

JULY 7, 2015

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

EMERGENCY MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this day in Emergency 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 of the Circuit Court Rebecca L. Norris, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Court Report Trudy Downs, Rhon Jones of the Beasley Allen Law Firm, and Billy Buzzett of the Nix Patterson Law Firm.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m., E.T. by Chairman McDaniel.

Chairman McDaniel referred to County Attorney Novak who noted the meeting notice requirements and the County's compliance with those requirements.

CLOSED DOOR SESSION

Commissioner Yeager motioned to go into Closed Door Session. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously at 8:05 a.m. to go into closed door session to discuss the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Litigation Settlement offer. Clerk Norris, other county staff, and the public were dismissed from the meeting room.

The emergency meeting recessed at 8:05 a.m., E.T. to go into a Closed Door Session.

The emergency meeting reconvened at 8:29 a.m., E.T.

RESOLUTION #2015-11

Following direction and discussion by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner Yeager motioned to proceed with the agreement and required paperwork; allowing the Chairman to sign any necessary documents to accept the settlement offered by BP. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion; asking County Attorney Novak to provide the settlement numbers. County Attorney Novak discussed the settlement; noting the Board would be accepting the settlements by resolution. County Attorney Novak then read the proposed resolution by title; accepting \$261,592.00 on behalf of the Gulf County Tourist Development Council and allowing the Chairman to sign the release. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously to proceed and adopt the following Resolution by title.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF GULF COUNTY IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE GULF COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, ACCEPTING A FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS AGAINST BP AND OTHER RESULTING FROM THE DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A GENERAL RELEASE AND OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

* Complete Resolution on file with Clerk *

(End)

RESOLUTION #2015-12

County Attorney Novak read the proposed resolution by title; accepting the settlement of \$751,126.00 on behalf of the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Yeager motioned to accept the settlement by resolution. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, County Attorney Novak discussed the settlement amount and attorney/litigation fees that are yet to be determined; noting the offer will be made public after settled. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motioned passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution by title.

RESOLUTION 2015-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA ACCEPTING A FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS AGAINST BP AND OTHERS RESULTING FROM THE DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A GENERAL RELEASE AND OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND PROVING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

* Complete Resolution on file with Clerk *

(End)

County Attorney Novak noted that our Attorneys will now go forward; presenting the documents to BP for their legal review and execution.

ADJOURN

Commissioner McLemore moved to adjourn. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion but stated that this settlement is just the lawsuit directly to the County and has nothing to do with the pending RESTORE Act funds. County Attorney Novak noted for the record that when the global settlement is fully executed, it will be available to the public. The meeting was then adjourned at 8:40 a.m., E.T. by unanimous vote.

**WARD MCDANIEL
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**