

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 AT 6:00  
P.M, THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.**

**PRESENT:** Eugene Lamb, Chair, District 1  
Doug Croley, Vice-Chair, District 2  
Gene Morgan, District 3  
Sherrie Taylor, District 5  
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk  
Deborah Minnis, County Attorney  
Johnny Williams, County Administrator

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Lamb called the meeting to order. He then called for a moment of silent prayer then led in pledging allegiance to the U.S. flag.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

The agenda was amended as follows:

Added ad Item 14B: Approval of a Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) Application for and Nomination of Roads to Be Named in the Application

Added as 14A: Approval of Agreement with Tony Colvin for Building Official Services

Added as 17D: Appointment of Commissioner Taylor to the Value Adjustment Board

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE NAMED AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA.**

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

1. **Home for the American Legion Post 84, Auxiliary Unit 84 and Legion Riders Chapter 84 – Use During Natural Disasters as a Shelter**

Commander James Brennan addressed the board with a proposal to purchase the facility at 106 East 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Havana as their Legion Hall. (The old Post Office) It was also proposed that the facility could also be used to serve as a recovery unit (not a shelter) during natural disasters. He said they would seek a grant with which they would make the purchase and renovation.

He handed out a modification to the proposal which was in the agenda packet explaining that when he met with the Havana Town Council, they requested that the reference to “teen dances” be eliminated from the proposal until it can be researched further to determine what security would

be necessary to facilitate dances and other liabilities that might be incurred.

Commander Brennan spoke briefly about the programs they will provide for the community and the school system. (Speech competitions, scholarship opportunities, veteran history, etc.)

Discussion followed among the board.

He then asked for a letter of support from the county to submit with their grant application to the Department of Florida American Legion to demonstrate that they have the backing of the local community.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO GIVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE GRANT DESCRIBED ABOVE.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Item 4 was pulled for discussion

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA TO WIT:**

2. Ratification of Approval to Pay County Bills

Accounts Payables Dated:	August 27, 2010
	September 3, 2010
	September 10, 2010
Payroll Dated:	September 9, 2010

3. Approval of Travel for Commissioner Croley and Commissioner Morgan to attend the Advanced County Commissioner (ACC) Education Programs: 3 Seminars in Gainesville, FL on October 28-29, 2010; January 6-7, 2011 and April 14-15, 2011 (Approximately \$2,400 for all three seminars for both commissioners.)

4. ~~Application for the E911 Rural County Grant Program – this is a non matching grant for \$54,910.64~~

5. Approval and Execution of State Aid Grant Application and Grant Agreement for 2010-2011 for \$362,989. No further financial obligation or match is required by the County.

#### **ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION**

**4. Application for the E911 Rural County Grant Program - this is a non matching grant for \$54,910.64 which is being applied for in the name of the Board of County Commissioners.**

Croley:

If grants are being applied for in the name of the board, and the board is taking on the financial obligation for the grant, and the chief financial officer is the clerk's finance department, it would appear to me that we should approve the grant, but it ought to be that the grant is administered financially through the clerk's office because they are the ones receiving the money. I would move that it be approved on that basis.

Taylor:

I have a question. A comment before we get to the motion.

Lamb:

Go ahead.

Taylor:

First of all, if this grant is written by E911 and I am almost positive that it is one that is written annually. They are responsible for the criteria of this grant so the implementation should come from them as well as them being able to use these proceeds as needed. What I have learned from working on grants is if you don't implement this according to how it is written and according to how it is approved, then the person who is implementing it now becomes responsible. I think it has just been traditional that we give a nod of support, but actually the sheriff's department or whoever implements this is responsible for these proceeds. We should not divert those funds from them because sometime in doing so, you delay the services that are required. This thing is all time sensitive as well as financially sensitive. I understand your concern, but they've been implementing these grants for years and I don't see why we should divert from the process.

Thank you.

Croley:

Mr. Chair, may I respond?

Lamb:

Yeah, go ahead.

Croley:

Look on page 5. You will very quickly see that under 8.4, for example, it says that says, "Grant fund monies must be deposited into an interest bearing account. On grant amounts of more than \$100,000 or more, any interest generated must be spent as part of the project and shall be returned to the board", meaning their board.

All I am trying to say to you in the absence of any agreements on administration of these grants, if this board has responsibility for applying for the grant, then the money simply needs to be received by the clerk and it can be distributed to the appropriate party administering the actual work. That is not an issue.

Lamb:

Mr. Administrator, do you have anyone here that - can somebody give me some information on

how exactly this is done so we can get through with this?

Major Sean Wood:

Mr. Mason is not here, but my understanding is that it doesn't really matter. Usually, with the Clerk, large amounts of money, it actually helps us to go through the Clerk so that we don't have to have a lot of money out of hand. That was my interpretation of it to begin with, Commissioner. It does go through the Clerk. I don't have the paperwork or figures right off the top of my head, but usually on large numbers like that – we don't have \$56,000 laying around. So, it is one of those things that the Clerk works really close with us and it becomes a "pay back" type thing. It is not a big deal either way.

Croley:

Major Wood, that is exactly my point. I keep trying to protect your cash flow within a constitutional officers operation. You don't need to be putting out the money. It should be coming through the cash balances of the county and let them receive that money back. Then, you are not out any money and go can go on about your business. That is just good business.

Taylor:

I am not trying to ruffle feathers with this. I am simply saying that if the grant and the criteria within the grant is not being implemented because cost is being held up or funds are not being able to flow the way they need to flow, then it hinders in that you have monies taken back if you don't implement. Yes, the money needs to be monitored. I have no problems with that, but if you don't take care of this grant within the time period, then you are going to give that money back. That is the thing that I want to make sure that we don't put anything in the way and stop it from falling to your knees. That is what I am saying.

Now, the clerk is over all the proceeds. That is not going to happen. I just don't want to put another road block in having your dollars flow to you as you need them. That is all that I want to make sure of. That is all that I am saying at this time. That is all. That is it. It is not debatable.

Croley:

I move approval.

Morgan:

Mr. Chair, my original motion was to approve the consent agenda and I never did get a second on that before he pulled number 4.

Lamb:

You offered a motion to approve the whole consent agenda?

Morgan:

Yes.

Lamb:

O.K. Can I get a second on that – besides number 4.

Taylor:  
I second it.

Lamb:  
O.K. It has been moved and properly seconded that we approve the consent agenda except for Item 4. You have heard the motion. Ready for questions. (No response) All in favor, let it be known by saying, "Aye."

All:  
Aye.

Lamb:  
Opposes? (No response)

The "Ayes" have it.

Now, Number 4 – can I get a motion on it.

Croley:  
I move to approve it subject to the clerk's oversight.

Lamb:  
That is all part of the motion. But, he's going to do that. They are going to give the money to the Clerk.

Croley:  
That is part of my motion, Mr. Chair.

Lamb:  
Do I have a second on that?

Morgan:  
Second.

Lamb:  
It has been moved and properly seconded that this money come through the Clerk's office before it goes down to 911. This is something they have been doing anyway. Any other questions on that motion? All in favor, let it be known by saying, "Aye."

Morgan, Lamb, Croley:  
Aye.

Lamb:  
Opposes?

Taylor:

Aye.

Lamb:  
Alright, we've got one opposed on that.

Thank you.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0 TO APPROVE THE GRANT APPLICATION CONTINGENT UPON THE CLERK HANDLING THE FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT.**

**CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no response.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**6. Public Hearing – Second Public Hearing for Adoption of Final Millage Rate and Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2010/2011**

County Administrator announced a public hearing on the millage rate and the final budget for FY 2010/2011.

Chair Lamb read the resolution into the record adopting the millage rate of 8.9064 mills which is 3.41% less than the rollback rate of 9.22 mills. He then called for public input. There was no response. He then called for a motion.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY, THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE OF 8.9064 MILLS.**

Chair Lamb then read Resolution 2010-042 into the record adopting the countywide budget of \$42,873,427. He then called for public comments.

Brenda Holt, District 4 commissioner-elect, asked, "I would just like to see the new items that were added to the budget or increases and decreases as to any other items that were on the budget. And, if any were taken from the budget. Usually, you have a fly sheet that you put down whatever you increases and decreases were. Not your whole budget. It is just one sheet. "

Lamb:  
Mr. Manager, can you get that to Ms. Brenda, please? Ms. Brenda Holt?

Williams:  
Yes, I will be glad to.

Holt:

That is any new items, increases, decreases, and items that were eliminated from the budget. I would need those before I could comment. I called today, but the budget person was not in.

Straughn:

There is one attached to the resolution.

Lamb:

Are you the only one that has a copy of it?

Straughn:

It was attached to the resolution along with all of the signature items.

Lamb:

Mr. Lawson, can you copy this for us or Clyde.

Ms. Holt, we will have to call you back up later.

Holt:

O.K.

Commissioner Croley asked if the cost for a new generator for the Sheriff's office and the Emergency Management Center had been included in the budget. He then asked for a status report.

Building Official Clyde Collins made the following points:

- He is still receiving bids and considering options
- A turn key generator for the entire building would cost approximately \$196,000.
- The current generator is not reliable and will not power the entire building.
- One option that he is considering is a generator that is large enough to run the entire building, the EOC, E911 and the county IT system for 72 hours.
- He expects to bring options to the board with associated costs for discussion and direction.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY TO MOVE \$196,000 INTO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING THE GENERATOR. CHAIRMAN LAMB SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Discussion followed.

The chair recognized Howard McKinnon for comments.

Mr. McKinnon stated that he was not sure how the budget was advertised, but he suggested that it might be advisable to take this measure up later as an amendment to the budget rather than jeopardize the legal process of adopting the budget. He reminded them that they had advertised a certain expenditure amount. If they took action to increase that amount by approximately \$200,000 there could be some legal ramifications.

**Commissioner Croley withdrew his motion and Chair Lamb withdrew his second.**

**Ms. Holt** addressed the board again. She requested the same information that she requested earlier in the meeting.

Commissioner Taylor stated that she would like to come back at a later time to conduct another budget workshop. However, there are time constraints to adopt the budget to meet the TRIM requirements.

**Matt Thro** of the Havana Merchant's Association asked questions regarding the economic development funding. He was directed to speak to the county administrator for clarification.

There was some discussion about how the CRA money was dispersed from the Tax Collector.

**Chair Lamb read resolution into the record adopting the FY 2010/2011 budget.**

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY, THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE FINAL BUDGET AS PRESENTED AND ADVERTISED.**

**7. Approval of the Comprehensive Health Care Proposal**

**Howard McKinnon and Max Martinez** submitted a budget of \$266,000 to provide for a couple of educators, PAMS Program, We Care Network . The proposed budget was included in the agenda report.

Max Martinez addressed the board to explain how the money would be used.

**Craig McMillan** also made statements to explain how some of the proceeds of the tax will be paid to Capital Regional to offset the cost of services for indigent care.

Discussion followed.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE FIRST YEAEER BUDGET FOR THE HEALTHCARE COUNCIL. (MONEY IS DERIVED FROM THE INDIGENT HEALTHCARE TAX)**

**8. Approval of Half Cent Sales Tax Dollars Collected in 2008-2009**

~~This item sought Board approval for the Health Council to utilize \$200,000 of previously collected half cent sales tax dollars to purchase a medical mobile unit.~~

McKinnon asked to pull this item from discussion.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0, TO PULL ITEM 8 FROM THE AGENDA. IT WAS NOTED THAT IT WILL BE BROUGHT BACK AT A LATER DATE.**

**9. Contract Between the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and the Florida Department of Health for the Operations of the Gadsden County Health Department Contract Year 2010-2011**

**Mr. Marlon Hunter** addressed the board to explain the services they provide and the accomplishments they have made over the last year. He highlighted the fact that they are providing obstetric services now in partnership with Capital Regional and Tallahassee Memorial hospitals.

He also pointed out that they are working with Health Council on developing a new Health Care Strategic Plan. They have contracted with FAMU and FSU to get needs assessment and strategic plan in the works .

Mr. Hunter spoke briefly about the possibility of new legislation regarding septic tank issues and monitoring requirements. He offered to come back to do a workshop session and talk about the septic tank legislation and how it will impact Gadsden County and its residents.

Commissioner Morgan asked the administrator to point out in the budget where the county has provided the funds for the Health Department. He pointed out that the Health Department contract makes reference to funding from the county for \$100,000, however, he could only find where the county had budgeted \$50,000 this year as well as last year.

Mr. Hunter replied that he did not realize that the contract had been reduced to only \$50,000. He indicated that would certainly create a budget impact for them.

There was a brief discussion about in-county fees and who sets those fees. It was stated that the county commission sets the fees and should review them every year.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT DESCRIBED ABOVE.**

**10. Approval of Translator/Interpreter Contract for the Probation Division - Bridging Barriers, LLC**  
Cost – approximately \$3,500 per year

Martha Chancey, Probation Division Manager was present to answer questions of the board.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY, THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH BRIDGING BARRIERS, LLC.**

**11. Post Approval of Contract between the Gadsden County Tourist Development Council and Ron Sachs Communications, Inc.**

Anthony Matheny addressed the board with the contract named above and explained the timeline leading up to it.

Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Croley pointed out that all contracts and bid awards need to come back to the board for approval in a timely fashion. The TDC can make recommendations, but the board of county commissioners must approve all contracts that requires county funds. The TDC has no authority to award bids or sign contracts.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 3 – 1 TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH RON SACHS RETROACTIVE TO AUGUST 1. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR CAST THE LONE DISSENTING VOTE.**

**12. Approval for Oliver Sellers, Code enforcement Officer, to seek Elected Office in Decatur County, Georgia**

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLORE, THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE OLIVER SELLERS TO SEEK OFFICE IN DECATUR COUNTY, GA.**

**13. Approval to Expend Funds for Courthouse Facility-Related Expenditures**

Guy Race Roof Repair - \$	111,000.00
Indoor Air Quality Test and Duct Inspections	3,000.00
Public Defender's Office Ceiling Repair/Replace	12,000.00
Public Defender's Office Repair Completion	68,000.00
County Judge's Bathroom Installation	9,900.00
Circuit Judge's Chamber Renovations	20,000.00
Install Fire Alarm Systems	34,000.00
Gutter and Window Repairs	102,000.00
Total	359, 900.00

Mr. Clyde Collins told the board that the above list and related costs are things that have been identified as immediate needs to be addressed. The court facilities fund will be used as the money comes into the fund to make the repairs. The money is derived from a surcharge that is imposed on traffic citations. It should provide approximately \$241,626 annually and can only be used for courthouse related expenditures. The repairs should not impact the general fund. However, any cost that exceeds this amount will be the responsibility of the county. He reiterated that the work will be done only as the money comes in. He asked the board to approve the list of repairs above with the understanding that it will only be done as the money accumulates. He emphasized that the list is not in the order of priorities.

Commissioner Croley stated that he would not support it at this time. While they are needs, he feels that there may be some other needs that could be more pressing – like the main courthouse courtroom and the leaking roof onto the records at record center. He also stated that he attempted to talk to someone in the court administrators office, but his phone call was not returned. He pointed out that there are still issues that remain unresolved about the badly needed third judge. He summarized by saying, “This looks like some needs mixed in with some wants.”

Commissioner Morgan pointed out that the repairs amount to \$360,000, but the fund is expected to amount to only \$241,000. Mr. Collins explained that he would be coming back to the board for authority to spend any funds before actually embarking on each phase of repairs or renovation.

Commissioner Morgan recognized Grant Slayden from the office of the Court Administrator. He asked him to come forward and speak to the issue of the board’s request for a third judge.

Mr. Slayden apologized to Commissioner Croley for not having returned his call, but stated that he had been out of town for two weeks on military duty. He then stated that based on the caseload and population, Gadsden County’s need for judges ranges between 2.24 FTE and 2.59 FTE requirements. That is met by two full time circuit judges and a hearing officer for child support cases. Beginning on October 1, there will be a General Magistrate assigned to Gadsden with .3 FTE. Combined, the FTE count will be 2.7 FTEs. While there will not be a additional circuit judge to assign, there will be some relief coming to Gadsden. Judge Cooper will reassigned to Gadsden beginning October 1 as one of the circuit judges. He is very experienced and can carry a heavy case load with ease.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAMB, THE BOARD VOTED 3 – 1, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE REPAIRS LISTED ABOVE. COMMISSIONER CROLEY OPPOSED.**

**14. Transfer of Emergency Management and E911**

This item sought Board approval for the transfer of our Emergency Management (EM) and the E911 Addressing System back to the direct control of the BOCC with day to day administration thereof by the County Administrator.

Commissioner Croley read a prepared statement into the record which is attached to this set of minutes. He pointed out three parts of the Emergency Management Program - legal, financial and operational.

He stated that during a meeting with Sheriff Young, the sheriff asked him to contact Larry Campbell, sheriff of Leon County and Richard Smith, Leon County Emergency Management Director. Upon speaking with them, he learned that the Sheriff’s office in some counties in Florida do manage the Emergency Management and E911 operations. However, it is the Board of County Commissioners that has the legal responsibility for it. It also has the financial responsibility for the operations. The grant money is the responsibility of the county

commission.

The sheriff's office has been funding the emergency management operations up front, then coming to the Clerk for reimbursement. That arrangement ties up the sheriff's budget unnecessarily.

He then pointed that there is no formal agreement in place between the board and the sheriff to carry on those functions on behalf of the board.

He pointed out that emergency management is not primarily a law enforcement function.

Chair Lamb was in support of leaving the services with the Sheriff.

Commissioner Croley made remarks supporting the transfer back to the BOCC or putting a formal agreement in place for the transfer appropriately.

Commissioner Morgan stated that he had no problem with leaving the operation with the sheriff, but he would really support putting the formal agreement in place.

Commissioner Taylor concurred with Chair Lamb to leave the services where they are.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO LEAVE THE OPERATIONS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND E911 WITH THE SHERIFF CONTINGENT ON PUTTING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT INTO PLACE THAT BOTH THE SHERIFF AND THE BOARD CAN AGREE ON.**

**14A Approval of Agreement with Tony Colvin to Provide Building Official Services**

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH TONY COLVIN TO PROVIDE BUILDING OFFICIAL SERVICES.**

**14B Public Works – Candidate Projects for the Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) – FDOT**

Charles Chapman addressed the board regarding a very recent communication from the Florida Department of Transportation about the availability of SCRAP funds. The grant applications must be submitted by the end of September, making it necessary for the board to make a decision right away about the roads it would like to submit for the grants.

Preble Rish analyzed the county roads and identified those that would most likely be competitive and that met the scoring criteria. The following roads were proposed, however, only one road per year can be moved forward.

FY 2011 Lonnie Clark Road - resurfacing  
Matthew Clark Road - resurfacing

Dogtown Road – resurfacing  
Telogia Creek Road – resurfacing

FY 2013 Ben Bostick Road – resurfacing – from US 90 to Atwater Road  
Woodward Road – resurfacing  
Little Sycamore Road – resurfacing from Flat Creek Road to Sycamore Road

Chris Forehand, engineer with Preble Rish addressed the board explaining that the county can only submit one road for each year and that each road must fall within in the \$300,000 to the \$400,000 range to be the most competitive.

COMMISSIONER CROLEY MADE A MOTION TO SUBMIT DOGTOWN ROAD. THE MOTION DIED FROM LACK OF A SECOND.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAMB, THE BOARD VOTE 4 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO SUBMIT LONNIE CLARK ROAD FOR SCRAP FUNDING IN THE FY 2011.**

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF WOODWARD ROAD FOR SCRAP FUNDING IN 2013.**

**15. Update of Board Requests of the County Administrator**

No items

**16. Update on Various Legal Issues**

- Nuisance Abatement Ordinance will be presented at the next board meeting.
- Referenced a memo regarding an overview of the paving of private roads and assessments process.
- Allen Ranch Road - Mr. Williams agreed to deed Allen Ranch Road to the county. Residents will be on the October agenda. (½ mile road)

**17. DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**

**17a Commissioner Morgan, District 3**

No comments

**17b Commissioner Taylor, District 5**

**Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement**

She stated that she would be opposed to forcing the sheriff into an interlocal agreement if he was not in total agreement with it.

**Septic Tank Workshop –**

She was supportive of conducting workshop with the Health Department.

**17c Commissioner Croley, Vice-Chair, District 2**

**Emergency Management**

Commissioner Croley stated that he voted on the affirmative side on the issue of an interlocal agreement with the Sheriff for the purpose of the Emergency Management operations. He clarified that he did it because he wanted to be on the prevailing side of the motion so that he could bring it back for further discussion in the future if necessary.

**CRTPA Report**

He reported that he attended the CRTPA meeting in Tallahassee on Sept. 20. He added that Quincy By-Pass remains a viable project.

Economic Development and Railroads – Report from CSX representative on rail resources in the region. Gadsden County is well positioned with rail access. He encouraged the board to be mindful of the railroad sites when making zoning changes.

He filed the CRTPA Agenda Packet with the Clerk for record.

**17d Commissioner Lamb, Chair, District 1**

**Appointment of Commissioner Taylor to serve on the Value Adjustment Board**

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAMB AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY, THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER TAYLOR TO REPLACE CHAIR LAMB ON THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD.**

**Gadsden Express**

Gadsden Express is working on two more stops within the area. The stops have not been determined yet. CRTPA is responsible for the approved stops.



**ADJOURNMENT**

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING  
ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.**

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Eugene Lamb, Chair

ATTEST:

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Muriel Straughn, Deputy Clerk