

SEPTEMBER 2, 2015
PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA
WORKSHOP

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in a workshop session with the following members present: Chairman Ward McDaniel, Vice Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, and Commissioners Joanna Bryan and Sandy Quinn, Jr. < District V seat vacant awaiting Governor's appointment>.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Director of Finance and Management Rhonda Woodward, Clerk Budget and Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Gulf County E.D.C. Director Chris Holley, County Planner Brett Lowry, Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Warren Yeager, Jr., and Sheriff Mike Harrison.

Chairman McDaniel called the meeting to order at 3:59 p.m., E.T.

RESTORE

Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Warren J. Yeager, Jr. appeared before the Board to discuss the need for the RESTORE Act Committee (RAC) to meet with the Board. He then discussed the five (5) different pots; reporting that the first three (3) pots are important to Gulf County, but with pot four (4) and five (5), the County does not have a lot of control over. Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Yeager discussed each pot: Pot 1. Direct Allocation, goes directly to the Counties over a fifteen (15) year period; Pot 2. Council, which consist of six (6) agencies; Pot 3. Consortium, which is twenty-three (23) Counties. He reported that the twenty-three (23) Counties held a workshop and agreed that 50% would be divided up among the eight (8) Counties and 50% would go to the other fifteen (15) from Monroe County to Jefferson County. Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Yeager discussed Pot 6 which is under N.R.D.A. (Natural Resource Damage Assessment). He introduced members from the Dewberry Consulting firm that were present at the workshop; stating that after the presentation the RAC wanted to hear from the Board as to what they would like to see Pot 1 money be spent on. Dewberry Vice President Bryon Griffith appeared before the Board to present a power-point presentation regarding RESTORE and the implementation plan. After discussion and inquiry by Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Yeager, Commissioner McLemore discussed using Pot 1 money for waterway systems, Bay, Apalachicola, boat ramps, and purchase property on both ends of the County for fishing piers. Commissioner Bryan discussed her concerns regarding stormwater; stating that she would like for the Board to look at a stormwater management plan. Commissioner Quinn discussed the work done thus far and supporting the waterways. After further discussion, Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Yeager reported that the RAC (RESTORE Act Committee) meets once a

month and encouraged the public to attend. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. Sharon Gaskin, of North Florida Child Development (Head Start) appeared before the Board to discuss the business plan and partnering with other agencies to create the new facility located in Port St. Joe. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There were no public comment.

Chairman McDaniel reported that Representative Halsey Beshears and Senator Bill Montford will be in Gulf County on September 28th at 5:00 p.m., E.T. and encouraged the public to attend.

Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment or no further business the meeting did then adjourn at 4:48 p.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK OF COURT**