

AT A BUDGET HEARING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON SEPTEMBER 10, 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
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 everyone to 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

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 WRITTEN.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. PUBLIC HEARING-First Budget Hearing for Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Mr. Presnell said this was the first of two required public hearings for the budget for this year. He said the budget had been formulated based on maintaining current county-wide property tax rate of 8.9064 mills and the calculated roll-back millage rate generated the same amount of property tax revenue as last year and was 8.9175 mills. He said the current year rate of 8.9064 had a percent change of the roll-back rate was -0.12%. He further explained that the fiscal year tentative budget was \$54,182,388 and Staff recommended two motions this evening; the first to adopt the proposed millage rate of 8.9064 mills for the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 8.9064 AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON. CHAIR HOLT ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY PUBLIC INPUT AND THERE WAS NONE. CHAIR CALLED FOR THE VOTE AND THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

Mr. Presnell said the next motion was adoption of the tentative budget for fiscal year 2015-2016.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO INCLUDE VIDEOTAPING OF THE COMMISSION MEETINGS. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO HIRE VIDEOGRAPHER AND SET ASIDE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

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

Mr. Presnell said staff recommended that the second public budget hearing be held Monday, September 21st at 6:00 p.m.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE SECOND BUDGET HEARING TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 21st AT 6:00 P.M.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:05 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk