

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON MAY 5, 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-arrived late**  
                          **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 AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., asked that everyone put their phones on vibrate. She asked that everyone stand 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**

Mr. Presnell stated he would like to remove Item 4 and it would be brought back at a later date.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.**

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

**1. Proclamation (National Public Works Week)**

Mr. Presnell said this Proclamation was in recognition of National Public Works Week and the Public Works Director, Curtis Young was present with some of the staff. They were asked to come forward, the Chair read the Proclamation aloud and then presented Proclamation to them.

**2. Proclamation (Women's Lung Health Week)**

Chair read and then presented the Proclamation to Joy Dixon

*Commissioner Taylor appeared at this juncture of the meeting.*

**3. Recognition of Sandy's Kickin Kitchen**

No-one was present to receive the Recognition.

**4. Recognition of Miller's Lighthouse Seafood & Grill**

**CLERK OF COURT**

Mr. Thomas spoke to the Commissioners and said the transactions for refunding the 2013 Transportation fund were complete and the 2013 Bond was paid off of the \$6.2 Million and the proceeds were in the bank account and the Board would need to amend the budget to reflect the

transactions. He advised that they spend carefully because the Bond would not be paid off until 2030. He then spoke regarding EMS and said there still was a cash flow problem that needed to be monitored. He said the revenue was posted today and was still \$69,000 negative cash and may need to be fixed by the end of the fiscal year.

**CONSENT**

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

**5. Approval of Minutes**

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**ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**6. PUBLIC HEARING-Ordinance No. 2015-006 to Address Special Exception Uses (SEU) in the Gadsden County Land Development Code**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was a public hearing seeking approval of Ordinance 2015-006 to amend the Gadsden County Land Development Code to address special assessment uses.

Chair Holt stated before there was public input she would like to have discussion first so the public would know what this was about.

**Allara Gutcher, Planning & Community Development Director**, appeared before the Board to better explain the Ordinance. She further explained that currently there was no criteria in the Code when people apply for special exceptions or for them to have to review against and Section 7300 would create an avenue for review of such requests and the perimeters in which the requests would be reviewed against.

Commissioner Viegbesie said for clarity, they were establishing uniform perimeters in which to approve or deny across the board and Ms. Gutcher replied yes.

Commissioner Morgan said, for clarification, the reason they were considering this tonight, when she came into this position as Planning Director, this was some of the things she identified and recommendations that she was making to move forward and she responded they needed to have this in the Code to even consider special exception criteria. She further stated the process was not changing, just what they needed to look at in order to be considered.

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

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7. Approval to Accept the FY2015 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report**

Mr. Presnell introduced item and said it was for acceptance of the 2015 second quarter report for 2015.

Commissioner Morgan had question regarding the line item regarding the contingency fund and asked why it showed (\$45,000) and then had \$30,000.

**Jeff Price, Senior Management & Budget Analyst**, appeared before the Board to address questions the Commissioners had. He stated the (\$45,000) was the amount they started with.

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

**8. Cooperative Equipment Loan Agreement**

Mr. Presnell introduced above item and said it was for approval for a Cooperative Loan Agreement between the Gadsden County Fire Service and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service.

Commissioner Morgan said it showed there was no fiscal impact and did that mean there was no additional impact and Mr. Presnell stated that was correct.

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

**9. Code Enforcement Lien Satisfaction/Alice Cox; Parcel ID No. 315N4W09110000B0120**

Mr. Presnell introduced above item and stated it was for satisfaction of a Code Enforcement Lien on property previously owned by Alice Cox, parcel number 3152N4W09110000B0120.

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

**10. Re-Appointments to the Gadsden County Industrial Development Authority**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to reappoint members to the Gadsden County Industrial Development Authority.

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

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**11. Update On Various Board Requests**

Mr. Presnell said there would be an Economic Development Workshop on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and if the Board wanted, they could schedule a retreat prior to that.

Commissioner Taylor said real deliverables were not in place in the contract. She stated there were targets in the contract but they were at their mercy and felt they needed to come before

them so they could be given direction on what the Board wanted to see as a whole.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR TO ALLOW THE MANAGER TO SET A MEETING TO HAVE DIALOGUE STARTING MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 4:00 P.M. AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.**

Mr. Presnell reminded them of the Summer Youth Employment and said they had gone through the process and each Commissioner is able to select five youths and asked that they get that wrapped up. Commissioner Hinson asked how it was advertised because some youth said they had not heard about it. Mr. Presnell said ads ran in the local papers, notice was sent to the schools, was on the website and had 310 applications. Commissioner Viegbesie asked if the five youth that Commissioners recommended had to go through the application process or if they could be appointed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Morgan said this was publically advertised and asked how it could be changed after the fact so Commissioners could pick and choose students of their choice. Commissioner Viegbesie said it was his understanding that each commissioner pick five and the student did not have to fill an application out. Chair Holt said they needed to move on this item and suggested in the future they make the clarification in writing what the procedure was to be.

Mr. Presnell reminded them of the James Thompson road dedication ceremony at Highway 90 in Gretna scheduled for Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

Re reminded them that Tuesday, the Gadsden County Development Council in association with Opportunity Florida was having a Rural Business Retention/Expansion at the Gretna Casino starting at 10:00 until 3:00 p.m.

**CRPTA** Appointment He said he had been in conversation with CRPTA and some of the cities and they were working on the issue and it was not clear in their by-laws regarding the replacement of members and there would be an upcoming Resolution regarding that.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had been contacted by two municipalities regarding replacements on CRPTA.

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

### **12. Update on Various Legal Issues**

Mr. Weiss said he had nothing to report but was available for questions.

Commissioner Hinson asked for an update regarding Havana Heights. Mr. Weiss stated he had sent a letter and was waiting for a response.

Commissioner Holt asked if parking was on the county right-of-way and the answer was yes.

Commissioner Viegbesie said one side belonged to the City and one side to the County.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**

**13. Report and Discussion of Public Issues and Concerns Pertaining to Commission Districts and Gadsden County**

**Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3**

Commissioner Morgan had nothing to report.

**Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5**

Commissioner Taylor said the Commissioners were to give names for Senior Citizens appointees and they needed to do that because they were starting to lose members.

*Commissioner Hinson left the meeting at this juncture.*

Chair Holt said a formal letter on County letterhead to the Senior Citizens would be nice requesting a response.

**Commissioner Anthony “Dr. V” Viegbesie, PhD, District 2**

Commissioner Viegbesie said his comment was what Commissioner Taylor just addressed.

**Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1**

**Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4**

Chair Holt said she had spoken with our lobbyists and it was their opinion when the legislature reconvenes in June, the bill process would have to start all over again and meant they would have to start all over again with what they wanted. She was hoping they could lobby the representatives for the issues and needs of the County.

**RECEIPT AND FILE**

- 14. a. Quarterly Report Gadsden County Division of Emergency Management**  
**b. Gadsden County Chamber Small Business Service Report**  
**c. Mediacom**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

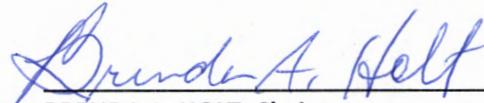
- 15. May 19, 2015 – Regular Meeting**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA



  
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BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk