

**AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON APRIL 16, 2013, AT 6:00 P.M.,
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Doug Croley-District 2, Chairman
Eric Hinson-District 1, Vice-Chairman
Gene Morgan-District 3
Brenda Holt-District 4
Sherrie Taylor-District 5
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Deborah Minnis, County Attorney
Robert Powell, County Administrator
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Chair Croley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

Chair Croley asked the Commissioners for cooperation in moving forward with a lengthy agenda.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Croley asked if there were any amendments to the agenda and Mr. Presnell asked to remove Item 4 from the agenda and announced it would be presented at a later date.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ITEM 4 BEING REMOVED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

There were no awards, presentations or appearances.

Clerk of Court

1. County Finance and County Clerk Issues

Clerk Thomas had nothing to report.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approval of Minutes

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3. Ratification of Approval to Pay County Bills

4. ~~Approval of Support Letter to Dedicate the Quincy By Pass (Upon Completion) as the Julia Munroe Woodward Memorial By Pass~~

Item removed

5. Approval of the Emergency Management Inter-Local Agreement between the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office and Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Croley asked if there were any citizens wishing to speak.

Forrest D. Freeland, 289 Mockingbird Road, Chattahoochee, FL stated there were three complaints he had:

- There was a property on Hardaway Road that was being used as an office of some type and it was in deplorable condition and asked the Board to look into the matter.
- On County Road 65-D, part of the road was painted and another part not painted and was a dangerous condition for the citizens.
- Years ago, there was a commissioner that promised the citizens of the county that there would be no unpaved roads in the county-his road was not paved yet.

Chair Croley asked Mr. Presnell to contact Mr. Freeland and look into the matters.

Glenda Norvell, 3817 Tallavana Trail, Havana, FL appeared before the Board to tell the Board 'thank you' and to let them know of the appreciation of their support last year for Literacy Volunteers of Gadsden County last year.

Mrs. Mary Smith, 3137 Atwater Road, Chattahoochee, FL, stated she had a problem with elected officials that once elected, they should work for everyone, not just some of the people. She asked that everyone work together, that everybody needed shelter, clothing and food. She informed the Board that she had problems with children in her neighborhood destroying her property.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Public Hearing-First Reading-Transmittal of Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments to Policy 1.1.5(B) Rural Residential and Policy 1.1.5(C) – (CPA-2013-01)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and stated this was the first reading of the Transmittal of Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments to the policy and this would allow non-residential users such as churches, to be in AG2 and if they wanted to get a building permit to add on or make improvements to the Church, this would allow them to do so if they had at least one acre if they were on central water and sewer or three acres if they were on a septic tank.

Chair Croley announced this was a public hearing and asked if there were any citizens that requested to speak and there was no-one.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, THERE WAS DISCUSSION.

Commissioner Taylor asked where the number on the acreage came from and Mr. Presnell explained if the Board moved to change this to one acre, the only time there would be a conflict

would be if the Church was located or someone proposed a new Church in non-residential use in AG land in a wetter area where septic tanks are required, they would need three acres to get the permit.

THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CODE CHANGE.

7. Public Hearing-Second Reading-Ordinance to Amend Section 6600 – Immediate Family Exceptions (IFE) of the Gadsden County Land Development Code (LDC) to allow the sale of IFE Residences

Mr. Presnell stated this was the second reading for this item.

Chair Croley announced this was a public hearing and called for any citizens who wished to speak and there were none.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE ITEM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

8. Extension of Hospital Lease/County Use of Sale Tax and Trust Proceeds

Mr. Presnell stated this item was to seek Board approval of the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement between Gadsden County, Gadsden Hospital, Inc. (“GHI”) and Capital Regional Medical Center (“CRMC”)

Michael Glazer, Assistant County Attorney, Ausley McMullen Law Firm, Tallahassee, FL, appeared before the Board.

Mr. Glazer:

“Good evening, Commissioners, I’m Michael Glazer, Assistant County Attorney of Ausley McMullen in Tallahassee. I have the pleasure of being before you again this evening and we do have a couple of hospital-related items this evening that are the culmination of several months of work between your County staff, Clerk Thomas and his staff, the board of Gadsden Hospital, Inc. (GHI) and the folks from Capital Regional Medical Center (CRMC). I know they are on their way, I think the agenda is actually moving a little quicker than they thought so they are not here yet, but I’m going to go ahead and press forward with the agenda item. “

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

“The first item is a hospital lease amendment that we are going to propose to you this evening, because we do have an extensive lease between CRMC, Gadsden County and the Gadsden Hospital, Inc. (GHI). This particular lease amendment that we are proposing this evening has two primary sections, well, two sections. First, there is an extension of the initial term and the second item is an opportunity to retain hospital trust income that is currently being paid by the County to CRMC to help underwrite some of the care that they provide. I’ll get to that item in a minute. But that’s an opportunity to keep about \$140,000 a year that the County is now currently paying to CRMC. But let me start with the first item, the extension of the initial term. Under the existing lease, the initial term for the lease is five years-that is for the period of June, 2010 through June, 2015 and has automatic 5 year renewals. The lease extension is really quite simple-it extends the initial term to ten years instead of five so the initial term of the lease would be June, 2010 through

June 2020, it would continue to contain the provision that has automatic five year renewals unless either party opts to terminate the lease at the end of that initial term. There are several reasons that CRMC has requested this lease extension and this was actually a request by them to us and not the other way around. First, under the current terms of the lease, the County has to notify CRMC of the non-renewal 12 months before the end of the initial term. So, in other words, if the County wanted to opt out of the lease under the current terms, we would have to notify CRMC by June of 2014. With the extension that would be extended to five additional years of our option to notify them of non-renewal of the lease.”

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

“CRMC has an option to not renew six months prior to the end of the initial term. That’s really not affected by this particular provision because, frankly, the lease also allows them to get out at this point in the lease, on six months’ notice regardless of when the term ends. So this really affects primarily when the County will have the option to notify them that the renewal would not be exercised. But, the reason for this extension is it helps solidify the partnership between the County and CRMC and encourages future activities. One of those future activities is actually the next agenda item. What this is doing and the reason CRMC has requested it, is it would provide them with some additional security, frankly, that they are not going to be displaced by the County and gives them the confidence to move forward with some new projects and some expansions of their services in Gadsden County without fear, if you will, that the County will terminate the lease at the end of their first five years. In return for this, the lease extension provides for the opportunity for Gadsden County to retain some hospital trust income. I need to refresh your recollections on what exactly how all of this works, so if you will bear with me just a moment, I’ll move through this quickly. Currently, the County pays CRMC from 2 sources, first, the income from the hospital trust, that’s approximately \$140,000 per year. That money now goes to CRMC. In addition, we pay CRMC 50% of the half-cent tax revenue after the debt service. So the first dollars, you will recall, of all the ½ cent tax goes to pay off the bond debt. Fifty percent of the remainder now goes to CRMC. But with the recent debt refinancing that you have approved, you are going to save approximately \$107,000 per year. So, currently CRMC gets in total about \$460,000 a year and \$140,000 from the trust, \$320,000 from the tax income. CRMC is willing to allow the County to retain the hospital trust income so long as the total payments stay at or above \$460,000. This is an item that I want to give credit to Clerk Thomas for, he has really been pushing for this because this provides, hopefully, a pot of money for the County to have available to it for capital projects, and I’ll talk about that in just a moment. But the Trust income would still be available to be used for short-falls if the tax income is below \$460,000. But if the tax income is at or above \$460,000, we now would get to keep all of the trust income in a way, that under the **current** lease arrangement, we are obligated to pay to CRMC. The benefits of this particular opportunity are there is no risk to the County, we’re not going to be any worse off than we are today, but we have the opportunity to actually save and retain that \$140,000 a year that is currently going to CRMC and the potential benefit is to have the trust income available for future capital needs of the hospital, because, remember, under the lease, while CRMC takes care of all the equipment, all the routine maintenance, all the routine expenses of the hospital, the County still cares for the structure and the major mechanical, electrical, HVAC system. But, we don’t have a rainy day fund or reserve to pay for those expenses when they eventually will arise. We know they will eventually. So, the lease amendment in sum provides an extension of the initial term and the opportunity to retain the trust income and this has been presented to the Board of GHI, it’s being recommended for approval to you by your staff, by the Board of GHI, CRMC has agreed

to it as well. I've given you a form of the lease amendment, the only reason it's not signed is we are still waiting for the final legal review from CRMC, but I have talked to their lawyer and I think that the document, if not approved exactly as it is in front of you, the changes will be extremely minor and not substantive. The document is a little more complicated because of the request of the Clerk's office; we have prorated the amounts for the balance of this fiscal year and then moved to the full savings for the next fiscal year. But, ah, that's been reviewed by the Clerk's office as well. To make a long story short, the math works. With that, I'll stop and ask if there are any questions."

Chair Croley

"Commissioners, do you have any questions? Yes, Commissioner Holt."

Commissioner Holt

"Yes, under the indigent care tax that CRMC receives, are they levying that for federal match money?"

Mr. Glazer

"At the moment they are, but unfortunately, the program is ending."

Commissioner Holt

"How much did they receive for last year?"

Mr. Glazer

"They would have received, I think the maximum we did was \$300,000, or was it \$400,000? (Looking at the Clerk) \$400,000 and I think last year they got about .70¢ extra on the dollar, if memory serves me correctly."

Commissioner Holt

"That was a dollar per dollar match?"

Mr. Glazer

"About .70¢ for every dollar we put in."

Commissioner Holt

"So, that money that we were giving under the indigent care tax, they were levying that money. That's money that if we gave to them now, we would miss the opportunity to levy that money for a federal match."

Mr. Glazer

"Unfortunately, they cancelled the program, so..."

Commissioner Holt

"I understand, but what I'm saying, that's money that we could have used before that we did not use."

Mr. Glazer

"We used as much as everyone was comfortable using, because, remember, you signed a contract and you didn't want to obligate the County..."

Commissioner Holt

“I remember the contract, but my point is, we missed opportunities there to levy. The other thing is, in the contract, if they don’t have a program anymore, that’s not a debatable item anyway. I just need to see some information from you saying that, from the feds, saying that they aren’t doing that match anymore. That’s all I need to know on that particular item.”

Mr. Glazer

“That came in the form of correspondence from ACHA directed to the hospital. I can probably get a copy of it.”

Commissioner Holt

“Yeah, just email a copy.”

Mr. Glazer

“Just let me make a note on that.”

Commissioner Holt

“Thank you, and that way we’ll know because the reason I say about levying that money, Commissioners, if you have that opportunity, that indigent care tax, you can levy dollar per dollar normally, they say that at state level, in fact, you have a dollar, you send a dollar to the feds, they send back two. So what we approved the last time, the one reason I voted against it, was trying to get that dollar levy to come to the County and not to CRMC. So, if that program’s going to be there, we can go after it. If it’s not going to be there, it’s not a debatable point for that match.”

Mr. Glazer

“The money was never available to the County; it was only available to the hospitals.”

Commissioner Holt

“Yeah, it’s available to hospitals. I understand what you are saying, because Jackson Memorial in Miami got like 3 Million that they levied. I’m saying the process we didn’t go through because we went ahead and approved it. So we were not aware how we could have used the money, if possible. The other thing is, for the two year period about \$275,000 was spent on non-collectable funds with EMS. On that of the two years, approximately \$235,000 for the two years was a part that we didn’t collect. We can’t collect that ambulance runs from this facility that we have, the emergency room to the hospital over in Tallahassee, Capital Regional. We are running at a deficit. The contract needs to address that deficit because if we’re saying we’re going to give up something, what happens with that deficit. We need to have a contract that represents the County as well as Capital Regional.”

Mr. Glazer

“Commissioner, we brought that up with CRMC. They don’t get paid for it either. That’s a Medicare regulation and up to this point, they have been unwilling to modify that particular issue.”

Commissioner Holt

“And they can, Commissioners, pay that back to the County, it can be paid back. Some other counties do that. That’s not something that’s necessarily off the table because we’re not renegotiating another contract yet, because we still have the 2015. This is not something that has

to be voted on tonight. And I think that's something that we looked at also with any of our contracts before we voted not to go back and RFP some contracts out because it was not near the end of the time. This is not near the end of time with the contract with the hospital. So it's not something that we necessarily have to do tonight. We have the opportunity to look at these items."

Mr. Glazer

"Commissioner, I would point out that the opportunity to retain the trust income is tied to this same amendment and is retroactive to March 1st if it's passed this evening."

Commissioner Holt

"Right, it's retroactive to March 1st but we don't have to pass it tonight. If that's that caveat that they are offering us, to renew the contract. CRMC is not losing any money. They are not trying to renew a 5 year contract with us and they are losing money. That's what I'm saying. If you look at that in Section 4-5, Commissioners, for licensed beds, CRMC in the original contract, Arthur got an agreement that they would not open those 4 beds."

Commissioner Hinson

"What page is that on?"

Commissioner Holt

"I don't know, I just jotted down the section, 4-5. So those 4 beds were never opened and then in the next item, one of the other items coming up, you're saying go back and build-out \$179,000 for some office space when they did not open those 4 beds. Whether they had an agreement with ACHA or not, we were told that we were going to get beds. So that's a couple of things that I'm very interested about in getting this done. To me, this is definitely not a good contract. If the only objective is get money back for the trust, then it could be a good contract for the County, but there are other things in the contract that we need to look at. I can tell you several because I jotted down from each section what could be done. Commissioners, this is something I'm going to let someone else speak because there are some other items I'm looking at. Thank you."

Commissioner Hinson

"Do you care to explain 4-5?"

Mr. Glazer

"Yes, sir, from the very onset, the County, I'm sorry, CRMC made it clear that the 4 beds would not be opened. The reason that we had to put the 4 beds in is because in the event that the hospital is ever turned back over to us, we want to make sure that the County or whoever the subsequent operator is has the opportunity to open that. So, consequently, an arrangement and specific agreement was made with the Agency for HealthCare Administration to technically allow 4 beds to be on the license. However, the Agency also agreed that those beds would not have to be opened and CRMC made it extremely clear from day one that it was not their intention to open up the beds when the hospital opened. That has been a basic provision and I understand it's been controversial at times, but it was never anything that was hidden in any way."

Commissioner Hinson

"That was in writing?"

Mr. Glazer

"We negotiated extensively with ACHA on that point because it was critical in my mind that we protect the County that way because in the event that the arrangement doesn't work out and the County gets the hospital back, if we didn't have any beds on the license and it was only an emergency room, then we would have a very hard time opening beds later. By having even as few as one bed, technically on the license, we preserve that right."

Commissioner Holt

"And, may I Mr. Chair?"

Chair Croley

"Well, Commissioner Holt, hold on and let him finish."

Commissioner Hinson

"I'm finished."

Commissioner Holt

"I was just going to comment on that, that's all; I was going to comment on the beds, that's all."

Chair Croley

"He's answered the questions..."

Commissioner Holt

"Well, I have a comment on what he is saying. That doesn't make what he's saying correct. It just means he said it. What I'm saying is this, when CRMC came, we had Tallahassee Memorial, they agreed to 25 beds and that was voted out by this Board for 25 beds. CRMC came in after the place was renovated and they first said 'yeah, we can do beds', stood right there to that podium and said that. OK? It may have been negotiated later, but that's not what they told us at that time. So that's something that was done later on with ACHA, that's not something that was done when they came to us the first time."

Commissioner Hinson

"I had an opportunity to speak with you on Monday, right?"

Mr. Glazer

"Yes, sir, yesterday."

Commissioner Hinson

"What I gathered yesterday in the meeting, you said that TMH left the contract."

Mr. Glazer

"Correct, there was an RFP and they were successful, and then they withdrew."

Commissioner Hinson

"So they withdrew?"

Mr. Glazer

"Yes."

Commissioner Hinson

“So, it’s not that the County Commission reneged on TMH?”

Mr. Glazer

“No, it was in the spring of 2009, they wrote a letter and said that they were no longer interested and withdrew. It was not anything the County did to my knowledge. It was TMH.”

Commissioner Holt

“It was a lot that the County did.”

Chair Croley

“Any other questions? OK, Mr. Glazer, in summary, with all due respect to everyone’s opinions, we again can dwell on what’s happened in the past and whether or not everything was done the way everybody thought they have been done at that time. That’s all water under the bridge. We have a chance to extend this lease at the request of CRMC, which is a good thing for the citizens of the County to get the hospital continued in business and at the Clerk’s recommendation, you are going to give back, their willing, CRMC, to release back the investment income from the Trust back for the County to have a sinking fund established so to speak, to maintain the capital structures there at the hospital facility and in turn, we’re continuing to allow them to receive a portion of the ½ cent indigent health care tax, provided that the health care tax continues on at its present level. Is that...”

Mr. Glazer

“At a combined level of the Trust...”

Chair Croley

“And then we reduce the cost of over a Million dollars and saved all that money for the citizens of the County in terms of refinancing the debt. Correct?”

Mr. Glazer

“Yes, sir. That helped make this more feasible.”

Chair Croley

“That is what you are asking for in this item currently.”

Mr. Glazer

“Yes sir.”

Chair Croley

“OK, now, Commissioners, the Chair will entertain a motion so we can move this item forward.”

Commissioner Taylor

“I have a question, please, and I know you are trying to get to this point, but, Sir, (talking to Mr. Glazer) if you wouldn’t mind, could you go back a couple of screens and I’ll holler when I see the one...continue Sir, right there. Actually, Commissioner Croley touched on it just a moment and I’m just a little curious as to how this could happen. According to your numbers, the 50% ½ cent sales tax revenue after the debt service would net you \$320,000. You indicated in this contract that

somehow you are anticipating, and it might just be my confusion and I might have missed a statement or two trying to listen, but you indicated that the payment to you must not go below \$460,000.”

Mr. Glazer

“To CRMC.”

Commissioner Taylor

“To CRMC, not to you, I’m sorry, you’re with the County. I apologize. That’s \$460,000 and I see how you got that originally, you had the \$140,000 from the income from the Trust plus the \$320,000 from the ½ cent sales tax after debt services. But now you are giving back the income from the trust and, but you are still asking for that total amount and so, I’m curious...”

Mr. Glazer

“I can help. The \$460,000 is the historical number. If you take the \$320,000, which it was historically, and the \$107,000, that takes you to \$427,000. The hope is, with the pick-up in the economy, the tax will generate a little bit more in the future and so by just generating that additional \$35,000 or so, it will get to the \$460,000 on its own without any of the trust income. If it doesn’t, we’d still have to fall back on the trust income but we’re protected because we never have to pay them a single penny more than what is in the trust. So, if the tax collections pick up a little bit along with the savings generated from the bond refinancing, the hope is that going forward, the revenue from the tax alone will be enough to make up that difference.”

Commissioner Taylor

“I hear what you are saying and...”

Craig McMillan

“Mike, I think, excuse me, I think you confuse numbers...”

Chair Croley

“Hold on, please state your name...”

Craig McMillan

“Craig McMillan, Chairman of the Gadsden Hospital, Inc. The \$460,000 is made up of the, what is currently, what happened this past year, they got \$320,000 from the sales tax, they got \$140,000 from the trust. What we’re saying, what they are saying is, that \$107,000 that you are now going to save on the sales tax because of the refinancing, you probably are not going to be able to get the whole \$140,000 from the trust unless something increases from sales tax increase or, you know, that’s what’s got to happen. But, there will be probably approximately \$107,000 that would be, if the numbers stayed the same that would go into a sinking fund to help take care of the hospital. The \$460,000 is made up of the \$320,000 and the \$140,000, which is historical; \$140,000 from the trust and \$320,000 from the sales tax.”

Commissioner Taylor

“That much I gathered at the onset, that’s how you got your \$460,000. It’s like, to me, if the glass is half empty or half full, you really aren’t going to benefit either way, because...”

Clerk Thomas

"I'm sorry; I think I can help to clarify, if you don't mind."

Chair Croley

"Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Thomas

"There's another way if you just look at it, real simple, you've got \$682,000 that you are going to budget for debt service from the ½ cent tax; then you are going to budget \$460,000 that is going to CRMC and based on, say, 1.4 Million collections that leaves approximately \$258,000. That's money that probably goes to the Health Department/Health Council under the current arrangement. So there is a simple way to do it. You budget your debt service, you budget what is due to CRMC, and then you have what is left."

Mr. Glazer

"That's a great way, a much better way of explaining it."

Commissioner Taylor

"Yeah, and it is, I mean I'm totally clear. Of course, I understood it, you know, how you were getting the dollars, I was just a little confused as to how, you know, it would benefit the County in that we are still paying out the \$460,000, which is what we are paying out now."

(Mr. Glazer started to speak.)

Commissioner Taylor

"Just a second. That's what is in the contract. That what, you're request is \$460,000. Now, you are telling me, I think what Craig just said a moment ago, it's really the \$320,000 plus the \$107,000, that's what it really is, but you are still asking for \$460,000 in the event it does not hit \$460,000, then the County has to pony up and we give you the difference, maybe \$38-43,000, but it is still \$460,000. So, I don't see where we really..."

Clerk Thomas and Craig McMillan started to speak.

Commissioner Taylor

"Just one second and then I'll finish my comment. We are able to save \$107,000 because of the initiative taken to refinance that debt service, so that is **supposed** to be a benefit to us. So how that became a part of your negotiation is beyond me. It shouldn't be..."

Craig McMillan

"It's a good question, but let me just say this. What you are, you have to look at the contract that is with CRMC. The contract with CRMC says they will get ½ of the proceeds of the sales tax after the debt service. So if the sales tax proceeds go way up, they are going to get a windfall, OK, and the fact that you just saved \$107,000 on financing, they actually would get \$53,500 that they would get because that's in the contract. Plus, they would get whatever is on the trust side. So, see, you are actually limiting them to what they are currently getting before that \$107,000 savings came. Am I right (looking at Clerk Thomas)? "

Clerk Thomas

"Not only are you saving \$107,000, you are saving \$140,000 with a potential for that to be more

with a better performance of the trust in the future. So you are actually saving more money, you are saving at least, all that this is doing is aligning money up for the way it was intended to be used. The money for the trust was originally intended to be held by the County to be used for the hospital. You are getting that lined back up the way it was supposed to be used; the money from the indigent tax is going to the hospital to defray the cost of providing indigent care by the hospital. So you are getting the money lined up and you are saving more money. You are saving at least \$140,000 with the potential to save more with the better performance of the trust. So, like I said before, you budget your debt service, you budget ½ cent tax of \$460,000 to CRMC and then you will have money left. Honestly, the loser here, there is a little bit of loss is the amount of money that you were giving to the health department/health council. That will be down a little bit, assuming you budget the \$460,000...”

Commissioner Taylor

“Unless the collections go up.”

Clerk Thomas

“Unless the collections go up, and over time they will.”

Commissioner Taylor

“I’m done.”

Clerk Thomas

“Do you see what I’m saying?”

Commissioner Taylor

“I do, I do, I, ah, ah, I understand exactly what you are saying and I guess I just was trying to figure out, well, let me just let someone else move on and maybe they can get some other kind of methodology going here. Thank you.”

Mr. Glazer

“Commissioner, we have spent months on this and it is not simple, I appreciate your questions.”

Commissioner Taylor

“It’s not. I was just trying to figure on this thing where we would actually benefit. But if the Clerk says he can see, and I can appreciate you wanting to align these things up so as to...you really shouldn’t have been getting money from the trust fund based on what the trust was designed for. But it was part of the contractual agreement, I guess to get you to the numbers you needed in order to come in and do this deal, so, now that that is coming back into the fold, now that it now goes back into the trust as far as the \$140,000, that’s what I’m talking about. So I am comfortable with that and I, let me just ask you this questions, just one question. How many years have you been collecting the 50%? The ½ cent sales tax?”

Clerk Thomas

“What, ‘08-‘09?”

Commissioner Taylor

“And you have gotten 1.4 each year?”

Clerk Thomas

“1.3-1.4 Million each year.”

Commissioner Taylor

“Thank you. That’s it.”

Chair Croley

“Commissioner Morgan, you had your hand up?”

Commissioner Morgan

“Thank you Mr. Chair. Mr. Glazer, good to see you. Thanks for putting this before us and also Mr. McMillan. I think what might possibly could simplify this discussion is if we kind of look at it at a higher level and if folks in the county will remember, we have had a very turbulent history when it comes to being able to provide a stable health care environment for our citizens and back in 2008, you know, we were tasked with coming up with a viable solution to be able to provide a working model and because of the fact we found a partner, a HCA partner in particular in CRMC, we were able to put this together under your guidance and of course the hospital board, who devoted many hours and years to this project. What this does, it provides some stability, as you mentioned earlier. This is a wonderful thing that CRMC has come to us, in my opinion, and say ‘hey, we want to extend this contract’. Let’s think about this for just a second. He could be standing in front of us tonight letting us know that they were about to pull out. What kind of a position would we be in as a poor, broke, rural county trying to provide health care, like many across the country? We are in a very, very good position in my opinion and this gives us the opportunity to build on what already has shown to be a success with the opportunity to grow on a solid foundation. At the time, I would move approval for this, Mr. Chair.”

Chair Croley

“Commissioners, Commissioner Holt, I’m going to hear from you, but, let’s try to wrap this up. I think we are pretty clear on, if you’ve got something new to add, let’s add it, but...”

Commissioner Holt

“Thank you, Mr. Chair. I’m going to add onto my comment and reiterate anything that I need to add on, reiterate on. The \$125,000/year that we are losing on the ambulance is a major loss. I’m going to reiterate that and I am not voting for this contract and I’m letting everyone know that, that you do not go into a contract losing, I appreciate what the Clerk said and I appreciate what Mr. Glazer said. If we don’t know what that tax is going to generate, it may generate quite a bit of money, that’s true. But that doesn’t mean you disregard everything else in the contract and since it’s not required or even necessary that we vote on it tonight, then that’s not something that we definitely need to do. How much are you saying it’s going to hurt the health council? How much is it going to hurt the health department and the health council and what do we need to cut there?”

Clerk Thomas

“Well, assuming you collect 1.4 Million, there should be about \$258,000 left. As the sales tax performance and economy improve, there’s more money left.”

Commissioner Holt

“Right, I’m saying if there is not that money that is there, then we have to supplement the \$460,000, right?”

Clerk Thomas

“What I’m suggesting to you is that you simply budget \$460,000 from the ½ cent tax.”

Commissioner Holt

“That is if it produces...”

Clerk Thomas

“That’s going to be there, it’s never not...you’re debt service is \$682,000, then you add your, the \$460,000 to that...”

Commissioner Holt

“That’s \$1,142,000.”

Clerk Thomas

“OK, then so, you’re going...”

Commissioner Holt

“I understand what you are..., I’m saying what was it that we putting aside for the health department and the other group that we were providing those services? We didn’t know how we could hurt or help those groups.”

Clerk Thomas

“You are budgeting around \$260-280,000 a year for them.”

Commissioner Holt

“OK, so that’s coming out of the tax. So, if that’s coming out of the tax, Commissioners, what I’m saying is what do you lose if you do it and (inaudible) then we need to look at that. But now, the main concern that I have, as I have said before, is going in there losing the \$125,000. That is something that we should not be losing. We should have those beds there and this license, this is the new part, Commissioners, should not be given to the hospital. I talked to 2 other counties again, they say the same thing ‘y’all keep getting your license out there and that’s how you lost it the first time’. Don’t give your license to organizations. Commissioner Morgan, if they came before us and said we’re closing today, we’d hire a director and move on, just like Jackson County and Hamilton and the rest of the counties. They move on by hiring a director and they go after the health care people that are already driving to Tallahassee. What can they be doing in the health care field? But, that’s how you would handle it. We can go ahead and vote Commissioners. Thank you so much.”

Chair Croley

“Thank you Commissioner Holt. Let’s move the item and the Chair will entertain a motion.”

Commissioner Morgan

“I move approval.”

Chair Croley

“We have a motion for approval, is there a second? I’ll second it.”

Commissioner Hinson

"I have a question, no, go ahead, go ahead."

Chair Croley

"OK, we have a motion and a second on the floor. All in favor of moving forward with this item please signify by saying 'aye'."

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY CHAIR CROLEY, THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE ITEM. COMMISSIONER HOLT OPPOSED.

Commissioner Hinson

"Chair, I want to make a motion."

Chair Croley

"You want to make another motion?"

Commissioner Hinson

"Yeah, I want to make another motion real quick."

Chair Croley

"OK, ah, on this item? Because this is the only agendaed item we can talk about right now."

Commissioner Hinson

"And that's the reason why I said before, I'm sorry, that's the reason I wanted (inaudible) before you went ahead and voted."

Chair Croley

"What is it you wanted, is it a point you wanted to make on it?"

Commissioner Hinson

"That's the reason I wanted to intervene but you continued to speak and carry out the motion."

Chair Croley

"I apologize, I didn't understand what you, you said move the motion, which I thought meant go ahead."

Commissioner Hinson

"I had a question."

Chair Croley

"OK, what is your question?"

Commissioner Hinson

"Well, the reason why I decided not now because I saw a few questions that we talked about. I walked in here today, I saw my questions today, I thought this was a great idea, a super idea. There are just a few questions that I had some concerns with. Because of some of the things you talked about and some of the things that happened. But I don't think there is anything wrong with the contract, one or two things, but I think that, ah, I need to have another conversation (looking

at Mr. Glazer).”

Mr. Glazer

“Anytime.”

Chair Croley

“With him?” (pointing at Mr. Glazer)

Commissioner Hinson

“Well, this, Mr. Chairman, actually you kind of hurt the motion, because it would have died but because you decided to move forward and that’s the reason why, that’s why I called a question. I said question, I said the wrong thing when I said question.”

Chair Croley

“Well, please ask him.”

Commissioner Hinson

“Well, I know, you already carried the motion, you carried it already, but, again, we already voted on it already. But the thing is if you bring it back; say within two weeks or a month or the next board meeting whatever, within that time, I’d like to talk to you, ah, about some things that were said that I had some concerns with. It was my motivation tonight was to move forward on this and I thought it was a great plan. But we’ve voted on it already, so...”

Mr. Glazer

“Commissioner, I’m at your disposal, I’m happy to meet with you anytime.”

Chair Croley

“Mr. Glazer, please make contact with Commissioner Hinson and go over his questions and if there is something we have missed, please come back and clarify...”

Commissioner Hinson

“And I apologize for the...”

Chair Croley

“And I apologize to you, Commissioner Hinson for misunderstanding what you were trying to say, and ah, anyway, but ah, OK, let us move to the next item.”

9. Development of Physician Office Space in the Hospital

This item seeks Board approval of a non-binding Letter of Intent to develop physician office space in Capital Regional Medical Center-Gadsden Memorial Campus and the project creates greater potential for increasing the availability of physician services in Gadsden County.

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this was another item that would be handled by Mr. Glazer.

Mr. Glazer stated this was to move forward with additional steps to bring more health care to Gadsden County. He stated they were looking for a non-binding Letter of Intent. He said they were looking at potentially developing 1200 square feet within the building that is currently shelled into office space. He added CRMC would bring primary care and specialist physicians to

Gadsden County on a time-share basis. He explained that the total capital costs would be \$170,000 and showed the Commissioners sample drawings of the new space. He added that the Letter of Intent (LOI) had some key elements:

- The County would pay the construction costs of approximately \$155,000. He further explained the current lease would allow CRMC to come to the County and ask them to pay that amount and give the County 30 days to agree or not agree to do it, but added that was not how they wished to do it. He added they could do it themselves, but could ask the County to reimburse them when the lease ended.
- CRMC would pay the furniture and equipment costs of approximately \$25,000.

He added that under the current agreement CRMC paid \$1.00 per year rent but under the new agreement, they would pay \$1,000 per month. He explained that CRMC would be under some State and Federal regulations to charge the doctors rent and this would be their incentive to charge the physicians the rent. He also explained that the physicians would be required to accept Medicaid patients and the LOI was contingent on the County obtaining the funding for the project.

He asked the Commissioners to recall when they originally did the hospital, they borrowed \$10 Million for the construction but they had to draw from the principal of the trust to be able to get the original equipment and got court approval to get \$4 Million but they only spent \$3.3 Million. He suggested they go back to Court to seek approval to use the remaining \$685,000 for this and other related hospital projects. He added it was recommended by staff and GHI to approve the LOI and authorize the administrator and legal counsel to seek court approval for use of trust funds. He also added the LOI was very clear that if court approval was not granted, the LOI would become null and void.

Commissioner Morgan stated he was all for the expansion to have specialists come here.

Chair Croley said for the record, he asked Craig McMillan to come forward and give his blessing on this matter.

Mr. McMillan stated he has been a great defender of the trust and the corpus of the trust and stated this was the best position they could be in and they were in favor of it.

Commissioner Morgan asked if this could be accomplished by using the \$170,000 without having to go to court and why not do that instead of using any of the trust.

Clerk Thomas stated, like Mr. McMillan, he was a defender of the trust, however, they weren't looking at just one project and they could be looking at a lot of money.

Commissioner Morgan said he understood Clerk Thomas' line of thought, but he thought using the fund balance was smarter than going into the principal of the trust and added he thought they had been very smart in the way they had originally handled the matter.

Chair Croley stated he had listened to the hospital board, he has supported them in the past and they have done what needed to be done to bring medical care to the citizens of the County. He added that he hadn't heard them state that they wished to spend \$680,000, the amount he heard was \$170,000.

Commissioner Holt stated if the County agreed to the \$170,000 and there was a seven year lease, they would need to pay \$2,023.81 per month in order to get the \$170,000 return. She added if patients were transferred from this facility to Tallahassee CRMC, under Medicaid they would not receive their money. She suggested if they were going to lease the hospital, to lease at an amount that at the end of the contract they would recoup the \$170,000.

Commissioner Hinson stated he had the opportunity to speak with the President, Brian Cook, at lunch and stated he had the same concerns as Commissioner Holt.

Commissioner Morgan spoke and asked Mr. Glazer to expound on what they were allowed to spend the money on when it was originally withdrawn from the Trust beyond equipment and furnishings and if remodeling was included and Mr. Glazer said it was not and the reason being to protect the integrity of the trust. He added it was important to remember in this County, that the County would not make money or break even, that they would lose money. He said that smart decisions had been made and he would not often say 'spend the money' but this was the time to spend the money.

Commissioner Hinson stated he wished the money could be spent on economics or transportation and he would like to make a motion and asked if Commissioner Taylor had anything to say.

Commissioner Taylor spoke and agreed with Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner Holt and said if they approved the money to come out of the reserves, it would save the lawyer fees and the County having to go to Court. She said it was also her opinion that it did not make sense to approve the deal if the County would not be able to recoup the costs. She added she was of the mindset to take money out of reserve, identify the funding source and move forward.

Mr. Glazer asked to be able to clarify one point and wanted to make sure everyone understood the \$170,000 included the equipment and was an estimate and the actual construction estimate was only \$155,000. He also wanted to make clear that this item would have to come back, that this was a non-binding letter right now. He also encouraged the Board if there was another way to do this, to please do so.

Commissioner Holt stated in looking at the funds the Board had available, they needed to look at what was there and what would need to be done so when the budget came up, they would know what they would need to have. She suggested they bring a letter to the next meeting with the correct numbers.

Mr. McMillan pointed out the construction would be County construction and the County would need to be the one to come up with the numbers.

Commissioner Hinson stated he had an opportunity to walk through the building and a lot of work needed to be done.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY CHAIR CROLEY TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF INTENT AS ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED, THERE WAS DISCUSSION BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.

Commissioner Morgan stated they would not need a letter of intent if they Board was not going into the principles of the trust and thought they were getting ‘the cart before the horse’.

THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONERS MORGAN, TAYLOR AND HOLT OPPOSED. MOTION FAILED.

Commissioner Taylor asked to try to move this forward.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON TO APPROVE THE ITEM AND LOOK FOR FUNDING SOURCE FROM GENERAL REVENUE, PARTICIPATION FROM CRMC TO RECOUP THE COSTS UP TO \$170,000 AND NOT INCLUDE FURNITURE, THERE WAS DISCUSSION BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.

Clerk Thomas stated they were hoping this was to be a beginning process for other expansion projects and explained that under the contract the hospital could do the build-out but when they left, the County would have to reimburse them for the build-out that they did.

Commissioner Taylor said the county was meeting what the hospital was asking for, just using a different funding source.

Commissioner Hinson asked Clerk Thomas if they approved this item tonight, would the hospital still have to come back before the Board for approval and Clerk Thomas said yes.

Clerk Thomas said trying to recoup all the money would go against what the Board was trying to accomplish, that this was space already leased for \$1.00 dollar a year and now the Board wanted to recoup all their money back.

Commissioner Taylor said they were making the initial offer and she did not want this to be a deal-breaker and she wanted to move forward because specialists were needed in the hospital.

Commissioner Morgan said it was critically important to provide the best possible services to the citizens and added that \$175,000 was drop in the bucket if it would provide services for the citizens. He said for them to take the next step and see if worked and that it was his opinion this was a working partnership.

Brian Cook, CEO, CRMC, appeared before the board to address questions the Board had.

Commissioner Taylor withdrew her motion and Commissioner Hinson withdrew his second.

Commissioner Morgan asked that the item be brought back under general business with different options and there was no need to vote on anything tonight.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON TO BRING THIS ITEM BACK WITH DIFFERENT OPTIONS, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO TABLE THIS ITEM.

Commissioners Morgan and Holt stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

10. Roadway Assessment Program – Quail Roost Road and Ames Barineau Road

Sandi Melgarejo, Government Services Group, Inc. appeared before the Board and stated in December the Board hired GSC to investigate recovering costs with regard to Special Assessments for the paving of the roads. She added they had developed a methodology to apportion the roadway improvement costs to the benefitted property owners that could be collected.

Commissioners Morgan and Holt returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Quail Roost Road

Ms. Melgarejo first addressed Quail Roost and said the County only paved the first portion of the road and the developer or property owners paid for the paving of the back of the road because of zoning changes. She explained when they originally started looking at this, the costs were \$57,342 and the County agreed to pay 1/3 of the amount. After the construction was completed, the costs became more than what was anticipated, but the County agreed to only recover the original \$38,228. She explained different options that could be offered to the property owners.

Commissioner Morgan asked of the 13 parcels identified, how many parcels had a change in ownership since the onset of this matter. He expressed his opinion to let this matter go and said legal fees could cost more than what could potentially be collected.

Chair Croley asked what would happen in the future if they decided to waive the fees.

Mr. Presnell explained that in the future, if money was budgeted, they were petitioned and they retained the services of GSG, it would be done properly.

Clerk Thomas explained this was carried as a liability on the books.

Ames-Barineau Road

She explained Ames-Barineau was figured differently because there were different levels of service and she explained the break-down of the costs for this road and the different options.

Chair Croley stated he thought they were all clear on the issues and opened it up for discussion.

Commissioner Hinson asked questions.

Commissioner Holt stated the citizens agreed to pay their portion and the county paved the roads on a good-faith effort and this was taxpayers' money that was used and she said it was "caveat emptor" or "buyer beware". She went on to say it would be hard to tell others in the future who lived on unpaved roads that they had to pay when these property owners were not made to pay.

Commissioner Hinson said Commissioner Holt was 100% right and he was undecided on this issue.

Commissioner Holt said no deeds were recorded but this was signed off on in good faith.

Commissioner Morgan's opinion was not to proceed.

Commissioner Taylor said it was difficult to collect from the new owners that had no idea this money was owed. She said she was willing to go after the ones that agreed to pay at the time of

the paving.

Mrs. Minnis reiterated what Ms. Melgarejo had previously stated that every property owner who would benefit from the paved road would have to be assessed in an equitable way.

Chair Croley stated trying to go forward under these circumstances would cause a quagmire.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN TO APPROVE OPTION TWO AND WRITE THE AMOUNT OWED OFF THE BOOKS, THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER HOLT OPPOSED.

11. Approval of Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) Interlocal Agreement

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item.

Harry Reed, III, Executive Director, CRTPA, 408 North Adams Street, Tallahassee, FL appeared before the Board and stated he had a commitment from CRTPA board to not let the by-pass die.

Chair Croley asked him to give Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Hinson updates on Highbridge Road.

Commissioner Taylor stated Highbridge was more known for fatalities because of being extremely narrow with a lot of bends and curves among other issues with the road.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN TO APPROVE THE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

12. Transportation Agreement between the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners, City of Quincy and Big Bend Transit, Inc. to Provide the Quincy Shuttle Bus Service

Mr. Presnell introduced the next item and said this was a transportation agreement between the County, the City and Big Bend Transit to provide services for the Quincy Shuttle.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT, THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE. CHAIR CROLEY AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

13. Request Approval to Resurface the Gadsden County Tax Collector/Property Appraiser Parking Lot

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and stated there was \$12,000 remaining from the loan used to renovate the building and he had identified another \$4,000 to add to that to use to repave the parking lot.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

14. Request Approval to Fund a 2013 Summer Youth Employment Program

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and stated it was to request approval to fund the 2013 Summer Youth Employment Program.

Commissioner Taylor said this was an opportunity to put 50 kids to work, learn a trade and get them off the street and she asked that this be increased to 100 kids.

Chair Croley asked if the amount of the children doubled, where the money would come from.

Mr. Presnell explained the money would come from contingency and Medicaid fund.

Commissioner Taylor asked the age group and was told between the ages of 14-18.

Commissioner Holt stated her concern was the selection of the children but that she had no problem with the number of kids.

Mr. Presnell stated he was comfortable with 50 kids.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON TO APPROVE THE FUNDING OF THE SUMMER PROGRAM FOR 50 CHILDREN, BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD A QUESTION.

Commissioner Morgan asked how many employees could be provided with a 3% raise with \$57,000 and Mr. Presnell answered approximately 50.

THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

Mr. Presnell asked if it was Board direction was for him to administer the program and the Chair responded yes.

15. Redistricting Discussion

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and stated they were running out of time if there were to be changes made.

Mrs. Minnis explained it was the recommendation to approve option 1 to have an expert, Mr. Spitzer, “crunch the numbers”.

Commissioner Holt stated they were closer than they have been and didn’t see the need for re-districting.

Commissioner Hinson asked who Mr. Spitzer was and Mrs. Minnis explained he was an individual that was found through recommendations of the Florida Association Counties.

Commissioner Morgan said it was important to remember that the right thing to do was to make sure the citizens were fairly represented.

Commissioner Hinson stated he did not want to be in a rush to make decisions of this magnitude.

Commissioner Morgan stated it was time to do it, nothing would be accomplished by waiting.

Commissioner Taylor stated the laws clearly state this needed to be entertained. She asked to enter into the record a Population of Gadsden County, Florida census report that she provided. She asked that Mrs. Knight's appearance and discussion from some months ago be also made a part of the record.

Mrs. Minnis said that the total overall for the entire county might be 2% but when the Court looked as redistricting, they looked at the number of districts and the population in the districts and further explained there was a statutory provision that specifically did apply to counties and required them to redistrict every so often. She put on for the record again that this was the Board's vote.

Commissioner Morgan stated it was his opinion that the Board had clear direction from their attorney on how to proceed and it was a disservice to the County not to gather the proper information and make a decision.

Commissioner Holt said she had not seen data to support the redistricting.

Commissioner Croley stated it wasn't what the Florida Statutes said, but was what the Florida Constitution said and it stated that "You will redistrict after that census and they will be equal and as near as practical in population in each of these County Commission districts" and added that hiring an outside expert to run the maps to comply with the figures as recommended by the County Attorney was the right thing to do.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT TO APPROVE OPTION TWO TO REJECT REDISTRICTING, THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION 2. CHAIR CROLEY AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

16. Approval and Selection of 2013 Transportation Grants Projects

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and stated this was to pick some grant projects.

Justin Ford, Preble-Rish, Inc. appeared before the Board and stated they had opportunities in front of them and asked the Board for direction as to what projects to pursue applications for.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture.

He asked the Board to select the four roads to submit.

Commissioner Taylor stated that something desperately needed to be done with Highbridge Road.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Presnell stated he would rather go for roads that the grant was obtainable for.

Chair Croley asked Mr. Ford to list the four roads he thought the grants would be obtainable for.

Mr. Ford responded Sadberry Road, The Florida Line/ Jep Martin Road project and Juniper Creek

were easy sales but the 4th road was up in the air.

Chair Croley asked about Bettstown Road and said in looking at the paving condition only, that road was the worst on the list and Mr. Ford agreed.

Chair Croley asked Mr. Ford if he would entertain the 5 roads listed above and see how they scored out and then for the Administrator to see which 4 roads funding could be obtained for.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT TO ALLOW THE ADMINISTRATOR TO FIND THE BEST 4 ROADS AND GIVE THE CHAIR AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

17. Updates on Board Requests

Mr. Presnell informed the board the debit/credit card machine had been installed and was up and running and the usage was approximately 25%.

Budget workshop date has been scheduled for May 23rd and he stated he was looking at May 18th and May 21st for workshop and retreat dates.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

18. Update on Various Legal Issues

The County Attorney had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

19.

Commissioner Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor had nothing to report.

Commissioner Holt, District 4

CRMC

Commissioner Holt stated that concerning CRMC, they should have met and had a workshop because others knew about the issues concerning the hospital but the Board did not know ahead of time and it did not look good for the public.

Summer Employment Program

She added that she would like to make sure that the Administrator would try to obtain more funding to be able to employ 75 kids.

Commissioner Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan had nothing to report.

Commissioner Hinson, Vice Chairman, District 1

Commissioner Hinson wanted to thank everyone and stated he thought they were moving in the right direction.

Commissioner Croley, Chairman, District 2

Chair Croley had nothing to report.

RECEIPT AND FILE

20.

- a. **For the Record: FY 2012-2013 Contract between the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Health for Operation of the Gadsden County Health Department**

- b. **For the Record: Letter from East Gadsden High School Regarding Appreciation for the Donation of Hospital Equipment**

May Meeting(s)

- May 7, Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- May 21, 2013, Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR CROLEY DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:20 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

**DOUGLAS M. CROLEY, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

ATTEST:

**MARCELLA BLOCKER, Deputy Clerk for
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK OF COURT
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**