

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

Present: Doug Croley-District 2, Chairman
Eric Hinson- District 1, Vice-Chair
Gene Morgan-District 3
Brenda Holt-District 4
Sherrie Taylor-District 5
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Deborah Minnis, County Attorney (arrived late)
Robert Presnell, 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 that all cell phones be silenced. He then asked everyone to stand for the prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. Flag. A silent roll call was done by Deputy Clerk, Marcella Blocker.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Croley asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the Agenda.

Mr. Presnell added 1a under Presentations and said Item 10 under Public Hearings would be pulled.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE ADDING THE PRESENTATION OF THE GOLDEN KNIGHTS AS 1a AND THE DELETION OF ITEM 10 TO THE AGENDA.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Gadsden County 4-H Saddle Club Recognition of State 4-H Horse Show Participants

(Dr. Henry Grant, County Extension Director)

Elva Peppers, 4-H Saddle Club Volunteer Leader and some of the participants who recently competed in the State horse show competition appeared before the Board and shared their accomplishments and then presented a plaque to the County.

1a WILLIAM W. FRANCIS, Golden Knights Motorcycle Club, a non-profit community organization, appeared before the Board to inform them of an upcoming Weekend Motorcycle Charity Event to be held on August 16 & 17th, 2013, and stated a portion of the proceeds would be donated to the Refuge House. He added they were interested in being a positive influence for Gadsden County.

1b Melody J. Selis, Governor Rick Scott's Regional Representative, appeared before the Board to

introduce herself and explain she was the liaison with the Governor's Office and stated she would be happy to meet with anyone at any time and was available to help with whatever was needed for the County.

CLERK OF COURTS

2. COUNTY FINANCE AND COUNTY CLERK ISSUES

There were no items presented.

CONSENT

Commissioner Hinson asked to pull Item 9 for discussion.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED. (Items 3-8).

3. Approval of Minutes

- July 2, 2013 Regular Meeting
- July 16, 2013 Regular Meeting

4. Ratification of Approval to Pay County Bills

5. Approval of eGov Strategies to Redesign the County's Website

This agenda item seeks approval of a professional services agreement with eGov Strategies to redesign the County's website.

6. Approval of Resolution 2013-014 in Support of the Allocation of Adequate Funding from the 2013 Legislative Appropriation to the Riparian County Stakeholder Coalition (RCSC)

This item is in support of the allocation of adequate funding from the 2013 Legislative Appropriation to the Riparian County Stakeholder Coalition (RCSC) for the preparation on an Apalachicola River and Bay Flow Needs Assessment for inclusion in the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Stakeholders' Sustainable Water Management Plan and authorizes the Chairman to sign.

7. Approval of the Revised Volunteer Fire Department Interlocal Fire and Rescue Service Agreements

This item is for approval of the revised Interlocal Fire and Rescue Service Agreements between the County and Concord, Chattahoochee, Greensboro, Gretna, Havana, Midway, Mt. Pleasant, Robertsville/St. Johns, Sycamore, and Wetumpka Volunteer Fire Departments.

8. Approval of the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Annual Report and Authorization for BOCC Chairman to Execute

This item seeks BOCC to approval and execution of the State Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Annual Report.

9. ~~Approval to Pursue Option for Securing a New EMS Facility~~ Item pulled for discussion.

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

9. Approval to Pursue Option for Securing a New EMS Facility

Mr. Presnell stated this item was for approval to pursue the option of pursuing a grant for the purchase of a new facility for EMS.

Commissioner Hinson stated he had no problem in pursuing a grant to be able to purchase the building.

Mr. Presnell explained the facility was the old Thomas Motor Cars building, the bank had had the building for some time, the price has been reduced and Staff would like to pursue a CDBG grant for the purchase. He added that Capital City Bank would also assist in the grant and there would be no out-of-pocket costs to the County.

Commissioner Holt asked about the location of the building and why they were looking at that building and no other.

Mr. Presnell stated in talking with Tommy Baker, the location of the facility needed to be on Highway 90 and added this item was to allow staff to apply for the funds, but there was no guarantee the funds would be granted.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, BEFORE THE VOTE, THERE WAS DISCUSSION.

Commissioner Morgan asked if the grant was approved, would the funds be specifically for the building or could it be used for the hospital.

Mr. Presnell said it could only be used for that facility.

Commissioner Holt asked if applying for the CDBG grant, would that stop the Board from applying for other CDBG grants.

Mr. Presnell answered there could only be two CDBG grants open at one time.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.

THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO ALLOW STAFF TO LOOK INTO THE PURCHASE OF THE FACILITY.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Teran Smith, 3185 Atwater Road, Chattahoochee, FL, appeared before the Board and asked the procedures and policies regarding code enforcement and added that he had a problem with abandoned vehicles around his property. Chair Croley asked him to speak with Clyde Collins and that Mr. Collins could direct him on how to file a code enforcement complaint.

Jerry Range, PO Box 914, Midway, FL, Golden Knights, appeared before the Board and wanted to extend a special thank you to Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Hinson for their

contributions with the back-to-school giveaway that had recently been held.

Mrs. Minnis appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2013-013 TO NAME AN UN-NAMED CREEK "LEWIS CREEK" AS REQUESTED BY LEWIS A. WARD AND AS REQUIRED BY THE U.S. BOARD OF GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

This item was pulled.

GENERAL BUSINESS

11. PRIVATIZATION OF MOWING SERVICES PILOT PROJECT-DISTRICT 5

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and stated this was for privatization of mowing services for District 5.

Chair Croley asked if the Administrator knew what the state rate per acre was.

Mr. Presnell stated he did not know the rate.

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

12. APPROVAL FOR THE GADSDEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL GRANT #14-FG- -02-30-01-087 AND THE STATE PORTION OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT #14-BG- -02-30-01-020.

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and stated this was for approval of the Emergency Management Department to apply for Federal and State portion of a grant.

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

Shawn Wood appeared before the Board for any questions.

Commissioner Hinson asked about Rustling Pines and there being only one way in and one way out of the subdivision.

Major Wood stated that would fall under the Safety Council.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

13. UPDATE ON BOARD REQUESTS

Mr. Presnell introduced Olivia Smith, Special Projects Coordinator and added that she would be handling the county's new website and would also be the public information officer.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

14. UPDATE ON VARIOUS LEGAL ISSUES

Mrs. Minnis apologized for her tardiness.

For the record, Chair Croley asked if her presence was required for the start of the board meeting.

Mrs. Minnis said the only requirement was there had to be a quorum of commissioners.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

15.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, District 5

Commissioner Taylor had questions concerning PACE and stated the City of Quincy had denied both the residential and commercial lending and asked what impact that would have with people living inside the City limits.

Chair Croley reminded them that Gadsden County was a constitutional county and the County ordinances only applied in the unincorporated areas.

Mrs. Minnis added that along with the Ordinances, the agreements entered into were just for the areas under their control.

Chair Croley asked the Administrator and the Attorney to contact the City of Quincy and explain that to them.

She stated the school district was hosting their annual back-to-school give-away at Shanks and Havana Middle from 10:00-2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 10th.

COMMISSIONER HOLT, District 4

Commissioner Holt stated she gets worried when there were no public hearings on the agenda because that means there is no economic development.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN, District 3

Commissioner Morgan informed the Board that Mrs. Patricia Vice, who served on the Tourist Development Council and had been very active in the County, had passed away and mentioned her many contributions to the County and asked the Board to consider recognizing her services in the form of a Resolution to be presented to her family at a future date .

MOWING

In looking at the mowing project, he wanted to reiterate to look at ways to make this work.

Budget

He commended the Administrator on how well the budget workshop was handled.

4-H Club

He added everyone should be proud of the accomplishments of the 4-H Club.

Schools

He also mentioned the improvements of the grades the schools had received and thought it should be recognized by the Board. Mr. Presnell said they would be at the next Board meeting.

COMMISSIONER HINSON, Vice Chairman, District 1

Commissioner Hinson stated the last year he was on the school board, East Gadsden made a “C”.

COMMISSIONER CROLEY, Chairman, District 2

Chair Croley mentioned that a former County Commissioner, Ralph Perkins, passed away this week and he had previously served a 5 year term as a County Commissioner.

National Association of Counties

He reported on the National Association of Counties convention that he and Commissioner Hinson attended in Fort Worth, TX and said there was a good presence from Florida there. He also reported that they had visited a large trade show and one interest was economic development and they had an opportunity to meet with the National Association of Railroads.

Jacksonville Port

Commissioner Holt asked if the CSX Representative mentioned anything concerning the status of the port in Jacksonville.

Privatization of Probation

Chair Croley stated they had just voted unanimously for the privatization of mowing for District 5 and asked them to reconsider the position taken on privatization of probation at a recent meeting by allowing the Administrator to solicit bids for that service to allow them to make an intelligent and informed decision. He added that to say no to something that would save the taxpayers \$140,000 did not seem to be a rational action. He then made a motion to revisit the matter and have it placed on the next agenda.

Commissioner Taylor stated she had a Robert’s Rules of Order question and asked since he was not on the prevailing side of the vote, was he correct in bringing this back again. He conceded and asked her to make the motion. She stated if it were not for the fact that people would lose their jobs, she would have no problem in making that motion. He added if she was not able to make that motion, he hoped one of the other commissioners would consider making that motion.

Commissioner Hinson stated with the privatization of the mowing, no-one would lose their job, but with probation, there would be jobs lost.

Chair Croley stated he was simply asking for the opportunity to hear proposals and allow the Administrator to take bids.

RECEIPT AND FILE

16.

- A. Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce AMENDED Economic Development Report (June 2013)
- B. July 16, 2013 Letter from City of Quincy Fire Chief (Review of the Spray Quimica Project)
- C. July 16, 2013 Letter from Florida Department of Health (EMS County Grant Funds)
- D. July 18, 2013 Letter from FDLA (Increase in County JAG Funds/New Deadline)

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- E. July 19, 2013 Letter from Florida Department of Health (Gadsden County Health Department Report of Activities and Expenditures for 10/1/12-06/30/13)

AUGUST MEETING(S)

- August 20, 2013 (Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.)
- August 22, 2013 (Budget Workshop, 4:00 p.m.)

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR CROLEY DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

**DOUGLAS M. CROLEY, Chair
Board of County Commissioners**

ATTEST:

**MARCELLA BLOCKER, Deputy Clerk for
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK**