

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON SEPTEMBER 15, 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-arrived late  
Sherrie Taylor, District 5  
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 for a moment of silence and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A silent roll call was conducted by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

**AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Presnell stated there were no amendments to the Agenda.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

There were no awards, presentations or appearances.

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

**CLERK OF COURT**

Deputy Clerk, Marcella Blocker, informed the Commissioners that the Clerk, Mr. Thomas, was at the Legislative Budget Hearing concerning the Clerks' budget and had nothing to report.

**CONSENT**

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

1. Approval of Minutes  
July 21, 2015-Regular Meeting

**ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

2. **PUBLIC HEARING-(Legislative) For Adoption of Ordinance 2015-011 for the Amendment of the Future Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan**

Mr. Presnell introduced above item and stated it was a public hearing to adopt Ordinance 2015-011 for the amendment of the Future Land Use Element of the Gadsden County Comprehensive Plan.

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

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**3. Approval of Mosquito Control Agreement with Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) and Annual Certified Budget**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said Staff was seeking Board approval of this matching funds agreement and budget and for authorization for the Chair to sign.

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

**4. 2015-2016 EMS County Award of Grant Funds**

Mr. Presnell introduced above item and said it was for Board approval to apply for the 2015-2016 EMS County Award of Grant Funds from the Florida Department of Health, which required a Resolution and the signature of the Board Chair on the application.

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

**5. Hogan Lane SCRAP Project Bid Award**

Mr. Presnell introduced item and said it was for approval to award the bid of Hogan Lane SCRAP to Peavy and Son Construction.

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

**6. Approval to Extend the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Chattahoochee Regarding Public Boat Ramp Improvements on the Apalachicola River**

Mr. Presnell introduced above item and said was for approval to extend the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Chattahoochee for improvements to the South Boat Ramp on the Apalachicola River.

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

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

**7. State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Grant Agreement for the 2015-2016 Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant**

Mr. Presnell introduced above item and said it was for authorization for the Chair to sign a grant

agreement with the Department of Economic Opportunity to accept the 2015-2016 Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant Award.

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

**8. Agreement with the Management Experts, LLC to Review and Update the County's Emergency Plans**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said was for approval of an agreement between GCBOCC and The Management Experts, LLC to provide emergency training.

**Tashonda Whaley, Emergency Management**, appeared before the Board to address questions.

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

**9. Approval and Execution of State Aid Grant Agreements**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said submission was required for the 2015-2016 State Aid application.

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

**10. Approval and Signature on the Fall 2015 E911 Rural County Grant Application for E911 System and MapSAG Annual Support and Maintenance**

Mr. Presnell introduced above item and said it was for Board approval and signature on the Fall 2015 E911 Rural County Grant Application for E911 System and MagSAG Annual Support and Maintenance.

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

**11. Approval to Accept Quote from Ross Tower Co., Inc. to Repair the Communications Cell Tower Located at the Gadsden County Jail**

Mr. Presnell introduced above item and said it was for approval to accept the quote from Ross Tower Company to repair the existing communications cell tower located at the Gadsden County Jail.

Commissioner Morgan asked if there were any evidence of the company being bonded.

**Clyde Collins, Building Official**, appeared before the Board and said yes, they were licensed, insured and bonded.

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

**12. Traffic Calming Devices Policy**

Mr. Presnell introduced above item and said this was to seek approval from the Board on the

traffic calming devices policy.

Mr. Weiss explained the additions he placed into the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.

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

He said since it was sent to him with that section in it, it was his assumption that was the way they were going with the costs being a special assessment against the benefitted properties rather than the money coming from general county funds; and b) in most cases that was what they would see and added it would typically be the type of improvement that would only benefit a small segment of the public and if they were making an improvement that would benefit such small segment, it would be done based on a special assessment against the property of those benefitted. He said he also added that this would only be considered for county roads that were open to the public.

Mr. Presnell asked what the special assessment would cost if they went that route.

Mr. Weiss stated that would be a cost that would be passed along and included in the special assessment and there were various companies that specialized in implementing special assessments that could do this for not an excessive cost.

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

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was glad to see the policy or ordinance in place to handle the citizens' requests.

**COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE POLICY AND CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD COMMENTS.**

Commissioner Morgan agreed it was a good idea to have a policy in place and said they needed to keep in mind whenever speed calming devices are considered and implemented, it always produced issues and stated again these devices are not meant to slow down as a certain area was approached, it was meant to help a person maintain an existing speed. He stated he supported the policy and recommended they talk to the tax collector for feedback.

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

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

#### **13. Update on Various Board Requests**

Mr. Presnell reminded the commissioner the final Budget hearing was scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

He also reminded them the Value Adjustment Board Organizational meeting was scheduled for 3:00 p.m. tomorrow.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**14. Update on Various Legal Issues**

Mr. Weiss stated he had nothing to report but was available for questions and there were none.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**

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

**COMMISSIONER ANTHONY “DR. V” VIEGBESIE, PhD., Commissioner, District 2**

Commissioner Viegbesie reminded the commissioners this was the last meeting in this fiscal year. He reminded all of them “The fear of God, not of man, is the beginning of wisdom. While we may have our own worldly knowledge, I will suggest that we rely more on Godly wisdom. Furthermore, we must not allow our fear of change from what we are used to, to keep us in the state of perpetual despair.”

**COMMISSIONER GENE MORGAN, District 3**

Commissioner Morgan asked the County Administrator about the road paving and asked if phase one was beginning and Mr. Presnell responded yes, they were shooting for four phases. Commissioner Morgan said they had found the costs for paving and asphalt were cheaper and asked if the Administrator could recall when it was cheaper. Commissioner Morgan then said he had done research and asked the Board to consider a way to identify enough funds to complete paving for any unpaved county roads.

Mr. Presnell said it was as good of an idea now as it was in 2006 when the first bond was done, it could be done cheaper now and anytime they could make an investment up front it was a benefit, not only from the money standpoint, but people were getting the use of the paved roads and reaping the benefit thereof.

Chair Holt asked the pay-off on the bond. Mr. Presnell stated they had just redone the bond and the pay-off was \$10 Million. Chair Holt said when they went after the bond money in 2006, people were saying they were broke and they were not. She said they used the monies to build the libraries because they used the match off the infrastructure off the roads in order to build the three libraries and two fire stations. She said they could levy infrastructure as needed to build other roads and they may or may not look at getting an interest rate that was pretty good.

**COMMISSIONER SHERRIE D. TAYLOR, Commissioner, District 5**

Commissioner Taylor said she had nothing to report.

**COMMISSIONER ERIC F. HINSON, Vice Chair, District 1**

Commissioner Hinson had nothing to report.

**COMMISSIONER BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair, District 4**

Chair Holt asked for a Proclamation for Millie Forehand who was retiring on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

**RECEIPT AND FILE**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- 16. September 21, 2015-Final Budget Hearing - 6:00 p.m.
- October 6, 2015-BOCC Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- October 20, 2015-BOCC Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**


THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:31 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA



  
BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk