

RESOLUTION R2013 - \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 3 OF RESOLUTION R2012-150 BY AMENDING THE DUTIES OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; DELETING A TIME RESTRICTION FOR THE COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE USE OF RESTORE FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP RANKING CRITERIA SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2012, the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution R2012-150, which established a RESTORE Act Advisory Committee to assist the Board in allocating its share of certain fine and settlement amounts pursuant to the federal Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 3, 2012, the Board amended Resolution 2012-150 by adopting Resolution R2013-5, which increased the membership of the Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has selected the membership of the Committee and the Committee has subsequently held several meetings and heard from several interested groups regarding appropriate ranking criteria for the evaluation and selection of projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee is seeking to clarify its role in developing ranking criteria for its use in the evaluation and selection of projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee had further determined that it needs more than the allotted six months to develop a plan that sets forth the final goals for the use of RESTORE funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board concurs with these requests from the Committee and seeks to consequently amend Resolution R2012-150.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. RECITALS.**

The aforementioned recitals are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO RESTORE ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE DUTIES.**

Section 3 of Resolution R2012-150 is hereby amended as follows:

The RESTORE Act Advisory Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

A. ~~That within the first six months of formation, t~~The committee shall develop a plan, taking public input into consideration, that sets forth the final goals for the community's use of the subject RESTORE funds.

B. The Committee shall review projects submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration of funding pursuant to the RESTORE Act. The Committee shall assign each project proposal into one of three categories: economic development and job creation, environmental, and infrastructure. A project may only be submitted for funding in one category. At the Committee's discretion, similar projects may be combined into a unified project proposal. Projects with a total estimated cost lower than \$500,000.00 will not be considered for funding using RESTORE Act funds.

C. ~~The Board of County Commissioners~~ Committee shall establish ranking criteria for ~~the Committee to use~~ its review of project proposals. ~~The Committee shall rely solely on the ranking criteria established by the Board of County Commissioners~~

The Board of County Commissions shall review and approve the ranking criteria developed by the Committee prior to the ranking of project proposals.

D. The Committee shall rank each project and compile aggregate ranked lists of the projects submitted in each category. The Committee shall then submit the lists to the Board of County Commissioners for review and approval. The Board of County Commissioners may adopt a timeline for the ranking and approval process and any other deadlines it deems necessary. This timeline and other deadlines shall be binding on the Committee.

**SECTION 3.**      **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.