

MARCH 22, 2016

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

REGULAR MEETING

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

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Director of Finance & Management Rhonda Woodward, Clerk Budget & Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Kari Summers, Building Official George Knight, Central Services Director Lynn Lanier, Gulf County E.D.C. Director Chris Holley, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, County Planner Brett Lowry, Public Works & Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Assistant Public Works Director Lee Collinsworth, Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Warren Yeager, Jr., Sheriff Mike Harrison, T.D.C. Executive Director Jennifer Jenkins, T.D.C. Deputy Director Towan Kopinsky, and Veterans' Service Officer & S.H.I.P. Administrator Joe Paul.

Sheriff Harrison called the meeting at 9:00 a.m., E.T.

Chairman McDaniel opened the meeting with prayer, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman McDaniel called for public comment regarding the Consent Agenda. There was no public comment. Commissioner Bryan discussed Page 18 (Item #1 * March 10, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes) of the Consent Agenda. After discussion, Commissioner Barnes motioned to accept the Consent Agenda with the pulling of Page 18. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for the public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously, as follows:

1. Minutes – February 29, 2016 – Regular Meeting
– March 10, 2016 – Special Meeting (***Page 18 pulled for further discussion during Board Business**)
2. Approval of Checks and Warrants for February, 2016 which are incorporated herein by reference, pursuant to Chapter 136.06 F.S.
3. Agreement – Career Source Gulf Coast (CEO/Interlocal Agreement)
– MRD Associates, Inc. (Sea Turtle & Escarpment Monitoring 2016-8.1 * May 1, 2016 thru October 31, 2016 * \$41,600.00)

– MRD Associates, Inc. (Post-Construction Shorebird Monitoring Services
2016-8.2 * February, 2016 thru February, 2017 * \$5,800.00)

4. Appointment – Economic Development Coalition (James “Bo” Patterson *
Replacing Phil McCroan)
5. Bid – #1516-09A * Sale of a 2000 Gold Chevrolet K1500 from T.D.C. * Asset
#230-39 * VIN #2GCEK19T9Y1212205 (Thomas M. Bush Withdrew
Bid * Request to Dispose this Vehicle)
6. Easement – James & Mary Ann Turner (Fence Encroaching on Right-of-way of
Duval Street, Oak Grove)
7. Grant – Small County (Chairman to Sign the Grant Application)
8. Inventory – Gulf Co Health Dept. (Asset Transfer to Gulf Co BOCC * #130-536 *
2007 White Chevrolet Impala * VIN #2G1WB58K379400473 *
#130-488 * 2006 White Dodge Caravan * VIN #
1D4GP24E46B698432)
9. Plan - Career Source Gulf Coast (Region IV Gulf Coast Workforce Board Local
Workforce Services Plan 2016-2020)

(End)

GRANT APPLICATIONS – FL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Upon recommendation by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner McLemore motioned to accept his recommendation to apply to Florida D.O.T. for the following: (A) Small County Outreach Program (S.C.O.P.) Grant: 1. Lake Grove Road Bridge Repairs, 2. Remainder of Iola Road; (B) Small County Rural Assistance Program (S.C.R.A.P.) Grant: 1. Doc Whitfield Road, 2. Canal Street; (C) County Incentive Grant Program (C.I.G.P.) Grant: 1. (County) Road 20; (D) Transportation Regional Incentive Program (T.R.I.P.) Grant: 1. 13 Mile Road, 2. Stumphole Revetment; and (E) Transportation Alternatives Program (T.A.P.) Grant: 1. Americus Ditch Outfall Improvements. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for the public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

MEMORY GARDEN – BEACON HILL VETERANS’ MEMORIAL PARK

Chief Administrator Butler recommended the Board agree to the coordinates submitted <copy provided to the Clerk for the record> and enter them into the record for the memory garden at Beacon Hill Veterans’ Memorial Park. Commissioner Bryan motioned to enter these four (4) corners into the record but wait until the N.R.D.A. (Natural Resource Damage Assessment) improvements are completed to come back and finalize. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion, Commissioner Bryan stated that her motion is that the Board memorialize the location of those (four) flags that have been monitored out and bring it back before the Board when the N.R.D.A. (Natural Resource Damage Assessment) improvements are completed for

finalization, working with the Veterans' through the entire process. After further discussion by members of the Board, Chairman McDaniel called for the public comment. There was no public comment. Upon inquiry by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Bryan clarified her motion that the Board memorialize the four (4) corners that were designed (for the memory garden), no work will be done until the N.R.D.A. (Natural Resource Damage Assessment) Project is completed (at Beacon Hill Veterans' Memorial Park), and at that time the Board will review and work with the Veterans' to see if these corners need to be adjusted. After discussion, Chairman McDaniel called for the public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

MEETING – HEALTH TRUST

County Attorney Novak reported that the Health Trust Board Executive Committee will hold a reorganizational meeting tomorrow morning (March 23, 2016) in the E.O.C. Building at 9:00 a.m., E.T.; stating that after this meeting Staff will provide a report to the Board regarding the pledge to Sacred Heart Hospital.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDING LNT & RV ORDINANCES

County Attorney Novak reported that the second public hearing to consider an amendment to the Leave No Trace (LNT) Ordinance and the Recreational Vehicle (RV) Ordinance will be held tomorrow night (March 23, 2016) in the Board Room at 5:01 p.m., E.T.; stating that the notice has been posted and advertised in the newspaper.

POLICY – RISK ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT

After discussion and recommendation by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner Barnes motioned to adopt the Risk Assessment and Management Policy <copy provided to the Clerk for the record>. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. After discussion, Chairman McDaniel called for the public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner Bryan voting no.

FISH TOURNAMENT – BEACON HILL VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK

After discussion by County Attorney Novak, Commissioner Bryan motioned to allow the Chairman to sign a Florida Division of Alcoholic, Beverage and Tobacco Application <copy not provided to the Clerk for the record> for a one (1) day permit to enable the Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association to hold a special alcohol sales license at the Kingfish Tournament at Beacon Hill Veterans' Memorial Park in August, 2016. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for the public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

RULING IN JEFFERSON COUNTY – INMATE POPULATION / REDISTRICTING

County Attorney Novak reported that he obtained the decision from the U.S. District Court regarding the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners and School Board; stating Judge Walker found and cited several Counties throughout Florida for prison gerrymandering. He reported that the Order on the Summary Judgment Motion found that State inmates in Jefferson County are not to be counted as part of the redistricting process. County Attorney Novak stated Gulf County did not include their inmates, as well as eight (8) other small rural Counties in Florida. He reported that the Order of the Court to Jefferson County

was to redistrict immediately. After discussion, Commissioner Bryan requested that County Attorney Novak email her a copy of the ruling.

ROAD CLOSURE – COUNTY ROAD 30

Public Works Director Cothran appeared before the Board to report that the road closure on CR-30 will be next week; stating that contractors will be working on the road Monday through Friday from the (Indian Pass) Raw Bar to the Franklin County line. He stated that road signs are posted.

WAIVER REQUEST – HONEYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

E.M.S. Director Whitfield appeared before the Board to report that Bay Medical Center is requesting that Gulf County host a two (2) day P.H.T.L.S. (Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support) Class; requesting approval to hold this class at the Honeyville Community Center on June 8th and 9th and waive the rental fee for the use of the facility. He stated that there will be no cost to the County. Commissioner McLemore motioned to waive the rental fees for the use of the Honeyville Community Center for this event. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. After discussion, Chairman McDaniel called for the public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

POLICY – RISK ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT

Clerk Director of Finance & Management Woodward thanked the Board for passing the Risk Assessment and Management Policy.

PAGE 18 – MARCH 10, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Bryan discussed the minutes on page 18 (pulled from the Consent Agenda) regarding the Solid Waste/Waste Pro discussion; stating that the minutes reflect the Chairman called for public comment and she doesn't recall there being any public comment called for. She requested this section be verified so the minutes are correct. Commissioner Bryan discussed the second issue in the minutes (on page 18); noting that it was not mentioned that the Chairman had the Sheriff remove the Commander of the VFW from the meeting, Mr. Dan McDonough; stating that the minutes need to reflect that. After discussion by Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner McLemore discussed his concerns regarding the meeting; stating that the Chairman has a duty to keep the meeting in order. Chairman McDaniel stated for the record that Gulf County goes by the honor system; reporting that the public didn't have to walk through a metal detector before entering the Board Room this morning. He stated that he has a responsibility to run these meetings and that there is a Speaking Policy in place. After discussion by Chairman McDaniel, Commissioner Bryan discussed her concerns regarding this issue. Chairman McDaniel called the meeting to order. Commissioner McLemore motioned to move on. The Chair then called for a brief recess.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m., E.T.

The meeting reconvened at 9:59 a.m., E.T.

County Attorney Novak reported that during the recess the Chairman requested that he recite to the Board and public to the Gulf County Board Rules of Procedure and Policy. He read sections of this policy for the Board and Public. After discussion by Chairman McDaniel, Commissioner Bryan discussed her concerns regarding the section of the minutes that state the Chair called for public comment; stating that she doesn't think the Chairman called for public comment and the minutes needs to be corrected. She also discussed the need to add that Mr. McDonough was removed by the Chairman's order to the Sheriff. Commissioner Bryan motioned to correct the minutes as the meeting took place. Upon inquiry by Chairman McDaniel, Deputy Clerk Roberts reported that she would review the tape to verify whether the Chairman did call for public comment at the end of the discussion of the title "Garbage – Solid Waste / Waste Pro". After discussion, Clerk Director of Finance & Management Woodward inquired if Commissioner Bryan's motion could be altered to give the Clerk's Office an opportunity to review the meeting tape and revise the topic regarding public comment and then approve the removal of Mr. McDonough. Commissioner Bryan revised her motion accordingly. Sheriff Harrison appeared before the Board to state that he wants the record to be correct; reporting that the Chair did give the order to remove him, he (Sheriff Harrison) stood up and at that time the gentleman removed himself. Commissioner Bryan agreed that is a correct reflection. Upon inquiry by Clerk Director of Finance & Management Woodward, Chairman McDaniel stated that the Clerk's Office go back and look at the tape and research if they need to be edited (regarding the calling of public comment). Commissioner Quinn inquired how it can be included in the minutes when they were never recognized. County Attorney Novak recommended to the Board to allow the Clerk's Office go back to watch and listen to the tape, as done in the past, place (his name) in parenthesis, and present the revised meeting minutes of page 18 to the Board for consideration. Chairman McDaniel called for a second. The motion died for a lack of a second. Commissioner McLemore motioned for page 18 to go back into the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for the public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner Bryan voting no.

FISH FRY – AMERICAN LEGION

Commissioner Bryan reported that the American Legion is holding their annual fish fry this Friday at the Beacon Hill Veterans' Memorial Park beginning at 11:00 a.m. She encouraged the public to come out and support the American Legion.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – ALABAMA AVENUE

Commissioner Bryan discussed a burnt trailer on Alabama (Avenue); stating the County needs to move forward. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Bryan, County Attorney Novak stated that other than the nine (9) contacts and dialog, he has no further updates at this time. After discussion, Commissioner Bryan motioned for County Staff to tear down the trailer to make it safe and no longer a nuisance. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. After discussion, Public Works Director Cothran discussed the work regarding the landfill (Five Points) closure. After further discussion, Commissioner McLemore discussed Public Works tearing down the structure, piling it up and then come back at a later time to haul the debris off. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL MEETING – MARCH 10TH

Commissioner Bryan discussed her concerns regarding the special meeting held on March 10th; stating the meeting was an ambush on her regarding the Waste Pro contract and men's night, also known as, Norton night. She stated that after her review of previous meetings, she wished to address two (2) areas of concern: 1. Analysis and Reports; stating these are typically in writing with a basis for the position taken. She reported she has asked for reports in writing but still nothing in writing, and 2. Illegalities; stating she has been accused of attacking County Attorney Novak and his family; for which she stated she has done neither. Commissioner Bryan noted that illegalities means a criminal act and asked what criminal act she was being accused of. Commissioner McLemore motioned to move forward with the next issue. Upon inquiry by Chairman McDaniel, Commissioner McLemore stated he was calling for a point. With that, Chairman McDaniel advised that all discussion must stop for a point of order; asking Commissioner McLemore to state his point. Commissioner McLemore stated that this is beating a dead horse down further; the name calling, the attacks; noting there is no need to hear it further. He stated we need to move on and take of business. Upon inquiry by Chairman McDaniel, Commissioner McLemore clarified his motion is to kill this debate and move on to the next issue. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion by members of the Board, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed 4-1, with Commissioner Bryan noting no.

CLEAN-UP – AUBURN STUDENTS

Commissioner Quinn reported that every spring break summer students from Auburn (University) come to Port St. Joe; thanking them for the work that they do. He also thanked County Staff for the use of equipment and City Staff and Officials.

LETTER OF SUPPORT – NPSJ PROJECT

Commissioner Quinn discussed a letter of support that he submitted regarding the North Port St. Joe Project Area Committee; providing a copy to the Board for review <copy provided to the Clerk for the record>.

GRANT – HONEYVILLE PARK

Commissioner McLemore voiced his concerns regarding the grant for Honeyville Park; reporting that the grant was written to build a new ball field. He stated there is no additional room to build another ball field at Honeyville Park. Commissioner McLemore inquired whether Staff could contact D.E.P. to modify this grant. Chief Administrator Butler stated the County can request a modification to this grant. Commissioner McLemore motioned to reach back out to D.E.P. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

RE-ELECTION – COMMISSIONER MCLEMORE

Commissioner McLemore reported that he will not seek re-election.

CAMPGROUND – DEAD LAKES PARK

Chairman McDaniel reported that campers are being turned away at Dead Lakes Park due to the lack of space. He stated the County is looking at opening nine (9) more camp sites at this park to accommodate campers.

PUBLIC HEARING – FIVE YEAR CIS ORDINANCE

Chairman McDaniel recognized the public hearing to consider the proposed five year capital improvement schedule ordinance

MEETING – U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN GRAHAM

Chairman McDaniel acknowledged that Representative Alex Quintana, Aide to Congresswomen Gwen Graham will be at the St. Joe Fire Station today from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; encouraging anyone with concerns to stop by.

PUBLIC HEARING – FIVE YEAR CIS ORDINANCE

Chairman McDaniel called for public comment regarding the proposed five year capital improvement schedule ordinance. There was no public comment. Planner Lowry stated that this is an annual review required by Florida Statute to be updated yearly. He reported that the second public hearing will be held next month and the proposed schedule is available in the Clerk's Office for review.

COUNTY – HELD TAX CERTIFICATES

Upon inquiry by members of the Board, County Attorney Novak stated that his understanding is that the tax certificates are going to expire if the County does not pursue them. After discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to table this issue until Clerk Norris can address it. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING – REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF P.D.R.B. RECOMMENDATIONS

VARIANCE REQUEST – TAMELA L. MOORE / HIGHLAND VIEW

Planner Lowry introduced a variance request from Tamela L. Moore (Parcel ID #04361-000R) requesting a 9 ft. variance into the 20 ft. roadside setback located in Highland View. He reported that the P.D.R.B. recommended to the Board by a 4-0 to approve the request. Commissioner McLemore motioned to move forward with this request. Planner Lowry stated that the Board will need to go through the Quasi-Judicial Hearing process. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There was no public comment. Chairman McDaniel inquired if anyone has any objections to waiving the Quasi-Judicial Hearing. There were no objections. Commissioner Bryan motioned to waive the Quasi-Judicial Hearing. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the P.D.R.B. recommendation. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

QUARTERLY UPDATE – WEWAHITCHKA MEDICAL CENTER

Katrina Saunders, of Wewahitchka Medical Center appeared before the Board to provide their quarterly report. She stated that the Center is accepting new patients and provides a slide-fee program.

PRESENTATION – RESTORE MYIP

Stella Wilson, of Dewberry appeared before the Board to provide an update presentation of the Multi-Year Implantation Plan. She reported that next step will be to draft the MYIP (Multi-Year Implantation Plan) and provide it to the public prior to submitting it to U.S. Treasury. After discussion by Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Yeager, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve and move forward with the draft MYIP. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. Noel Guardi, of Beacon Hill appeared before the Board to inquire about the property to be acquired. Chairman McDaniel directed the Clerk to stop Mr. Guardi's time. Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Yeager discussed the land acquisition. Mr. Guardi inquired if the land acquisition will be from private land owners and what is in place to insure the price is fair. Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Yeager stated that there will be an appraisal process. Mr. Guardi inquired whether the Board will approve the land acquisitions. Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Yeager stated that the Board would approve the land acquisitions. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion then passed unanimously.

EASTER BUNNY – GULF COUNTY SHERIFF

President of the Coastal Community Association, Pat Hardman appeared before the Board to report there were enough Easter baskets donated; ensuring every child within the County that needs one will receive one. She thanked Sheriff Harrison for participating and being the Easter Bunny this year.

MEETING – REPRESENTATIVE BESHEARS

President of the Coastal Community Association, Pat Hardman appeared before the Board to discuss the meeting in Tallahassee with Representative Halsey Beshears regarding saving the Bay.

SOS SAVE THE CAPE PARTY – HAUGHTY HERON

Coastal Community Association President Pat Hardman reported that there will be a SOS Save the Cape Party tonight (March 22nd) at the Haughty Heron from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and encouraged the Board and the public to attend.

CONTRACT – WASTE PRO

Jill Paton, of Beacon Hill appeared before the Board to discuss her concerns regarding the services of Waste Pro; requesting the Board reconsider taking action regarding the contract with Waste Pro.

MEETING – BOARD SCHEDULE

Jill Paton, of Beacon Hill discussed the meeting schedule; requesting the Board consider meeting twice a month.

LEADERSHIP – GULF COUNTY

Jill Paton, of Beacon Hill expressed her concerns regarding the leadership and vendors in Gulf County.

UPGRADE TURN-AROUND – SELMA STREET

Edgar Tidd, of St. Joe Beach appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding there being no turn-around at the end of the street (Selma); reporting that someone turned around and broke his septic cover and water meter. He requested the County consider an upgrade and create a turn-around at the end of the street (Selma). Chairman McDaniel requested that Public Works Director Cothran review this to see if it is County property. Mr. Tidd reported that the road ends right in front of his property.

FIRE – BEACON HILL

Noel Guardi, of Beacon Hill appeared to discuss his concerns regarding a fire that was in Beacon Hill due to a resident burning trash in a bin.

BEACH RENOURISHMENT – CAPE SAN BLAS

Thomas Bush, of Port St. Joe appeared before the Board to report that he supports Pat Hardman in saving the Cape; stating that the beach needs to be re-nourished.

There being no further business, and motion by Commissioner Barnes, second by Commissioner Quinn, and unanimous vote, the meeting did then adjourn at 11:23 a.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK OF COURT**