

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER 5, 2013 AT 6:00  
P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ**

Present: Doug Croley, Chair, District 2  
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1  
Gene Morgan, District 3  
Brenda Holt, District 4 (arrived late)  
Sherrie Taylor, District 5  
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court  
Robert Presnell, County Administrator  
David Weiss, County Attorney  
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Croley called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m. He asked if anyone wished to speak on any non-agenda items, to please complete a Speaker Request Form and turn them into the Clerk. He then asked everyone to stand for the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Deputy Clerk, Marcella Blocker took a silent roll call.

**AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Croley asked if there were any amendments or additions to the Agenda. Mr. Presnell requested addition of Item 21-A Request for Funding to Assist the Disabled American Veterans in Purchasing a New Van.

**UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD ITEM 21-A.**

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

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

**1. Florida Housing Coalition Presentation**

**Jaimie Ross, Director of Florida Housing Coalition**, appeared before the Board to present an award to Phyllis Moore for State-Wide recognition of Florida's outstanding SHIP administrator for her involvement in the SHIP program. She said Gadsden County has been the go-to community for an example of what a SHIP success looks like.

Chair Croley asked Ms. Moore to come forward and asked everyone to please stand and give her "a Gadsden County standing ovation".

**Phyllis Moore**

“They got me, they set me up. I actually cried. But you know what, I give it all to God, he’s the one who has made all this possible. I have to continue to trust in Him and have to continue to do what’s needed in Gadsden County. It’s all about the residents and families of Gadsden County. It’s not about you and it’s not about me, it’s about the need of the people. Thank you all.”

The Commissioners had a few words to say to Ms. Moore.

## **CLERK OF COURTS**

### **2. County Finance and County Clerk Issues**

Mr. Thomas was not present and there was nothing to report.

## **CONSENT**

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

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

- A. September 17, 2013, Regular Meeting
- B. October 1, 2013, Regular Meeting

### **4. Ratification of Approval to Pay County Bills**

### **5. Approval of County Commissioner Hinson’s Travel to the 2013-2014 Florida Association of Counties Legislative Conference**

### **6. Approval and Signature(s) for Satisfaction of Special Assessment Lien(s) State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program**

### **7. Approval of Request for Gadsden County Probation Division to Conduct Court Ordered Theft Classes**

### **8. Approval of Request for Gadsden County Probation to Conduct Court Ordered Bad Check Classes**

### **9. Approval to Apply for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to Purchase Cardiac Monitors**

### **10. Public Officials Bond Reviews**

### **11. Appointment to the WORKFORCE plus Board of Directors**

### **12. 2013-2014 EMS County Award Grant Funds**

### **13. Approval of Medical Director Contract**

## **ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD**

**Ed Allen, Lake Talquin**, appeared before the Board regarding the Comprehensive Plan. He said the County had spent \$150,000 on consultants going through the ear amendments. Planning and Zoning had passed amendments and they are floating around somewhere.

Chair Croley asked Mr. Presnell to look into this matter.

Mr. Presnell said Allara Gutcher, the new Director and he could meet with him and bring him up to speed. He also informed everyone that they had gone through the changes, there were some things that needed some "fine-tuning" and they would be coming before the Board in the near future.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**14. Continuance of October 15, 2013 Public Hearing (Quasi-Judicial)-Florida Telecom Services, LLC 220' Self Supporting Lattice Tower Preliminary Site Plan (SP-2013-05) with deviations, 39 Schwall Road, Tax Parcel ID#-2-11-3N-2W-0000-00340-0000**

Mr. Presnell introduced the item and said this was a continuance of the October 15<sup>th</sup> hearing.

Chair Croley said this was continued for the purpose of voting only.

**UPON MOTION BY CHAIR CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN SUBJECT TO THE REQUIRED DEVIATIONS, BEFORE THE BOARD VOTED COMMISSIONER HINSON CALLED FOR DISCUSSION.**

Commissioner Hinson wanted to make sure that Ms. McBride's concerns were addressed regarding the health concerns.

Commissioner Holt said she did not have a problem with the placement of the tower, but thought if reception was not available, people could get a land line.

Chair Croley called for the vote and the Board voted 5-0 by voice vote to approve the item.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**15. Approval of Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement for the Development of Physician Office Space in the Hospital**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item.

**Mike Glazer, Ausley Law Firm**, appeared before the Board and explained the build-out of the office space for physicians and said everything should be completed within the next few weeks. He further stated they would be paying \$1,000 per month rent and would have a surgeon, cardiologist and ob-gyn to use the space on a rotating basis.

Commissioner Holt asked the pros and cons for the County and Mr. Glazer explained.

Commissioner Taylor asked who was responsible for the utility bill.

Mr. Glazer said the hospital would be.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON ,  
THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS MATTER**

**16. The Small County Road Assistance Program (Woodward Road)**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was seeking Board direction. He added the road suffered “reflective cracking” and FDOT had approved a new product that could be used to prevent this. It was recommended that this project be re-bid to add the crack relief to the bid.

Commissioner Taylor asked what district the road was in.

The Administrator told her it was located in District 2.

**Justin Ford, Preble-Rish**, appeared before the Board to address questions the commissioners had.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE  
BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS MATTER**

**17. Renewal of Contract for State Lobbying Services for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and stated this was seeking Board direction or approval on the item.

Commissioner Holt stated she understood everything would be put out for bid.

Commissioner Hinson said the contract for the Medical Director had been approved as well and had not been put out for bid.

Commissioner Taylor said that was almost a “sole-source” contract.

Commissioner Holt said she had no problem in approving this item and they needed to be on board in time for the next legislative session.

Chair Croley said Commissioner Taylor was correct, the Board had directed that contracts be put out for bid.

Mr. Presnell said contracts for legal, engineering and auditing would be going out for bid starting in January being staggered each month.

There was discussion among the Board regarding this item.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS MATTER. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED.**

**18. Approval of Amended License Agreements for Wireless Communication Equipment Facilities with the Florida Rural Broadband Alliance, Inc.**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said the Board had contracted with them in 2010 and this would extend the contract.

**JIM BROOK, Executive Director**, appeared before the Board.

Commissioner Morgan had questions for Mr. Brook and asked him to further expound on this matter for the benefit of the Board. He stated there were other counties involved asked if he would be appearing before them as well.

Mr. Brook stated he would be and explained the program to the Commissioners.

Chair Croley had questions and concerns.

Mr. Brook offered to come back before the Board and update them from time to time.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS MATTER**

**19. Commissioner Appointment to Inmate Commissary and Welfare Funds Committee**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item.

Chair Croley stated for the record that Commissioner Taylor had previously served on this Board and stated he understood that she wished to be removed.

She stated that was correct.

Chair Croley then asked Commissioner Holt if she would serve on the Board and she stated she would.

**UPON MOTION BY CHAIR CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS MATTER.**

**20. Approval for Funding of The Gadsden County Small Business Service Center**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said currently it was funded through the Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce, but there had been changes in economic development and funding this year and they were seeking direction for the programing.

**DAVID GARDNER, Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce**, appeared before the Board.

Commissioner Hinson said he strongly supported the Chamber, but during the budget session, they decided to give money to one certain group. He said he was for enhancing the Chamber.

Commissioner Morgan said this program has been very successful and did not understand why they would consider changing anything.

Commissioner Holt said she was in favor of moving this under one group, that she has had problems with funding the Chamber in the past because of their reporting.

Commissioner Taylor said they needed to look at where this program was best functioned. She added she did not want to do anything to take away from this program because it has helped small businesses.

Chair Croley said it sounded like everyone was in agreement that the program had been a good program and asked that they leave this program in place this year with the Chamber and once everything was in place with the Gadsden County Economic Council, to move it then.

There was more discussion among the Board.

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

**21. Continuation of Agreement Between Gadsden County Tourist Development Council and Legacy Marketing, Inc.**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item.

**Matt Thro, Vice Chair, TDC**, appeared before the Board and said they felt there had been a good response and asked that they continue the contract.

Chair Croley said there was no recommendation from the TDC and asked if this could be reconsidered at the next meeting and the TDC formally make a recommendation.

Commissioner Morgan said he thought the TDC needed to make a formal recommendation and bring this back before the Board.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO TABLE THIS ACTION TO HAVE TDC MAKE A FORMAL RECOMMENDATION AND BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD.**

**21a Request for Funding to Assist the Disabled American Veterans in Purchasing a New Van**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and stated this was a request to assist the Disabled American Veterans in funding for a new van. He stated the County's share would be \$2,107.63.

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

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**22. Update on Board Requests**

Mr. Presnell reminded the Board that the Veterans Day celebration would be held Monday at 11:00 a.m. at the Courthouse and there would be a fish fry.

He informed the Board there would be a meeting of the Gadsden County Stakeholders' Conversation on Tuesday, November 12th. He said TCC along with WorkForce Development and WorkForce plus will bring in some folks and help put this together.

Commissioner Morgan asked for an update on Code Enforcement.

Mr. Presnell said it was moving right along and everyone had received status updates in their district.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**23. Update on Various Legal Issues**

David Weiss said he had received a call from the Leon County Attorney following up on a conversation from approximately a year ago concerning discharges going into Lake Talquin and expounded on that conversation.

*Commissioner Hinson stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.*

Chair Croley said there were a lot of Gadsden County folks that worked at the mine in Georgia and at the BASF plant and there was further discussion among the board regarding this matter.

*Commissioner Hinson returned at this juncture of the meeting.*

Commissioner Taylor said this did concern her with the lake being located in her district and would like to hear from BASF and that one of the biggest commodities in this County was the lake. She was interested in hearing both sides of this matter.

Commissioner Holt said she thought this matter merited a workshop.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**

**24. Report and Discussion on Public Issues and Concerns Pertaining to Commission Districts and Gadsden County**

**Commissioner Taylor, District 5**

Commissioner Taylor talked about the Chamber, said the budget had been established, there was a need for good strong language before putting this in place and this needed to be placed on the agenda and have them appear before the Board for a regular update.

**Roads**

She asked for a list of approved roads for paving because it was so one-sided and she was looking for a road outside of District 2 to be on the list.

**Contracts**

She thought it was specific before, but thought all contracts needed to be bid out.

**Commissioner Holt, District 4**

She said regarding the Economic Development issue, it was wise to look at citizen input to find out what they needed.

She made a motion to have the manager look into town hall meetings like had been done in the past.

Chair Croley said the Economic Development council was made up of representatives from the County.

Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and the Board voted 5-0 by voice vote to have it placed on the agenda for them to discuss.

She said they needed to look at the umbrella of economic development and structure and who was responsible for what.

She mentioned the Food Share give-away and how sad it was to see the number of folks lined up to receive the food that was being given away.

**Commissioner Morgan, District 3**

Commissioner Morgan said he had nothing to report

**Commissioner Hinson, Vice Chairman, District 1**

Commissioner Hinson wanted to discuss the travel for Commissioners and did not think it needed to be an agenda item because it let everyone know when someone was out of town. He said when he first came on board, this matter came up and he had spoken with commissioners in other areas and it was not handled in the manner it was with this Board. He added he was on the school board for 8 years and that it was handled differently with them.

**UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO HAVE THE TRAVEL POLICY PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION.**

He also said there was a need to figure out our "claim to fame" for the county and focus on it.

**Commissioner Croley, Chairman, District 2**

Chair Croley reported to Commission they had voted to seek funding for a new agriculture facility and good progress was being made.

**RECEIPT AND FILE**

**NOVEMBER MEETING(S)**

-November 19, 2013, Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.



Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners  
November 5, 2013-Regular Public Meeting

**DECEMBER MEETING(S)**

- December 3, 2013, Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- December 17, 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 8:03 P.M.**

**GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk**