

**JANUARY 8, 2015**

**PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in special session with the following members present: Chairman Ward McDaniel, Vice Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, and Commissioners Joanna Bryan, Sandy Quinn, Jr., and Warren J. Yeager, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, 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, Grant Coordinator Towan Kopinsky, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Mike Harrison, Sheriff's Department Captain Chris Buchanan, Tax Collector Shirley Jenkins, and T.D.C. Executive Director Jennifer Jenkins.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m., E.T.

**SOUTH GULF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

After discussion by County Attorney Novak, David Sapte, S.G.C.F.D. Chief appeared before the Board to discuss the South Gulf County Fire Department and funding needs. He reported that Shane McGuffin trained South Gulf Volunteer Fire Fighters in First Response and they began answering E.M.S. calls; they also took Fire Fighter One classes and all thirty (30) on the roster are fully certified under the Florida State Fire College. After discussion, Chief Sapte discussed his concerns regarding the Fire Tax, budget, and expenses. He requested from the Board more money and support; asking that the \$60,040.00 in Reserve be transferred to South Gulf Fire Department. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Chief Sapte reported that of the 166 calls received, two (2) were structure, ten (10) were wildfires, and the rest were E.M.S. or beach rescue calls. Commissioner Yeager discussed his concerns regarding S.G.C.F.D. and looking at going back to .5 mills for the fire departments next budget session. He also discussed having a T.D.C. presence at the Cape. Commissioner Bryan discussed holding a workshop with all the fire chiefs. Chairman McDaniel discussed each County Fire Departments budget and expenses. After further discussion, Chairman McLemore stated he will call a workshop with all the fire departments.

**BEACH NOURISHMENT / MSBU/MSTU RESOLUTION**

County Attorney Novak discussed the proposed beach nourishment MSTU resolution; reporting that March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline. He reported that notice has been received from the Gulf County Tax Collector and Property Appraiser regarding today's special meeting. After discussion by County Attorney Novak, Dewberry Vice President Bryon Griffith

appeared before the Board to discuss working with the County (Bid #1415-01 \* Restore Act Consultant); introducing other members of the Dewberry team to the Board. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Yeager, Mr. Griffith stated that it will take one (1) year to produce a written multi-year implementation plan for Gulf County regarding Restore. After discussion, Michael Dombrowski, of MRD Associates appeared before the Board to provide the Board with a brief overview of the technical aspects of the Cape; stating that the County is in the maintenance phase. He reported that the Southern end of the Cape is at a critical state, and discussed a proposed design plan. After discussion, Commissioner McLemore discussed his concerns regarding hauling in sand to the Stumphole area and it drifting down to the Point which could slowly close off the Bay. He discussed building a bridge at the Stumphole and allow nature to cut a canal. After further discussion, Commissioner Yeager reported that D.O.T. is interested in this project and they are looking for funding now. Mr. Dombrowski reported that D.O.T. looked at building a bridge five (5) years ago, but the estimated cost was \$60 to \$80 million dollars and there is an issue regarding the aquatic preserve. Discussion followed. Pat Hardman, of Port St. Joe appeared before the Board to discuss her concerns regarding the erosion and requested that the Board advertise the proposed MSTU resolution. After further discussion, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. Boyd Kline, of Cape San Blas appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding the erosion at the Cape; reporting that the rock wall causes more erosion. Bill Mc Gee, of Cape San Blas appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding the peninsula of Cape San Blas and the County setting aside funding for contingency. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no further public comment, County Attorney Novak discussed advertising the proposed MSTU resolution and read the proposed resolution by title. Commissioner Yeager motioned to advertise the proposed beach nourishment MSTU resolution and hold public hearing in February, 2015. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Bryan, and unanimous vote, the meeting did then adjourn at 5:49 p.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL  
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

**REBECCA L. NORRIS  
CLERK OF COURT**