

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON AUGUST 2, 2011, AT 6:00 P.M. THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

Present: Sherrie Taylor, Chair, District 5
Gene Morgan, Vice-Chair, District 3
Eugene Lamb, District 1
Doug Croley, District 2
Brenda A. Holt, District 4
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk
Deborah Minnis, County Attorney
Arthur Lawson, Interim County Administrator

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order then led in an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag.

The roll was called by Deputy Clerk Muriel Straughn and noted above.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

- Remove: Item 8 from Consent Agenda.
- Move: Item 20 to be the first order of business under General Business.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAMB AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0, TO AMEND THE AGENDA AS REQUESTED AND APPROVE IT AS AMENDED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES U

No items.

CLERK OF COURT

1. Presentation of County Finance and County Clerk Issues

Clerk Thomas had no report.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2-10)

Items 7 and 8 were pulled for discussion.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAMB AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0 TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEMS 7 AND 8, WHICH WERE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION.

- 2. Ratification of Approval to Pay County Bills**
- 3. Sheriff's Request to Use \$19,000 Special Law enforcement Funds to Purchase a D.A.R.E. Vehicle and Equipment and Give Budgetary to Expend the Funds**
- 4. Request to Use Law Enforcement Education Fund (LEEF) for D.A.R.E. Officers Training for School Resource Deputies and Give Budgetary Authority to Expend Funds**
- 5. Approve the Chamber of Commerce's Recommendation to Appoint of Lisa Stephanev, HR Director at Quincy Joist, to the WORKFORCE PLUS Board of Directors**
- 6. Approval to Transfer of a 1994 Oldsmobile, Property Record No. A-00386, from the Board of County Commissioners to the Gadsden County Health Council.**
- 7. ~~Approval of Bid Award No. 11-10 to Rudd's Pest Control of Quincy, FL. For Pest Control Services~~**
- 8. ~~Approval of Bid No. 11-04 for Solid Waste Division to Talquin Portable Restrooms for portable restroom service at the County Rural Waste Site.~~—This item was deleted from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.**
- 9. Approval of Local Agency Program (LAP) Agreement for Roadside Beautification/Landscaping Project FPID 428100-1-38-01 The LAP Agreement is for \$4,146.00 – Native Wildflower Planting along US 27, US 90, CR 270A, and SR 65 in Gadsden County**
- 10. Approval of LAP Agreement for Gateway Signage and Landscaping Project - The funding for the design only grant is \$10,140.00 US 27, SR 267, US 90, CR 270A and SR 65**

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

7. Approval of Bid Award No. 11-10 to [Rudd's Pest Control of Quincy, FL. For Pest Control Services](#)

Commissioner Morgan had a question regarding the bid tabulation form. There was a 40% difference between the lowest bid and the next lowest bid. He asked, "Are we comparing apples to apples or is there something we are missing?"

Mr. Lawson replied that all bidders were given the same specifications.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAMB, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0 TO APPROVE THE BID AWARD TO RUDD’S PEST CONTROL OF QUINCY, FL.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to speak filed with the Clerk.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. Public Hearing – Approval of Second Public Hearing on Behalf of the Rosedale Community

Interim County Administrator Arthur Lawson introduced the agenda item.

Mr. Justin Ford, engineer with Preble Rish, addressed the board. He explained that he had been working on the Community Development Block Grant for the Community of Rosedale to assist them with their water system. He presented the draft application and noted the project narrative on Page 5. He reported that if there were no objections to the application, it would be submitted to the Department of Community Affairs by August 15th, which is the deadline.

He went on to explain that the project would entail replacing the transmission main from the City of Chattahoochee to Rosedale to supply the community with consistent water flow and pressure. The project will also replace the pumps that control the pressure of the entire system. The application requests \$750,000 in funding. A portion of that will go toward the construction of the water main and the remaining portion will go toward the booster plant.

The City of Chattahoochee previously received a legislative appropriation for the Rosedale Community. He said that they are using that appropriation as leverage against the grant. In the work plan, it specifically outlines what those dollars were for and that leverage increased the strength of the CDBG application.

He went on to say that the “community needs score” is now fairly low at this time, but based on what DCA anticipates to receive in number of applications in this grant cycle, they hope the application will be in the fundable range.

Chair Taylor explained in detail the purpose of the hearing, then called for public input.

There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAMB, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION. COMMISSIONER CROLEY AMENDED THE MOTION AND COMMISSIONER LAMB AMENDED HIS SECOND TO INCLUDE THE AUTHORITY FOR THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE APPLICATION. THEY BOARD VOTED 5 – 0 ON THE AMENDED MOTION TO INCLUDE THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIR’S SIGNATURE. .

A sign-in sheet was passed around for the purpose of recording those in attendance at the hearing. Mr. Ford asked everyone to sign it.

GENERAL BUSINESS

20. Approval of Millage Rate for TRIM Notification and Set the Date, Time and Place for the Public Hearings to Adopt the FY 2011/12 Gadsden County Budget

The following facts were stated during discussion among the board members:

- If the board should adopt the same millage rate as last year, it will reduce the county's revenue by \$70,000 more or less.
- The recommended millage rate is the same as the current rate.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAMB AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 8.9064 MILLS AND APPROVE THE DATES LISTED BELOW AS THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET.

- September 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. (Wednesday) County Commission Chambers.
- September 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. (Monday) County Commission Chambers.

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

Howard McKinnon, Chairman of the Gadsden County Health Council, appeared before the board explaining that their board has proposed using \$200,000 of the revenue generated in 2008 & 2009 from the indigent surtax to purchase a mobile health unit to travel into the rural areas of the county to render medical services to indigents.

McKinnon:

I know that initially, the Health Council had proposed a plan about maybe even staffing that with the proceeds. Of course, once the numbers for the hospital came in, that had to be changed. But, you know, we feel like that this will help us to address medical needs. As you all are aware, we are ranked as almost the last county by the Woods Foundation. We feel like this effort will help us be able to meet the needs of some people that live in the rural areas that just don't have any transportation. This will not fund a program. It would just buy the unit and equip it. The plan is – the Health Council is made up of a variety of medical providers. There are a lot of agencies that if they had a unit, they would utilize it and get their programs out. We would partner with these individuals, of course. Capital Regional and many others will be involved in that. So, that is why I am here tonight. That is our request. I think that there is more than \$200,000 left. You have spent some of that \$400,000 that was in reserve. I believe there is a little more than \$200,000 there. Mr. Thomas can tell you for sure how much is left. But, that is our request. If you have any questions, I will be glad to entertain them.

Taylor:

Does anyone have questions of Mr. McKinnon?

Lamb:

One question, Mr. Howard. Has there been any dialogue with GHI concerning these funds that are left?

McKinnon:

Well, not real recently. But, this is actually the third time that we have come here with this. In the initial stages, we did. Then, we attended a joint meeting and brought it up then, too.

I realize and we certainly respect your authority to decide how to spend those dollars. I realize that there are all kinds of ideas about how to do that. We are coming before you tonight asking that and I know that GHI is aware of it. They haven't told me specifically that they have problems with it. That is the best way that I can answer that, Mr. Lamb.

Lamb:

I haven't talk to GHI concerning this and I would really like to know where they are when it comes to these funds. They are the first priority for these funds, but I just haven't heard from them, so I don't know.

Croley:

Madam Chair, I just wanted to ask a question since there was no recommendation from the administrator on this item.

Mr. Clerk, you are the chief financial officer. You are familiar with these funds. Is this something that there is revenue there for this to be done and honor their request?

Thomas:

Let me say a couple of things about this because I think this gets lost. You always want money to be spent for what it is collected for. Right? That is the goal of government. But, the bottom line, when you go back to it is that the Board of County Commissioners has and indigent care tax, not a hospital tax. Madison County passed a hospital tax, which means that all that money can go toward their hospital. You passed an ordinance which said that money should go 2/3 for indigent care programs and up to 1/3 for the hospital. That is the ordinance that you passed. It was put on the ballot and the citizens voted for it – the indigent care tax. That is why they are here. Based on the ordinance that you passed, 2/3 of the money was supposed to go to them anyway. But, because of the hospital, you were able to change that and now what is going to them is essentially about 20% of it instead of the 66%. So, that is why they are here. I know a couple of you were not on the board at the time, but if you look back at the ordinance and Ms. Minnis can probably verify that, the indigent care tax set out a whole bunch of things and programs that the money was supposed to be spent on. Instead of doing that, you spent most of the money on debt service for the hospital, which is probably what the people thought they were voting for. They didn't understand the ordinance that was passed. So, Mr. McKinnon is here with a legitimate request to say, "The money that you collected for the first 15 months or so, you used to get the hospital open. There was about \$400,000 left. Then you used about \$143,000 of that for the heliport. So, what he is asking for is most of the difference there. Since the hospital has been open, the majority, about 60% of it, goes to debt service on the hospital and about 20% goes directly to Capital Regional and the Health Council and the Health Department gets about 20%.

But, he is going back to the money collected prior to the hospital being open and saying, "This is what is left. " You passed an ordinance that says that they are entitled to 66% of this money, which they didn't get because you needed it for the hospital. So, really, that is the difference.

You passed an indigent care tax saying that it could be used for all of these different programs. Not a hospital tax. That was an available option. You could have passed the half cent hospital tax, but you didn't do it.

So, that is why he is here. It is a legitimate request based on your actions in the past.

Croley:

Ms. Minnis, do you disagree with anything the clerk has outlined?

Minnis:

The only clarification that I would make is that as I understand it, it is not inappropriate to use indigent care money for the purposes the county has used them before.

Thomas:

I don't disagree with that at all. I am just saying that the hospital took precedent and everybody acknowledges that.

Minnis:

Right. And, I understand that this is not an expense that would be prohibited under the ordinance that you passed.

Croley:

Well, I have the chief financial officer agreeing that this is right and our attorney agreeing that it is right. I know Mr. McKinnon and Mr. Martinez have been here before asking for some use of this money for their projects. It is my position that we should support them in this request. While I appreciate the concerns about the hospital board, I do think thought, these folks have been very patient and they have waited for their time. I know this is their third time that he has been here to make this request. That is just how I see it.

Morgan:

Mr. McKinnon, we appreciate you coming up here to talk with us. Beyond that, the service that you have given on this committee – I know it has been a long endeavor and you are gradually moving forward in that. I don't disagree with any of the comments that I have heard from the attorney or the clerk and members of the board.

I am going to take a little more conservative approach because of some questions I have about the future of the hospital. I will preface my comments with a question to the clerk. As the hospital continues to change and we look to attract other physicians that come here or other businesses that might be able to provide services or whatever to generate some revenue there, but we can build on what we have so successfully opened out there.

Are there any funds anywhere else that we have access to other than the remaining \$260,000 left in this fund without going into fund balance? They are obviously not looking too good.

Thomas:

You asked a great question and the short answer is "no." That is a real legitimate concern that I

expressed back during the time we were trying to get the hospital open. You remember, we talked about the money that was used to keep Urgent Care going from the dividends that had built up on the hospital trust. Those were spent. We had that conversation. Then we contracted with Capital Regional. Instead of you getting to keep those dividends and build them up and use it to do repair and maintenance at the hospital, you don't have that anymore because you give that to Capital Regional in your contract with them.

So, you've got a problem in the future that you need to prepare for in terms of making repairs and any additional build out and that sort of thing. That is a huge problem.

Morgan:

With that in mind, I think we have done such a good job and have overcome so many challenges to get the hospital open and up and going, working and growing and we have succeeded thus far. I would recommend that we keep this as something to consider, but let's get a little bit further down the road or up the field or whatever you want to call it before we look at depleting these funds. I will feel more comfortable knowing that if a golden egg comes to be laid here, we may have to seed that and we've got some money sitting here to do that with. If we do this, not because it is this particular item, but anything, that money will be gone and an opportunity may be missed. So, I will have to consider approaching it with a more conservative circumstance.

Holt:

Madam Chairman,

Taylor:

Yes.

Holt:

The money was intended for indigent care. If you look at the plan that followed with the referendum, that is exactly what it was for. I will say this and I have said it many times, that is what we should have followed. We should have followed the plan that we sold to the people. They voted for indigent care plan with 2/3 of the fund and 1/3 for the hospital. We need to readdress that and see if there is anything we can get going that it will move back toward center on that issue whether it is with indigent care money or looking at any other proceeds we can come up with on another referendum.

Also on this issue right here, bringing healthcare out there – what happens is that we have an emergency room. We do not have a hospital. I am repeating that again. You cannot go out there and spend the night. So, what I am saying is that you have to get to the people early out there in those outlying areas. That is what the hope of this mobile unit will do. It will get them in. Once they get in, they still have to go to Tallahassee because you can't stay there because it is an emergency room. We are saying "hospital", but unless you have overnight beds, it is not a hospital. I am still getting calls. I don't know if you all are or not. But, this is very important. This cuts out a lot of problems that you will have if you get out there into those little communities. Up there near the Georgia line where they call it the "dead zone." You are too far from Bainbridge and too far from Quincy, and you are too far from anywhere else that you are going. That is why the mobile unit is needed out in those areas. It is not that we are depleting any

funds. We are really saving money by getting out there early. Now, we have to go back and look at how we will remedy the problem, as the clerk says, of getting funds. Then, how are you going to remedy the problem of people going to Tallahassee that don't have money. Remember, you can't stay down there for observation, so even if they go in for observation and you see at TMH. I saw that the other night – in for observation at TMH, you are going to pay that bill. That bill has to be paid. Then, you've got a thousand dollar ride if you go in the ambulance. So, we have other problems. This is really a small one. It prevents problems by getting healthcare out there early. This is a dollar saver and a life saver. This is a "No-brainer." Thank you , Madam Chair.

Taylor:

It sounds like the board in split on this one. However, I have thought about and prepared and read the agenda packet. I am pretty much sided up with Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner Lamb. What we need to do is simply listen to both.

Obviously, we want to get the best bang for our bucks because of how limited dollars are. We need to see how it will help this county progress. I can appreciate being able to get out there in the rural communities with such a unit. It would certainly get behind it if that is something that this board as a whole can look at the two and see which way will be best for the community and the county. So, I spoke with GHI and I know they are coming to us sometime in August.

Howard and Max, I appreciate the both of you and I know that you all are working hard. I see some of the things you are doing around the county and I don't want to give the impression that you don't have the support of this board. You know you do. Last time, when you came before us, you asked for two outreach position and received funds.

There is actually \$260,000 left over in this line item that you are asking for. While GHI is waiting on a dollar figure for building out that hospital, It might be that they don't need all of the funding. So, be mindful. I hear a board that wants to help and is going to. To what degree, we don't know at this time. But, I will say that once both presentations have been heard, then we will make a decision. Hopefully very prayerfully, and I don't mind about using that word anywhere I go, we will be able to have both.

Holt:

Madam Chair?

Taylor:

Yes.

Holt:

Prevention of catastrophes is not – you are not going to get a unanimous anything on this board on this issue because we are not following what the referendum said. We are not following what the people voted for. So, how can we say that if we don't want to fund part of what we told them that we were going to do.

Now, this is the third time these people have been up here. All they are asking us to do is do the right thing. It does not take a rocket scientist to figure this out. This is not the FCAT. We can do

this. I am so frustrated with the hospital, the whole thing. I guess I have been up here too long. I think that when you tell people you are going to do something, you should do it.

Taylor:

Commissioner, let me say this to you and I have always been a woman of my word. I will have to listen to both and then make a presentation. You are absolutely right. This is not rocket science. This is not FCAT. By the way, FCAT is not difficult in this county anymore because we have done well and we have mastered it. So, it is even considered rocket science anymore with regard to FCAT. But, as far as this ordinance, with regard to the indigent tax, this board has made revisions to it due to what we had in front of us at the time, which was getting the hospital open. Those were revisions that we needed to make in order to be able to provide some services to the county. So, we have done that. What we could have or should have is not on this table at this time. What is in front of us is a past ordinance revising what the citizens voted for. We had to do it. We advertised it. They are aware and most are appreciative of the hospital. I am one.

So right now we are in a posture where we are going to move forward with what we have. When it is time and we can come back and revisit this, then we will. Otherwise, we needed those funds to open those doors out there. As intelligent as you are, you are well aware of that.

Holt:

If I may say this and this is my last comment on this issue.

Taylor:

I am going to allow one last comment, Commissioner.

Holt:

Words, I am not interested in. Today is not my day. On the hospital, you know, I have been fighting this one since 2002. But, on this – You tell the citizens to vote for something and they voted on it. They did what they were supposed to do. This board decided to change what was on the referendum. That was wrong. I told you that was wrong. I told everyone that was wrong. But what I am saying is what they are asking for is only a part of the money that is left. It is time to do the right thing. The citizens did not vote for hospital board to decide how to spend that money. The County Commission sets up the hospital board and it can be changed at any time. Now, what I am saying is this. To make this sound good and pass it on, there are situations where people cannot get to a doctor because you have those 12 – 15 minutes if you have a massive heart attack.

The citizens are out there saying, “Go ahead and do what you are supposed to do.” I am going to put in a motion to approve this and let it fail.

Taylor:

May I finish my comment?

Holt:

Sure.

Taylor:

Then I will entertain your motion.

Holt:
O.K.

Taylor:
I will finish my comment and Commissioner Holt, I don't want to get into a back and forth with you. That is not my demeanor and I certainly am not good at it at all. But, here is what I want to do. Let's make sure that the message that is coming from this board is the correct one.

Again, when folk voted for this particular referendum, there was a lot of confusion out there. Actually, folk thought they were voting to open the hospital. But, that is neither here nor there. The Board decided to do what it needed to do to open that hospital. And, as far as what happens with those dollars, It is not GHI, it is board directed as to what happens. That is why we are entertaining this request tonight. With that being said, I will move on, but I want clarity. It is this board that decides how those dollars are spent. WE did what we needed to do to get the hospital open. Opening that hospital is another incentive to bringing in businesses. These things impact other things. I don't think we did anything wrong. Citizens are pleased with it and we are going to move forward.

If you want to put your motion out there at this time, go ahead.

Holt:
Thank you. I move approval of the amount requested from the indigent funds.

Taylor:
There is a motion. Is there a second?

Croley:
I will second it.

Taylor:
There is a motion and a second to approve Item 12. All in favor, let it be known by saying "Aye."

Holt: Aye.
Croley: Aye.

Taylor:
Opposed?

Lamb: No.
Morgan: No.
Taylor: No.

Taylor:

That is 2 – 3. It is not approved at this time. What we will do is to try and schedule a meeting as soon as possible, Mr. McKinnon, so that we can get you back before us and get this thing moved.

McKinnon:

One quick closing comment. Of course, we respect your decision. Lastly, you know, we all work together here and we don't want to be in an adversarial position with you because we all have the same interest for our citizens. But, I will make this plea. I worked in county government at one time and we were going through the enterprise zone process back in the mid 1990's or late 90's and we had to go out into the communities to get input from the citizens. One thing that we heard in every community was a plea for a mobile unit. Since then, I know that there have been several health studies done and that is still a common thread. So, I just want to make this plea to you. The citizens are asking for it and if we have an opportunity to work it out, I think that would be great.

Thank you for your time.

13. Approval of the Health Insurance Rates/Options

This agenda item provided the board with proposed health insurance information as it relates to the County's current health care coverage and sought board approval to change from the current Premier Plus Plan to the Capital Select Plan and to also absorb the 1% annual premium increase. (See the attached agenda report to see the rate and service differences between the two plans.)

The Insurance Committee met and evaluated the plans and premiums and recommended that the county go with the Capital Select Plan.

It was clarified for the record that the Insurance Committee is comprised of a representative from each constitutional officer and the county administrator and representative from the Human Services Department.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAMB AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE OPTION 1 FOR THE CAPITAL SELECT PLAN AND THE BOARD WILL ABSORB THE 1% INCREASE IN THE COST.

14. Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Gadsden County and the City of Chattahoochee to Complete Crawfish Island Project

The Community Development Block Grant disaster relief funding was made available to Florida by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et. Seq.) (Federal Register – Docket No. F.R. 5256-N-01, Volume 74, Number 29 and Federal Register Docket No. F.R. 5256-N-01 Volume 74, Number 156.) for federally declared natural disasters that occurred during 2008.

Gadsden County received funding to stabilize the banks of Mosquito Creek near the Crawfish Island Community in order to improve the water flow and reduce flooding; the City of

Chattahoochee also received funding for work in the Crawfish Island and Mosquito Creek area. The City of Chattahoochee desires to bid and construct both portions of the project as a single combined project. The Interlocal agreement shall serve as acknowledgement and permission by the County for the City to let the proposed improvements and administer the construction activities completed on the items proposed by the County.

The BOCC approved and executed a contract with Preble Rish on January 18, 2011 for the engineering services for this project.

The Department of Community Affairs Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) has allocated \$241,866.00 to Gadsden County for the implementation of Storm Recovery and Mitigation. The project was reviewed and approved by the Department. No county match will be required.

Request: Approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Chattahoochee and Authorize the Chairperson to Execute it.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

15. request to Process Administrative Future Land Use Map Amendment for Properties Located on or Near Bostick Road in Havana, Totaling Approximately 35 Acres (CPA-2011-02) Changing the Land Use Designation from Commercial to Rural Residential to Reflect the actual land use of the properties and to establish a land use designation consistent with the existing use of the property on the FLUM

Applicants: Sam & Nell Cunningham, Simon and Sara Boddery, Charles Foster Coleman, Molly Coleman Wilson, Sara C. Coleman, David O'Brian

Location: North and adjacent to the Havana Golf and Country Club on the east side of US 27.

Parcel No.: 2-27-3N-2W-0000-00123-0100;
2-27-3N-2W-0000-00210-0100;
2-27-3N-2W-0000-00123-0300;
2-27-3N-2W-0000-00210-0500
2-27-3N-2W-0000-00210-0600
2-27-3N-2W-0000-00210-0400
2-27-3N-2W-0000-00123-0200

The parcels listed above were designated on the FLUM in 1991 as Commercial property. These properties are part of a COMM designated area located in Township 3N, Range 2W, Section 27. However, the properties have not been developed as commercial nor are the access streets built for commercial traffic. They have been developed as single family residential uses. The owners petitioned the county to do an administrative change because they believe that an error occurred on the original plan.

The fiscal impact to the county will be approximately \$1,500. The Planning Department agrees that the property has been developed as residential and that it would be improbable for the property to develop as Commercial.

The amendment will be subject to the Citizens Growth Management Bill of Rights, thus requiring a meeting with the area residents.

Commissioner Holt noted that this type of error occurs all over the county map. She cautioned that if the staff assists in making this as an administrative change, she wanted to make sure that the staff is consistent with those people who come forward after this one. She would expect the same level of cooperation from the county staff to correct those as well.

It was determined that the trigger would be when a citizen brings the matter to the attention of the department.

Mr. Wilson, from the community of Bostick Road, addressed the board. She introduced others in the community who were present.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAMB, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH MAKING THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAND USE CHANGE TO CORRECT AN ERROR TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP. THIS CHANGE WILL CHANGE APPROXIMATELY 35 ACRES FROM COMMERCIAL TO RURAL RESIDENTIAL.

16. Process for Amending of the Gadsden County Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code to Allow Solar Energy Farms as a Permitted Use by Right in Agricultural Land Use Districts

At the June 7, 2011 Board meeting, the Board directed that the Planning and Community Development Director review the county's development process to allow solar farms as a permitted "by right" use in the Agricultural Future Land Use Districts as required by the Gadsden County Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code.

Gadsden County has been announced as one of a number of finalists by National Solar Power as the possible location of approximately 20 related 200 acre solar farms. This is anticipated to be of considerable economic benefit to the county. Therefore, the board directed the staff to review the process for approval of a solar farm.

Staff found that the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Code (LDC) require review and approval of a solar farm as a Class II Public Use/Utility or Essential Service requiring approval as a "Special Exception" in the Agricultural Future Land Use District. Special Exception uses require approval by the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners. Additionally, Special Exception uses require compliance with the Citizen's Bill of Rights as well as the public notice requirements of the LDC.

See the attached agenda report for time frames involved for each step.

Commissioner Holt stated that she is in favor of solar farms, but not in favor of doing this "by right." She preferred to continue to do it by special exception. She stated that she was also in favor of going through the comprehensive plan and making all changes needed at one time rather

than one piece at a time.

Discussion followed among the board.

There was a consensus to bring back a “by right amendment” to the comprehensive plan – follow normal process for text changes.

Growth Manager Director Antony Matheny said he would take it to the Planning Commission in October, but would meet with attorney and administrator prior to then.

17. Approval of Selection of Kimley-Horn & Associates Inc. to Administer a FDOT Funded County Grant to Prepare a County-Wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP)

The Capital Regional Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) submits a priority list of enhancement projects to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 3 for consideration in the development of their Five Year Work Program. The process of developing the priority list takes approximately one year to complete, from application solicitation to the final prioritization of the final projects. Prioritized projects from 2009 were submitted to FDOT for consideration for their 2011-2015 Work Plan.

Three transportation enhancement funding requests were submitted by Gadsden County in 2009 and approved for funding by FDOT Five Year plan. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan was one of them with funding available as of 2011. On October 29, 2010 the County entered into a LAP Agreement and is now ready to enter into the Planning Phase of the project.

In response to and RFP six firms submitted qualified applications. They were ranked by a bid committee. The firm of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. was selected as the highest scored firm with 92.75 points out of a possible 100.

The total funding for the project is \$90,000.00 for completion of the Plan. It is a reimbursable grant.

Recommendation: Award the bid to Kimley Horn to prepare the County’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan as authorized by the LAP Agreement.

Commissioner Croley disclosed that he had been contacted by Preble Rish and by Sprinkle Consulting

Commissioner Morgan asked if the bid committee gave any special consideration to those companies who were local. Mr. Matheny replied that they used only the criteria that purchasing department brought forward.

Discussion followed.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAMB AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY, THE

BOARD VOTED 4 – 1 TO APPROVE THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND AWARD THE BID TO KIMLEY-HORN. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

18. Approval of Tourist Development Council's Budget for FY 2011-2012

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN TO APPROVE THE BUDGET. COMMISSIONER CROLEY SECONDED THE MOTION.

Jeff DuBree addressed the board to answer questions raised regarding the budget and marketing strategies that TDC proposed to promote tourism in Gadsden County.

Commissioner Holt stated that she was looking for something that would market the county on a continuous basis. She suggested some radio advertising during the football weekends that would draw people to Gadsden County while they are waiting to go to a game.

Commissioner Croley suggested that there could be some co-op advertising.

Commissioner Lamb inquired about when the business appointment to the TDC board would expire. Mr. Dubree stated it would expire next year. He also stated that the current vacancy is for a bed tax collector.

Commissioner Taylor expressed some dissatisfaction regarding how the money has been spent for the last two years and could not support an increase to the budget.

THE BOARD VOTED 3 – 2 TO APPROVE THE BUDGET OF THE TDC AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONERS TAYLOR AND HOLT OPPOSED.

Chair Taylor asked for a joint meeting with TDC as a whole to engage in dialogue that would result in both boards sharing a parallel vision.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO ARRANGE FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

Celebration of Its Children by the School Board

Chair Taylor announced that the School Board will hold a meeting on August 20 at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate its children. The intent is to show appreciation to the children for doing so well on the FCAT. They hope to have 2,000 plus children present.

19. Approval of Amendment No. 6 for Grant LP6721 Water/Waste Water Infrastructure and Authorize the Chairperson to Execute

This item sought approval to request and extension for the legislative appropriation by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the construction of water and waste water

infrastructure.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAMB, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0 TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE GRANT NAMED ABOVE.

20. ~~Approval of Millage Rate for TRIM Notification and Set the Date, Time and Place for the Public Hearings to Adopt the FY 2011/12 Gadsden County Budget~~

21. County Administrator – Update on Board Requests

None

22. County Attorney – Update on Various Legal Issues

None

23. Discussion Items by Commissioners

23a. Commissioner Lamb, District 1

- He thanked all board members for their support at the ground breaking of the Havana Park.

23b. Commissioner Croley, District 2

- He congratulated Commissioner Lamb on the park project.
- He referenced the CRTPA signed appropriation book that has \$91 million worth of projects in Gadsden County over the next five years. Rail, air, bikes, trails, road projects, pending funding priorities at the federal level. He filed the official document with the Clerk. He asked the administrator to have the county's website linked to the report for the public to see.
- He complimented the board saying that he feels the board is beginning to work together cohesively, especially regarding the budget this year.

23c. Commissioner Holt, District 4

- Asked for a list of the various boards to which the BOCC makes appointments and include the expiration terms of the appointees as well as the functions of those boards, how the appointments are made, etc. The entire process.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0, TO HAVE THE ADMINISTRATOR PROVIDE THE COMMISSIONERS WITH THE LIST DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Economic Development

- There will be other things that the BOCC will be called upon to do for the expansion taking place in Gretna. She asked for a meeting with the cities so that the county can plan well for the appearances of the roadways etc.

24d. Commissioner Morgan, Vice Chair, District 3

- He asked that the Board place the upcoming modification to the Tax Collector/Property Appraiser's office as a priority and take measures to properly fund that project.

24e. Commissioner Taylor, Chair, District 5

- She reported that she met with EMS, Shawn Wood and Red Cross. She said that she is happy to report that she is confident in how they are handling pending disasters. She learned that FEMA will not reimburse for damages to heir properties.
- Businesses need to have a plan of action in the event FEMA needs to help the businesses in disaster circumstances. She suggested that the Chamber of Commerce spearhead this effort with the local businesses.
- The Edward Butler Governmental Office Complex does not have a generator in the event the power fails. She suggested that staff look at retrofitting the old one that was at the Sheriff's office.
- She commented that the Chamber of Commerce demonstration with the potential Solar Farm was impressive.
- She reiterated the need to build a jail pod. She said that she spoke with the clerk and he thinks the county needs to do something to push it along. She encouraged the Board to find a way to do it.

24a. For the Record: Sublease of the W. A. Woodham Building to the City of Quincy Police Department

24b. For the Record: Interlocal Agreement with the City of Quincy for Mosquito Control Services

24c. For the Record: Letter from FAC Regarding Commissioner Gene Morgan's Appointment to Serve on the Policy Committees and Workgroups

24d. For the Record: Letter from FAC Regarding Commissioner Eugene Lamb's Appointment to Serve on the Board of Directors

24e. For the Record: Letter from the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office Regarding Pledge of Support for the City of Gretna/Greensboro Projects for the Creation of New Jobs for Gadsden County

24f. For the Record: Quit Claim Deed Regarding Additional Right of Way on Joe Knight Road

24g. For the Record: Sub-Grant for the Sheriff's Office Area Drug Taskforce

24h. For the Record: Letter to Ms. Carol Edwards Regarding her Appointment to the Library Commission

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M.

Sherrie Taylor, Chair

ATTEST:

Muriel Straughn, Deputy Clerk