

MAY 6, 2010 – SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a special meeting on May 6, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., at the Walton County Courthouse Annex in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Scott Brannon, Chair; Commissioner Kenneth Pridgen, Commissioner Cecilia Jones; and Commissioner Sara Comander. Mr. Lyle Seigler, County Administrator; and Attorney Lynn Hoshihara, Interim County Attorney; were also present.

Commissioner Comander led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Chairman Brannon called the meeting to order to discuss the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and the precautionary measures that have been taken, and planned to be taken, to protect our natural resources.

Attorney Hoshihara requested that the current contract with Crowder Gulf Disaster Response be expanded to include services to other bodies of water and clean up of hazardous materials.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to expand the Crowder Gulf Disaster Response contract to include other bodies of water and hazardous materials.

Commissioner Comander asked that Crowder Gulf utilize local vendors and people.

Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Sheriff Mike Adkinson stated that the main goal is to prevent the oil from reaching Walton County shores and the Coastal Dune Lake System. He reported that there would be close

observation of the oil slick movements to determine if it is coming toward Walton County. He discussed the different phases that would be followed in the event that it does head this way. Phase I would include the use of barges to blow hay onto the oil slick. Boomers and skimmers would be used to remove the oil soaked hay from the gulf. Phase II would include fencing to protect the beaches and Coastal Dune Lakes. He said that resources must be readily available and requested authorization to move forward with the plan of action. The estimated cost of this plan would be \$1.5 million. He felt that taking no action would cost the county more.

Motion by Commissioner Comander, second by Commissioner C. Jones, to proceed with the plan of action presented.

Commissioner Pridgen asked if funding was available for the plan presented. Mr. Bill Imfeld, County Finance Director, stated that funding would be available. Commissioner Pridgen commended the Sheriff and his staff for the job they are doing to protect our beaches and citizens.

Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

28:59 Sheriff Adkinson requested authorization to instruct his counsel to prepare Deep Water Horizon Funding Agreements and any other funding reimbursement claims associated with recovery costs for the Chair's signature.

Motion by Commissioner Pridgen, second by Commissioner Comander, to authorize the Sheriff's Office legal staff to proceed with the reimbursement measures. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Brannon Aye, Pridgen Aye, C. Jones Aye, Comander Aye.

Ms. Dawn Moliterno, TDC Interim Executive Director, gave an overview of TDC actions to prepare for a possible disaster due to the oil spill.

Sheriff Adkinson stated that he and his staff are available and will work hard to keep the citizens informed as the situation progresses. He reported that training classes are being offered to the public for those wishing to volunteer to help with the clean up.

Mr. Cliff Knauer, Preble-Rish, gave an overview of the Coastal Dune Lake protection plan. He discussed the barriers that would be used in protecting the lakes. He reported that currently the lakes are discharging due to the recent storms. He stated that DEP is reviewing the plan but has not given permission to proceed. Mr. Knauer presented a Power Point to illustrate the measures to be taken.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

APPROVED _____
Scott Brannon, Chair

ATTEST _____
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts