

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON OCTOBER 20, 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-absent
Sherrie Taylor, District 5-arrived late
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:01 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

Mr. Presnell said he would like to add Item 2A-Presentation by Michael Dooner.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

2A Presentation by Michael Dooner, Vice President of the Florida Forestry Association, concerning Forest Week in Florida.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Presentation: Scott Town Park

Steve Cutshaw, Park Manager of Torreya State Park and also representing DEP, appeared before the Board and presented a check in the amount of \$50,000 for the benefit of Scott Town Park renovation.

Commissioner Taylor appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

2. Recognition of Aromatherapy Workspace, Havana, FL

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item. Jane Brower appeared before the Board and they presented a plaque to Ms. Brower. Commissioner Viegbesie said this business helped with the improvement of quality of lives in the community

2A Michael Dooner, Vice President of Florida Forestry Association, appeared before the Board concerning Forest Week in Florida and passed out for the Board a State of Florida Resolution from the Governor designating the week of October 18-24, 2015 as Working Forests Week in the State of Florida.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

CLERK OF COURTS

Clerk Thomas was present and had nothing to report.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 2-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED.

3. **Ratification of Approval to Pay County Bills**
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **August 18, 2015 – Regular Meeting**
 - b. **September 1, 2015 – Regular Meeting**
 - c. **September 15, 2015 – Regular Meeting**

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Charles Morris, 23201 Blue Star Highway, Quincy, FL – Gadsden United.com, appeared before the Board concerning Gadsden United.com, and said they were not to be confused with any other Gadsden United.

He spoke of things Gadsden United.com was pushing for and said they had been holding a series of town hall meetings over the past several months with over 800 people in attendance. He said there would be a mass meeting on October 30th at 6:30 p.m. at East Gadsden High. He said food would be available along with childcare services. He said they had been able to solve some issues already: 1)With the Spanish-speaking population, they did not understand the bus schedules and thanks to the County Staff, the bus passes were translated into Spanish; 2) Another issue in the St. John/Havana-there was a problem with a flashing yellow light and they were hoping to hear good news from the Federal Department of Transportation, but in the meantime, after the speed study, were hoping it proved that the speed limit could be reduced; 3) Fire service in communities-He said in particular was in Greenshade area and hoped to get volunteers in the needed area to help fight fires as a short-term solution; 4)Citizens' Bill of Rights-He said this matter had come up at almost every meeting they had conducted; and 5) Televised Meetings-He would like to see the meetings televised to the public would be able to see it on the television.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. PUBLIC HEARING:(QUASI-JUDICIAL)-Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. Hinson Substation Expansion Special Exception (SE-2015-01)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this was a public hearing to request approval of a special exception use application to expand an existing Talquin Electric Cooperative facility located on Potter-Woodberry Road. He also said it had received unanimous support from the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Bill James, Talquin Electric, was sworn in by the Deputy Clerk and appeared before the Board and said the current substation was old equipment and had been there for 30 plus years and needed to be rebuilt and increased in capacity.

Chair Holt asked if anyone in the audience had any comments and there was no-one.

Commissioner Hinson said it had been rumored that storm water was coming to the area and asked what they knew about it. Mr. James said he was associated with the electrical division only and that was a different department of Talquin.

Bert Connolly, 2847 Royal Oaks Drive, engineer with Jim Stidham and Associates, was sworn in.

Commissioner Hinson asked about microwave communication poles and if it would cause cancer. Mr. Connolly said no.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE. BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, COMMISSIONER TAYLOR HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Taylor asked Mr. Presnell under his recommendation it said discretion of the Board and asked if there was something that kept him from making a recommendation. Mr. Presnell said most of the planning items that involved special exceptions, they had been putting it for a while "Board Discretion". She asked if he saw any issues and he said no.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE ITEM.

6. PUBLIC HEARING: (QUASI-JUDICIAL)- Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. Hinson Substation Expansion Special Exception (SE-2015-03)

Mr. Presnell introduced item and said it was a public hearing to request site plan approval to expand the existing Talquin Electrical Cooperative electrical substation located on Potter-Woodberry Road.

Chair Holt asked if anyone in the audience was in favor or opposed to the item and there was no-one.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Hinson asked if there were any health issues and Mr. Connolly said none that he was aware of.

Commissioner Viegbesie said if there were anything detrimental with this project he would have been "kicking and screaming in opposition" because this was in his backyard.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS MATTER.

7. PUBLIC HEARING: (LEGISLATIVE)-Adoption of Ordinance 2015-012 for the amendment to Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement; Chapter 6, Subdivision of Land; and Chapter 7, Development Orders, Development Permits, and Development Agreements, of the Gadsden County Land Development Code

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for consideration of adoption of amendments to Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement; Chapter 6, Subdivision of Land; and Chapter 7, Development Orders, Development Permits and Development Agreements of the Gadsden County Land Development Code..

Chair Holt said this was a public hearing and asked if anyone in the audience had comments either for or against this item and there was no-one.

Chair Holt asked Mr. Weiss if he had any concerns and he did not and added that he had reviewed it and worked on it with the Planning Director.

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

8. PUBLIC HEARING: (LEGISLATIVE)-For Transmittal of the Amendment of the Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan to the Department of Economic Opportunity for Review

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this was part of the process for the amendment of the Conservation Element of the Gadsden County Comprehensive Plan.

Chair Holt said this was also a public hearing and asked if anyone in the audience had any comments and no-one did.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked the attorney if there was anything he was concerned with and he stated no and he had also worked on it with the Planning Director.

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

/Hinson 4-0

9. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of Resolution No. 2015-014 a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida Authorizing the Substitution of the County's Revenue Bond, Taxable Series 2014B (Public Safety Academy Housing, Inc. Project); and Providing an Effective Date

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for a resolution authorizing the substitution of Gadsden County's Revenue Bond, Taxable Series 2014B (Public Safety Academy Housing, Inc. Project).

Mr. Weiss said this was for adoption of Resolution 2015-014 to substitute Gadsden County's Revenue Bond Taxable Series 2014B to correct an error in the bond regarding the amortization period.

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

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE

BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

10. Revitalization of Adams Street Via Street Murals

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item.

Chair Holt said she attended a workshop in St. Petersburg and toured some of the buildings. She had a slideshow to show the Board and audience.

Sarah Figgers, 930 W. Crawford Street, Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board in support of the murals.

Joe Monroe, Director of MainStreet Quincy, appeared before the Board in support of the murals and also read an email from Grace Robinson, Gadsden Arts Center who was also in support of the murals.

Commissioner Viegbesie attested to the importance of the murals and asked how it could be protected from graffiti and asked the fiscal costs to the County.

Chair Holt said her motion that she would soon make would be for up to \$10,000 from contingency funds.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

UPON MOTION BY CHAIR HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER, THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MURALS AND FOR THE FUNDS TO COME FROM CONTINGENCY FUND UP TO \$25,000.

11. Telogia Creek Road COGP Agreement

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval and signature of the FDOT CIGP agreement for the paving of Telogia Creek Road.

Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.

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

12. CR 65B (Bettstown Road) SCOP Agreement

Mr. Presnell introduced above item and said it was for Board approval and signature of the FDOT SCOP agreement for the paving of CR 65B (Bettstown Road)

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

13. McPhaul Road SCOP Agreement

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval and signature of the FDOT SCOP agreement for the paving of McPhaul Road.

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

/Hinson 4-0

14. Howell Road SCRAP Agreement

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Boar approval and signature of the FDOT SCRAP agreement for the paving of Howell Road.

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

15. Brickyard Road SCRAP Agreement

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval and signature of the FDOT SCRAP agreement for the paving of Brickyard Road.

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

16. Peck Betts Road SCOP Agreement

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said was for Board approval and signature of the FDOT SCOP agreement for the paving of Peck Betts Road.

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

17. Approval to Award RFP 2015-018 to develop the Gadsden County US-90 Corridor Master Plan, Calendar of Festivals and Natural Resources, and Vision Statement funded by Florida DEO, to Chisano Marketing Group, and authorize the Chairperson to execute the Agreement with Chisano

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to award RFP 2015-018 to develop the Gadsden County UP-90 Corridor Master Plan including a calendar of festivals and events.

Commissioner Hinson asked how much marketing experience they had and Mr. Presnell said they had done work with the County in the past.

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

18. Approval of the 2016 Holiday Schedule

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of the 2016 BOCC Holiday schedule.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND AND HAD A QUESTION.

Commissioner Hinson asked if they had considered giving the employees the Wednesday off

before Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Viegbesie pointed out there was a motion and second on the floor and this might could be considered in the future.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE OF THE STANDING MOTION. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

19. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said a memo had been sent out regarding Bulky Item Pickup and asked the Commissioners to help spread the word in their districts.

Workshop to discuss Dirt Road Paving

Mr. Presnell said a workshop would be held on November 3rd at 4:30 prior to the next meeting.

Bike Trail

Mr. Presnell said a workshop with DOT would be held on November 5th at 6:00 p.m. concerning the bike trail.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had requested a workshop with the hospital concerning their contract, etc. and asked the status of that. Mr. Presnell said they were getting close; there had been a number of meetings and conference calls.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

20. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss said he had a couple of updates.

Supervisor of Election equipment

He said they still intended to purchase new voting equipment and was on target to be here and installed to use for the next election. He said the problem was the Division of Elections had promised money (reimbursements over a five year period) for the purchase of the new voting equipment and was going to be financed through an affiliate of the vendor who was selling the equipment. He said a few different proposals had been received concerning financing and leasing and were not acceptable because they were agreements the County could not legally enter into. He said in speaking with the County Administrator and the Finance Director, there was enough money to do a budget amendment to purchase the equipment outright.

Chair Holt asked that this be placed on the next agenda and asked if other counties were experiencing same problem. Mr. Weiss said to best of his knowledge no other county attorney was recommending the execution of the agreement.

Mr. Weiss said no proposal had been received as of yet, but they were planning to have this placed on the agenda when they received the supporting documentation.

Commissioner Taylor asked if there was a purchase price of the equipment and Mr. Weiss said it

was approximately \$200,000. Commissioner Taylor then asked if that amount was budgeted. Mr. Weiss said the money was in reserve and a budget amendment could be done for the total purchase price.

Gretna Racing v. DBPR

Mr. Weiss said Gretna Racing filed a Notice to Invoke the Discretionary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to answer the certified question.

He also said he sent everyone the proposed agreement for Human Services funding for the proposed grant agreement to be able to get it back on the agenda to be able to provide it to the different entities.

Commissioner Hinson asked if they had discussed this at last meeting and Mr. Weiss said this was something Staff had decided it would be beneficial in order to protect the County and to make sure everyone who received budget appropriations understood what they needed to provide in order to receive the funding and it outlined those things. Commissioner Hinson said he was curious because the thought the Board had given Staff direction and there was a lot of dialogue a couple of years ago and gave direction at that time on how they wanted everything to handle the situation and wondered why would Staff go to the attorney and ask him to look into something after the Board had given direction already. Mr. Weiss said Staff was not making any decisions with respect to how it worked, was a matter of documentation and there was currently a county policy in place and they were just putting that into an agreement and putting in protection to make sure everyone understood what sort of documentation needed to be provided in order to receive the funding. Commissioner Hinson said this was done a couple of years ago and asked if something was wrong with it. Mr. Weiss said he did not recall that and it was consistent with county policy.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

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

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, Ph.D., District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie strongly suggested that any road improvements on CRPTA list be brought to the attention of the County Administrator and he could give the list to him.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO RECOGNIZE THE HAVANA KIWANIS CLUB ON BEHALF OF WHAT THEY HAVE DONE FOR CHILDREN OF HAVANA AND GADSDEN COUNTY.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor said she had a question regarding the Chisano Marketing Group that was approved earlier. She asked about the festivals and other events they were going to be doing.

Mr. Presnell said they were going to identify along the main corridor through the county every event that would go on, but no new promotions.

Chair Holt said Chisano was a marketing group but was only dealing with events currently going on.

Commissioner Eric F. Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson said at the last Public Safety Coordinating meeting there were a lot of great things going on and he would like to have a press conference regarding same. He added with the start of the work program, they had been able to lower the number of people in jail. Mr. Presnell added to date there was almost 200. Commissioner Hinson said that was his press release.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked for clarity and if he wanted a press release or press conference and Commissioner Hinson stated he would like a press conference.

Commissioner Hinson then thanked the Public Works department and all the departments because the public called him all the time and he has heard great things regarding the departments.

Commissioner Hinson said regarding the GCDC, he had received a phone call where a member had requested the plan or goal (vision) and asked when they planned on bringing out because they had been waiting the past year and half for that.

Chair Holt explained when they presented, they brought the plan at the same time.

Commissioner Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said she had received a Speaker Request Form turned in late by Sam Hawkins and pointed out that had been passed on agenda and they did not address them later in the meeting. Mr. Hawkins stated he had traveled from Alabama to make this meeting.

RECEIPT AND FILE

22. FDOT Letter-October 5, 2015-CR159 Bridge over Attapulugus Creek

23. FDEP Letter-October 6, 2015-2014-2015 Torreya State Park Economic Impact Assessment

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- a. November 3, 2015-Regular Meeting
- b. November 17, 2015-Regular Meeting

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
October 20, 2015-Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:32 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk