



## Gulf County Will Advertise Special Tax For Beach Nourishment

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**GULF COUNTY, FL** - Gulf County Commissioners decided in a special meeting on Tuesday that they will advertise a special taxing unit for beach renourishment before taking a final vote.

News13 first brought you the story last week. The board was split two-two on whether or not they would consider voting on a special taxing unit, called an MSTU or municipal service taxing unit, as a back up source of funding for a beach nourishment project.

Commissioner Jerry Barnes was out sick last week, so they conducted a special meeting Tuesday and the board voted four to one to advertise the plan before voting on it.



The community is deeply divided over this issue, the beach front property owners desperately need this project to save their homes and the Bay front property owners don't want to be taxed.

There will be three MSTU proposals advertised, a gulf MSTU, an interior MSTU and a Bay MSTU. The MSTU's will be advertised for two weeks and then the board will vote whether or not they should adopt and ordinance. If the ordinance is adopted it would go on a ballot next fall.

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The MSTU is a back-up source of funding and it

needs to be put in place before state and federal leaders will consider issuing grant to help fund the nourishment project.

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A beach advisory group called, "Save the Cape," is asking the commission to put this ordinance in place by the end of this year, if it's not they would lose another valuable year because it could not go to referendum until 2007 instead of next fall.

News13 will keep you updated on any further developments.

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