

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON MARCH 3, 2015, AT 6:00 P.M.,
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1-appeared by telephone
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
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 Holt called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m., asked for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. A silent roll call was taken by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no amendments to the Agenda.

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

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Proclamation Honoring Aaron "Coach" Battle

Chair Holt read aloud and presented the Proclamation to Mrs. Arrie Mims Battle.

CLERK OF COURTS

2. Cash-In-Bank Summary Report

Mr. Thomas gave a Cash-In-Bank Summary Report for the Commissioners. He said totals changed from day to day and on February 17, 2015, with all funds and accounts combined there was a total of \$17.5 Million. He pointed out in the General Fund, there was \$11.3 Million and approximately \$6 Million was Fund Balance. He said there was \$429,284 in the fund and while it might sound like a lot, it was as low as it has been in a long time. He said equipment was bought earlier in the fiscal year and cash was paid for it. He said he knew they were getting ready to do a bond for \$6.4 Million and none of that money could be used for general operation and when the bond was done previously, it was structured in a way they had to draw the money down and that was a good reason to have general fund balance. He then mentioned the EMS fund and said it had \$133,000 in it and there was a caveat to it. They had budgeted \$369,000 General Fund transfer and have had to transfer \$300,000 of that and that account would need to be watched over the course of the fiscal year. He then mentioned the Boating Fund that had \$181,000 in the account and said they have had that fund for quite a while and was money that came from collections at the Tax Collector's office that the State forwarded to us. He said they keep asking

what the plans were for the money and there was a good chance they might ask for it back and he advised them to “spend it”. Lastly, he mentioned Fund 661, dividends off the Hospital Endowment Fund. He reminded them a few years ago money was given to the Hospital and that was gotten back and there was \$273,000 in the fund, which could be used for build-out and major expenses at the Hospital. He said \$90,000 was budgeted for a chiller and told them to keep in mind it was money that could be used for additional build-out at the hospital.

Commissioner Taylor asked which fund could be used and Mr. Thomas responded it was the boating improvements, fund 178 and there were restrictions on that fund.

Commissioner Morgan asked about the boating fund and what the limitations were to those funds.

Mr. Thomas responded it could be used as long as it was related to boating, docks and ramps.

Commissioner Morgan asked about the transportation fund and asked him to talk to the public about what those funds were used for and why it was important to have a healthy balance in that account.

Mr. Thomas said the Transportation Fund was the Public Works department and it was important to have a healthy balance was if there was ever a storm during hurricane season and they needed to spend money to handle major repairs, FEMA was reimbursable, if gotten at all and was slow, and the money was needed to be able to do things and with the bond, they would not have the cash to do it and would have to be funded from the General Fund.

Commissioner Morgan said if they did that, they would have to repay it.

Mr. Thomas explained they stressed to have a separate fund balance for transportation because of the potential was so great.

CONSENT

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

3. Approval of Minutes

- December 16, 2014 Regular Meeting
- January 6, 2015 Regular Meeting
- January 20, 2015 Regular Meeting

4. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Property and Equipment

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items pulled for discussion.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens that requested to speak.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. PUBLIC HEARING-Continued-CDBG Grant Application

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said was a continuation of the public hearing for a CDBG application to purchase the old Thomas Motor Car property for the new EMS facility.

Chair Holt asked Commissioner Hinson if he needed more time for research.

Commissioner Hinson said he was ready to move forward.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY TASK FORCE TO SEEK FUNDING TO BUILD A NEW EMS FACILITY ON THE GROUNDS OF THE HOSPITAL AND CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR CALLED FOR QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Taylor said in looking at the agenda, the item before the Board was to approve or not approve applying for the CDBG grant for the building and property and the building of a new building not agendaed.

Chair Holt said they could move on the motion and second and called for the vote.

Commissioner Morgan agreed with Commissioner Taylor and asked the Attorney for guidance.

Mr. Weiss recommended adopting the task force recommendation and disapprove moving forward otherwise and recommended the motion be amended to adopt the task force advisory not to move forward with the application.

Chair Holt asked Commissioner Viegbesie if he wished to amend his motion.

Commissioner Viegbesie he would rather amend his motion to say if they apply for the money and if gotten, go forward with building an EMS facility in a location they already had. He asked who owned the property and who held the title to property.

Mr. Presnell said Capital City Bank owned the property, it had been repossessed.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked what financial institution was acting as the realtor that wanted to write a grant to purchase the property.

Mr. Presnell said Capital City Bank and they hired a grant writer.

Commissioner Viegbesie said it was his point of view that was not the direction they should go.

Mr. Presnell stated if this was going the way it seemed it was going by not purchasing the property, they would be a year out and will miss the cycle and it did not need to be decided now.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AMENDED HIS MOTION TO APPLY, WHETHER NOW OR NEXT YEAR, AND WHEN THE APPLICATION IS GOTTEN, THE FUNDS SHOULD BE USED TO BUILD AN EMS FACILITY WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITIZENS'S TASK FORCE AND CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND.

Mr. Weiss said before them tonight was option 2, but to move forward at a later date with a different CDBG grant.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 BY VOICE VOTE FOR OPTION TWO. COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED.

6. PUBLIC HEARING-(Quasi-Judicial)-Fletcher Mine Driveway (V-2015-01) Consideration of a Variance Order

Mr. Presnell introduced above item and said it was to request two variances from the Land Development Code regarding a road through the Rural Residential Future Land Use category and regarding the separation distance between the driveway and an existing road. He further explained it was an existing road going into an old mine and the landowner/agent proposed to move the road to have direct access to County Road 65. He further stated they held the Citizens Bill of Rights meeting and there was no opposition.

Commissioner Morgan said this was a good example of how the Citizen's Bill of Rights was designed to work and did work.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked in order for this item to be approved, did this need super majority to pass.

Mr. Presnell and Chair Holt said yes.

Commissioner Taylor said this was a public hearing and was not acknowledged with the last item and the public was not given a chance to speak.

Chair Holt said they always give the public a chance to speak, she was trying to get all the questions out of the way first.

Commissioner Taylor pointed out the public did not have a chance to speak regarding the CDBG grant for the EMS facility.

Chair Holt said she was correct and they had failed to see if anyone had any comments regarding that item. She said they could finish this item and then see if anyone wished to make any comments regarding the previous item.

Chair Holt said there was a notification process was in place before the Citizen's Bill of Rights was established.

Chair Holt asked if any public comments and there were none.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if this was for approval of narrowing the road and shortening the driveway to give property owners more land.

Mr. Presnell explained they were asking for a variance on the separation distance because they could not get quite what the Land Development Code required and asked the consultant to step forward to better explain.

Randy Lane, Consolidated Design Professions, Consulting Engineer, was sworn in by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk, and explained they were moving road the 160 feet as opposed to 185 feet and this would be a temporary road that would service the mine as a mine and when the mine was closed, the road would be taken away.

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

Mr. Weiss said they did not ask if there were any public comments for Item 5 regarding the CDBG grant for the EMS facility and asked at this time if there were any comments and there was none.

GENERAL BUSINESS

7. Approval to Utilize Law Enforcement Funds to Conduct Fourth Annual Rural County Summit

Mr. Presnell introduced the item and said it was for Board approval to utilize County Law Enforcement Training Funds in the amount of \$12,000 to conduct the Fourth Annual Rural County Summit to be held April 15-17, 2015. He explained the funds would cover speakers travel as well as the training venue costs.

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

8. Approval of Fuel Services Inter-local Agreement with FAMU Board of Trustee

Mr. Presnell introduced above item and said it was for Board approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with FAMU Board of Trustees for the dispensing of fuel.

Commissioner Morgan asked the Administrator if agreements could be made only with other governmental agencies and if this qualified. He also said there had been collection issues in the past and asked about the penalties.

Mr. Presnell explained there were clauses to include penalties and interests and he had expressed to the FAMU Board problems that had been experienced in the past with other agencies.

Mr. Weiss said the definition of “Public Agency” and “Intergovernmental” would include them.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked about penalty for non-payment, late payment and termination and did not see it included in the agreement.

Mr. Weiss said the administrative fee was included, but he also did not see the same terms of interest and penalties as the other ones had. Mr. Weiss added that he had not seen this before it was placed on the Agenda and their Attorney must have drawn this up.

Chair Holt said they could approve the item with the adjustments added.

Mr. Weiss said he would like to make sure it was consistent and would like to make a few other changes.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL BOTH ATTORNEYS REVIEW AND BRING IT BACK.

9. Approval of 2015 Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Mr. Presnell introduced above item and said this item was for Board approval of a funding agreement between the Gadsden County BOCC and The Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Solid Waste Program. This grant is received each year and the amount was for \$90,909.

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

10. Discussion of Implementing Workshops Prior to Each Regular County Commission Meeting

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item.

Chair Holt said when she mentioned this last time, crickets could be heard. She added that she had spoken with other counties and they hold workshops but it was not mandatory that the Commissioners attend and did not need a quorum because of the fact it was a workshop. She said they could come in one hour early twice a month and if they felt it was not needed then not vote for it.

Commissioner Viegbesie pointed out this was just for discussion and not for a vote, but he said he understood the intent and what it was designed to do, but he had a concern that if it were something the Board could discuss and there were no quorum would it be out of sunshine?

Chair Holt said no.

Mr. Weiss responded they could hold workshops and a quorum was not required to do so, they could not vote and could not discuss their preferences, they could only ask questions and gather information and the workshop would be publicly noticed.

Commissioner Taylor said the Chair beat her up enough at a regular meeting and did not want to attend an extra hour for more and was not in favor of it. She added when there was open discussion, and based on the ideas, concepts and perceptions that were shared, it gave them an idea of how a Commissioner would vote on an issue, knew they could not vote, but would give them an idea of how a Commissioner would vote. She said she would not attend and would not want to attend and would not support it, but if they felt there were items that needed to be discussed beforehand as they had done in the past, she was willing to do so, but she was unable to attend workshops on a regular basis because of her work.

Commissioner Morgan shared the same concerns that Commissioner Viegbesie and Commissioner Taylor stated, he added he understood the intent, thought it was good, but felt they had a hard time staying on agenda items at times during their regular BOCC meetings.

Chair Holt asked if Commissioner Hinson had anything to say and he said no comment.

Chair Holt said she had no problems with not doing it now, but asked that they consider it for later. She added “if you plan and you work, you’ll have accomplishments. If you sit back and try to handle it in a meeting, it’s not going to happen. Now, the other thing is, as one man commented to me at Florida State Hospital, he said this, ‘Ms. Holt, we were in y’all’s meeting for, I was in the meeting and y’all kept us there until almost 10:00. I work for a living. All I want to do is take care of my item and leave. I don’t want to sit here and hear y’all say all that stuff. Y’all can get y’all’s questions out of the way early, I can get a vote and go to work.’ So those were the only two reasons I brought that up. Make progress, economic development especially and give the public a break. Those are my only two reasons. But since it’s not up for a vote, let’s move on.”

11. Discussion and/or Approval of Revisions to the County’s Procurement Policy

Mr. Presnell introduced above item and stated it was for review and discussion of possible revisions to the County’s Procurement Policy.

Mr. Arthur Lawson appeared before the Board and said it was requested to bring back the County Administrator’s spending threshold. He said even though the Administrator had approval up to \$25,000, there were still policies that must be adhered to and they received the quotes, reviewed by his office for anything between \$10,000 and \$25,000 and he made recommendations to the Manager. He added that the Manager did not individually receive any quotes on any products, staff did and they made the recommendation to him for approval. He added that any contracts that were let to any vendors had to come before the Board and the Board approved all contracts. He added that most of the items they dealt with on a daily basis were to expedite the business of the County. He added they buy services and equipment to keep the County functioning; Public Works equipment, maintenance equipment, etc. and said there were a lot of old buildings and thing break down periodically and if the purchasing threshold was set too low, it would hinder the County and gave an example. He said if one of the AC units went out, typically they would cost between \$8,000 to \$10,000 and said if one went out in 99° and it had to be bid rather than receive quotes so it could be expedited in being fixed, the process could take upwards to two months. He further stated County government was like any other business, it had to run and had to run efficiently and the current policy and thresholds were in place for almost ten years and there had never been a problem with the purchasing of any supplies or equipment.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked Mr. Lawson what the threshold was before April, 2006 when this threshold was adopted.

Mr. Lawson responded it was set at \$10,000.

Commissioner Hinson said if they looked at Jackson County, their threshold was \$5,000; Madison County was at \$5,000; Suwanee County was \$5,000 and there were some affluent areas such as Nassau, Jacksonville and Fernandina Beach were very rich and affluent and they could afford \$50,000. He said the reason he felt they needed to be conservative was the State was about to make some critical tax cuts and until they found out what direction the State was headed, they needed to keep it low until they saw where things were headed.

Commissioner Morgan said he did not follow what he said, and asked how the County’s purchasing plan that was currently in place how tied into place what the State was doing.

Chair Holt said the County was going to get a hit in reduction of funds.

Commissioner Hinson asked them to look at page 3 and 4 and it showed the purchasing thresholds of other counties. He added when he attended the Governor's inauguration, he talked about how many taxes he wanted to cut and that meant the County would take a large hit.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO HAVE THE THRESHOLD AT \$5,000 AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR CALLED FOR A QUESTION.

Commissioner Taylor said they needed to be careful, but she understood they were trying to be visionaries and conservative, but there was a check and balance in place with Clerk's office and since she had been a commissioner, there had not been a more conservative administrator and was why the reserves were where they were. She said with that motion, a \$5,000 threshold based on other counties was a funny thing and those other counties had different personalities, stipulations and guidelines and this would now tie the arms of this government with the \$5,000 threshold. She said she appreciated being mindful; however the dollars spent now were dollars in their coffers and they were mindful in going forward with that might happen in two to three months and this was not a progressive move. She added if the Board voted for this, she asked that the Administrator and the Assistant to remind the Board of the hindrance with the delivery of service and how their responsibilities could not be fulfilled and she was not going to vote to reduce the threshold. She asked Commissioner Viegbesie for clarity of his motion.

Commissioner Viegbesie said currently the threshold was at \$25,000 and anything over \$25,001 needed formal bids and his motion was to move the threshold to \$5,000 and anything over \$5,001 would fall under the requirement of formal bids and anything under that amount could require one or two quotes and the Administrator and the director of the area where the funding was needed could go ahead and make the expenditures for it.

Commissioner Morgan said "I hear the conversation here and what would happen is if that gets done, it's going to end up costing us money rather than saving any money because of all the administrative nightmares that is going to take place because of this and you are going to have, you are taking a policy that was working and about to make it 100% dysfunctional, because there are tons, you can see the Administrator's head nodding, because there are tons of items that are going to fall from the \$5, to \$8, to \$10, to \$12,000 range that the local government is going to be purchasing and it's going to just cause cogs in the wheel. This thing's going to be a nightmare and the people that suffer from that are going to be the general public, ones paying the tax dollars. Just like Commissioner Taylor was saying, we are not going to effectively deliver and provide the services like we are now. If there was a problem with what was going on with this and we had reason to consider, I would be all for it, I really would. But We've got something, a policy in place that is effective and working, why go out of our way to screw it up? This is going to be, I'm telling you guys, this is going to be a nightmare in the making."

Mr. Presnell said they would carry on with whatever policy the Board adopted, but would be remiss if he did not tell them the \$5,000 figure, from experience of being a Department Head as well as the Administrator, would cause serious issues and with Public Works, if the equipment went down and went out for a formal bid and getting it back to the Board and on the Agenda with the ten day requirement, the equipment would be down six weeks and would have no power to do anything about it. He added that Mr. Lawson had given an example of the air conditioning unit

at \$8,000 or \$9,000 and it taking a six week process to replace the unit and that would be what they could face at the \$5,000 figure. He added that he had no problem with them reducing it, but it would cost some serious issues that he wanted to make them aware of.

Mr. Lawson said he had been with the County 23 years and never had the threshold been less than \$10,000. He said they would have to spend additional money advertising and additional staff time dealing with it. He said they were concerned with only receiving one bid before, but a lot of vendors did not want to take the time to go through the formal process of putting together a bid document for \$5,000 to \$6,000, but would give a quote. He added as the Administrator had said, whatever they did, they would deal with it, but felt he needed to make them aware of the serious complications.

Commissioner Hinson called for question.

Chair Holt said she had called a couple of counties, Jackson and Madison, and asked what they did for things over \$5,000 and how they ran things at \$5,000. They informed her if an emergency, they would bring it back before the Board as an emergency. She added that they upped the limit when they were building fire stations and libraries.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED. MOTION PASSED.

12. Discussion of Possible Amendment to Ordinance 2014-002 Relating to Private Road Acquisitions

Mr. Presnell introduced above item and said the Board adopted Ordinance Number 2014-002 and the Board had expressed an interest in possibly amending the Ordinance to enable consideration of more private roads for acquisition.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if they were considering changing from 60' roadway to what?

Mr. Presnell said they were looking at reducing from 60' at the roadway and it was before them a few weeks ago and there were some consensus for the Board to bring it back to discuss what width and would it increase amount of roads from private to county-maintained-yes.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if that would increase the amount of roads that the sign colors would change from green to blue (from private to county maintained) and how it would affect the original mobility plan for CRTPA projects with regards to the ability to receive funding for SCRAP, SCOP, CIGG and LAP grants.

Mr. Presnell explained if they accepted a narrower roadway, it would hurt the chance of receiving future funding for that particular road. But, he said, with the bigger issue of the County having a policy accepting the narrower roads would hurt on the other level, he was not sure how that would affect them.

Commissioner Viegbesie said in looking at the development at CRTPA with the changes that were going on, if this were done it would hurt eligibility for being included in the prioritization of roads that funding would come out of to help us with roads in the County. He added they needed to look at how it would impact the development of roads.

Commissioner Taylor said with regards to private roads, they were trying to give citizens relief on those roads because they pay taxes, vote and live in this County. She added it would not have any impact with regards to CRPTA because the County offers roads to CRPTA for consideration and try to give to CRTPA roads that would be approved. She added she was just asking to give citizens relief.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had met with Transportation, the Engineer and County Administrator a few days ago to work on the transportation plan to see how it would fit CRPTA planning and added that CRTPA was now accepting and adopting roads with a point system. He added that they could have all the roads in the County adopted, but if it did not meet the criteria that CRPTA used, most of them would not be a part of what would be considered.

Chair Holt said if they were going to do this, take the roads that were already 60' wide and then could work on others because they would need to come up to standard anyway.

Commissioner Taylor said she brought this some time ago to try to give relief to some residents. She said her only goal was to try and incorporate as many people off these roads as possible because there were a number of private roads in the County. She asked them to consider that this was their constituents and they were paying the same taxes and having the same responsibilities as the ones who were on a public, paved road.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION THREE.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

13. Update on Board Requests

Legislative Day

Mr. Presnell said their Gadsden Legislative Day would be Thursday, March 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Capitol and more information would follow regarding that.

Gadsden Connector

He informed them of the ribbon cutting at the Winn Dixie Plaza for the new bus program, The Connector and more information would follow for that as well.

Board Retreat

He told them the Retreat was scheduled for April 9th at 4:00 p.m. at Creek Entertainment and he had reached out to Florida Association of Counties and they recommended someone to facilitate the retreat.

Citizen's Bill of Rights

He also said the Citizen's Bill of Rights Workshop will be on the 17th prior to the regular Board Meeting starting at 4:00 p.m.

Annual Relay for Life

He said last year there were personal donations along with what was given by the Board and asked if they were interested in doing the same this year and if so, what amount they wished to give.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if this should be an item placed on the agenda.

Commissioner Morgan asked if they gave individually last year.

Mr. Presnell said two commissioners did, but the Board also gave money as well.

Commissioner Taylor agreed with Commissioner Viegbesie that this should be placed on the Agenda.

Commissioner Holt said she worked the Capitol earlier in the day and said there were many groups between the old Capitol and the new Capitol. She said there were chairs, tents and groups working the Legislature and they needed to spruce up their efforts. She also said Former Senator Lawson and Chris Doolin got together and had a room so Gadsden County would have their own room to lobby some of the Senators and Representatives that would be coming through and have refreshments.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if Mr. Lawson and Mr. Doolin would identify specific Legislators that would be relevant to Gadsden County.

Chair Holt replied yes.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

14. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss gave an update on the Ashford Healthcare litigation and said they were successful in getting it dismissed at the trial court phase, getting it affirmed on appeal and when he last brought it to the Board there were questions regarding the attorney's fee and if they would appeal the District Court of Appeals decision and they were not successful in recovering the majority of the County's attorney's fees.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

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

Commissioner Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had two items and hoped they could be addressed expeditiously. The first one was an old sign on Highway 12 where a daycare used to be and showed "School Zone" and showing 35 MPH. He said one was coming from Havana and the other from Quincy just before the daycare or school. He said a citizen called him and said he had been given a ticket but the school was no longer there. He asked if they could look into having the signs removed so tickets would not be issued.

Mr. Presnell explained it was a State road and would have to go through DOT, but would get the ball rolling on that matter.

He said the second item was the intersection at Highway 12 and Point Milliken needed a caution

light because it was a dangerous for vehicles coming from Point Milliken or coming from Havana on Highway 12.

Chair Holt asked if the light on a State highway had to go through DOT and Mr. Presnell responded yes, it would have to go through the Community traffic Safety Team and then be forwarded to DOT.

Commissioner Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said if the other members had not done so yet, to look at the quarterly report from the Chamber.

Commissioner Taylor, District 4

Commissioner Taylor said she had two things and asked the Administrator about the recommendations made to his office regarding the Planning and Zoning representatives from District 5 and asked when it would come before the Board for approval.

Mr. Presnell stated on the 17th at the next meeting.

She announced that the Gadsden County School Board was hosting the Special Olympics on March 6th at 9:30 a.m. and was called Fans in the Stands.

Commissioner Hinson, Vice-Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson thanked the Administrator and Staff for an outstanding job last month.

Commissioner Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said she went to Tallahassee and met with a couple of Senators to push the Agenda forward and stressed the need to lobby every chance they could.

Goodwill Opening

She said when she attended there were no elected officials present and Mr. Bullard interviewed her several times and she tried to sell on radio the job availability, the service center where you could learn computer skills and economic development until other elected officials came.

She mentioned that Gwen Graham's aide was present to meet with anyone and any ideas they had to take back to her.

RECEIPT AND FILE

- 16.** **a. Mediacom February 6, 2015**
- b. Gadsden County Health Department Source of Contribution Report**

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- March 17, 2015 – Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- April 7, 2014 – Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
March 3, 2015 – Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:39 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

**BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners**

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk