR Engineering, appeared before the Board to discuss that the Master Plan has been adopted and they gave a video presentation of the Authority's responsibilities and the Plan. <Chairman Williams left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.> Mr. Norris inquired if anyone had questions. <Chairman Williams returned to the meeting at 7:46 p.m.> Chairman Williams discussed that Mr. Norris was appointed to the Corridor Authority by the Governor, and has agreed to work with a local Transportation Committee to be appointed by the Board. Mr. Norris stated that he needs to check to make sure there will be no conflict of interest by him serving on the local committee and the Corridor Authority. After further discussion, Commissioner Peters motioned to advertise for potential committee members to serve on a Gulf County Transportation Committee (with the Board members to also bring their recommendations). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Norris reported that the video presentation is also on the Corridor Authority's website. Chairman Williams discussed working with Mexico Beach City Councilman Bob Ginsbert since the two areas will be affected. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Peters about plans to tie into I-10, Ray Reisner discussed future plans for a limited-access expressway to help alleviate some of the traffic on I-10 (east/west traffic), but there will be four lanes of road from Gulf to Bay to Gulf Coast Parkway to U.S. 231. He further stated that this plan will be revisited on an annual basis.

DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES

Joe Blanchard, of Crowder Disaster Recovery Services, introduced Bud Rich who is the

representative for this area. Mr. Blanchard discussed the business and recommended that the Board enter into a pre-event contract with the company. He stated that this allows them to perform site planning in advance and also increases the percentage of funding the County can receive from F.E.M.A. He further discussed the makeup of his business, and stated that each Site Plan is tailored to each County and the County staff is included in the pre-event training. Mr. Rich discussed that having a pre-event contract aids the County by speeding up the process when a disaster occurs. Upon discussion by Commissioner McLemore regarding funding, Mr. Blanchard stated that they assist the County in receiving funding from F.E.M.A., and Mr. Rich stated that there is no cost to the County until the contract is activated (when the County needs it). Commissioner Peters requested that Emergency Management Director Nelson review this matter and make a recommendation to the Board. Emergency Management Director Nelson stated that the Board has considered entering a contract like this in the past. He further reported that F.E.M.A. currently only reimburses the County 75%, but will reimburse 80%-85% if the County has a pre-event contract. He also stated that it will not prevent County employees from also participating in the debris cleanup, the company would immediately go to the most critical areas. The Board agreed to look at this issue during the upcoming budget sessions.

There being no further business and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the meeting did then adjourn at 8:03 p.m., E.T.

**BILL WILLIAMS
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**