

**AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JUNE 30, 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**  
                  **Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2**  
                  **Gene Morgan, District 3**  
                  **Sherrie Taylor, District 5-appeared by telephone**  
                  **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 6:03 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 conducted by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

**AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Presnell stated he would like to amend the Agenda to add an emergency item -Post Approval of Emergency Purchase of A/C Unit under the Emergency Purchasing Authority of the County Administrator.

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-009, An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, FL, extending the Six Cent Local Option Fuel Tax on every gallon of motor fuel and diesel fuel sold in Gadsden County, FL, and taxed under the provisions of part I or part II of Chapter 206, Florida Statutes, pursuant to Section 336.025(1)(a), Florida Statutes, through December 31, 2044, as previously adopted and extended by Ordinance Numbers 85-005, 95-007, 2005-003, and 2007-007, currently codified at Chapter 74, Article I, Section 74-2 of the Gadsden County Code of Ordinances; providing for repeal, severability, inclusion in the Gadsden County Code of Ordinances, and modifications that may arise from consideration at public hearing; and providing for an effective date.**

Mr. Weiss explained the Ordinance and said it was to extend the current Ordinance that imposed the six cent local option fuel tax and it was brought to their attention that the Ordinance would expire August 31, 2015 and the Department of Revenue brought to their attention that there was a July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline on order to expend the Ordinance tax and they required passing of the Ordinance prior to the expiration of August 31<sup>st</sup>. He said the proposed

Ordinance would extend it to December 31, 2044.

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

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if it could be extended longer than 30 years and Mr. Weiss explained that 30 years was the outer bound of the limit to the statute.

Commissioner Morgan asked the attorney if the tax could be lowered in the future without affecting the Ordinance in the future. Mr. Weiss explained it would be a revision of the Ordinance and there was nothing to say that they could not amend the ordinance and lower the tax. Commissioner Morgan then asked the Administrator if research had been done if tax was lowered what the revenues would be for the County and would more gas be purchased and produce more revenue. Mr. Presnell said he had brought a proposal before them and there was discussion about more tax and there would be less consumed but they had no hard data.

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

**2. Post Approval of Emergency Purchase of A/C Unit under the Emergency Purchasing Authority of the County Administrator**

Mr. Presnell explained the emergency item added to the agenda and said was for post approval of an emergency purchase for the rooftop air conditioning unit at the Courthouse Annex. He explained under Section 5.11.1, Emergency Purchases, of the County Procurement Policy the County was able to do this.

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

**COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND. BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD COMMENTS.**

Commissioner Morgan said he hoped from this day moving forward, they would look into going back to the Procurement Policy as it was before the change was made and this was a prime example of the reason to not have made the changes they did to the Policy.

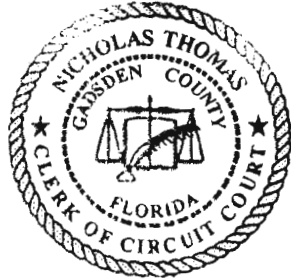
**CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

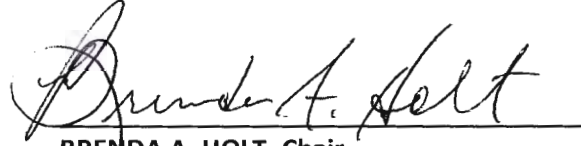
Commissioner Viegbesie said regarding the gas tax and the comments made by Commissioner Morgan, Gadsden County had the lowest gas tax in all 67 counties.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

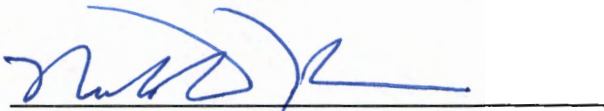
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA



  
BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair

ATTEST:

  
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK