

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

FEBRUARY 14, 2008

SPECIAL MEETING

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

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Grant Writer Loretta Costin, Human Resources Director Denise Manuel, Planner David Richardson, Assistant Road Department Superintendent Chris Wood, Veterans' Service Officer James Kennedy, and Sheriff's Office Major Bobby Plair.

Chairman Traylor called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., E.T.

AMERICUS AVENUE DITCH PROJECT

Upon recommendation by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Williams motioned to approve Bailey & Son Diversified invoice #2, in the amount of \$58,197.15 (to be paid from Account #41441-63000). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

Chief Administrator Butler reported that an inventory was done on the ditch pipe after the fire, and the A.D.S. representative recommends that the Board not use some of the pipes that they were going to try to use. After further discussion, he stated that \$175,000.00 has been filed on the insurance (pipe only), and they will need to take funds from Secondary Road & Bridge to finish the project (to be reimbursed when the insurance or interest funds are received), if the Board will approve it. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous (4-0) vote, the Board agreed to complete the project, using up to \$25,000.00 from Secondary Road & Bridge Funds (to be reimbursed when the insurance / interest funds are received).

HIGHLAND VIEW SEWER PROJECT

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the Board's decision to hold the payment to the City of Port St. Joe for the Highland View Sewer Project until something was worked out regarding the Overstreet Water System, and they are requesting this check. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Williams, Michael Hammond, of Preble-Rish, stated that the City is waiting for a bond from The St. Joe Company before they go under the Highland View Bridge to connect the system. After discussion regarding the Windmark Sewer Project and the delay in completion of the Highland View project, Mr. Hammond stated that the City

is to have the project complete with 60 days from receiving the bond from St. Joe Company. After further discussion, Commissioner Williams motioned to release the \$1,001,711.41 payment to the City of Port St. Joe, and submit a letter notifying them that no additional funds (from the \$2 million) will be paid until certain projects are performed, and Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. After further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

There being no further discussion and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the meeting did then adjourn at 11:14 a.m., E.T.

BILLY E. TRAYLOR
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK