

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON MARCH 1, 2016 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-arrived late  
Gene Morgan, District 3  
Sherrie Taylor, District 5  
Robert Presnell, County Administrator  
David Weiss, County Attorney  
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Holt called meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. A silent roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk, Marcella Blocker.

**AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Presnell stated he had a number of amendments to add to the Agenda and asked to add under Awards, Presentations and Appearances, Bill Johnson, Secretary of Commerce and President/CEO of Enterprise Florida who had spent the day in the County looking at a number of opportunities for economic development; a Letter of Support for Creek Entertainment Gretna to be placed under the Consent Agenda as Item 5a; add under General Business-BOCC Rules of Procedure as Item 16a; and Discussion of Roles and Rules of the Gadsden County Industrial Development Board as Item 16b.

Commissioner Morgan stated he had no problem with the issue under Awards and Presentations of Enterprise Florida or the Letter of Support for Gretna, but had a question for the Manager concerning the addition of Items 16 a and b.

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

Mr. Presnell said he was asked to include those items by the Chair. Commissioner Morgan asked the Chair if it was not time sensitive if items could wait since they had not been properly advertised. Chair Holt stated the reason it was on the agenda was like today at 6:00, there was no quorum present and would like to discuss it today and it could be brought back for a vote if needed. Commissioner Morgan said he did not approve to add it to the agenda this evening because the public had not had a chance to review it.

**COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF ITEMS UNDER AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS AND THE CONSENT AGENDA AND ITEMS 16 A AND B REMOVED. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE THE SECOND.**

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

Chair Holt said Item 16b Roles and Responsibilities of the Gadsden County Industrial Development Board, needed to be on the agenda because the marijuana issue for medical marijuana facility was coming to the County and the Industrial Board had not brought anything forward on the issues and they needed to make sure they were doing what was needed for the County. Commissioner Morgan stated he had no problem with discussing the items but they were not properly advertised and their policy was to stay with the agenda when possible and make additions when required because of time line reasons. Chair Holt also said the BOCC Rules of Procedures were important because at the last meeting, they had to wait because two commissioners left and there was no quorum. She said that was dictated by State Statute and not what they wanted.

**CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO AMEND THE AGENDA. CHAIR HOLT OPPOSED.**

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

**1. Proclamation Honoring Mrs. Ellen Bryant**

Chair Holt read a Proclamation aloud honoring the life of Mrs. Ellen Bryant who departed her earthly home on December 27, 2015. Dr. Robert H. Bryant, her husband was presented with the Proclamation from the Board showing their deepest condolences to the family.

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

**2. Presentation of CSRC's Performance Measures PY 2014-2015**

Jim McShane, MPA, CEO of CareerSource Capital Region, appeared before the board and gave a detailed report/update. He said that CareerSource Capital Region is the local workforce development board for Gadsden, Leon and Wakulla counties. The Business Solutions Team works directly with employers to help them find, develop and keep talented employees. The Career Development Professionals work directly with local job seekers to develop and create a viable workforce.

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

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

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

Chair Holt asked with the nursing program was there any LPN programs to assist the nurses to get into that program.

Mr. McShane replied yes, there was assistance available for future students.

Commissioner Taylor asked about services for people who wanted to go into security.

Mr. McShane said they must meet the federal law for training.

She also referenced a program to give opportunities to people with disabilities.

Mr. McShane said that service was also offered.

#### **CLERK OF COURTS**

Clerk Thomas had no agenda items or concerns for the Board.

#### **CONSENT**

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 3. Ratification to Pay County Bills**
- 4. Gadsden Arts Center Letter of Support for the Visit Florida Grant**
- 5. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. December 1, 2015-Regular Meeting**
- 5a. Letters of Support for Gretna, Florida Creek Entertainment Gretna Expanded Gaming Operations**

#### **ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

There were no items pulled for discussion.

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

**Pastor Randy Ross, 5910 Havana Highway, Havana, FL**, representing Tallavana Community Church, addressed the Board concerning the sign permitting and variance process. He said this request was in reference to a new sign for their Church. He said he had been given the wrong information from the County and as a result this was very costly to them. He asked that the Board look at the antiquated rules and look at a more up to date and business friendly way for digital signs in the County.

**Joe Munroe, 313 N. Jackson Street, Quincy, FL 32351**, Executive Director for Quincy Mainstreet, thanked the Board for the grant in the amount of \$5,000 and explained how it would be used.

**Alfonso Figgers, 215 N. Chalk Street, Quincy, FL**, name was called to speak in reference to funding for an organization and against a nuisance. However, he had to leave before he was called to speak on those issues.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**6. Approval of a Task Order with Preble-Rish, Inc. for the Survey, Design and contractor Procurement of the Bettstown Road Paving Project**

Mr. Presnell introduced the approval of Task Order with Preble- Rish, Inc. for the survey, design, and contractor procurement of the Bettstown Road Paving Project and authorization for the Chairperson to sign.

He commented at the October 20, 2015 BOCC meeting the Board accepted funds in the amount \$1,117,837.00 from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the paving of Bettstown Road. On December 5, 2015, the County received authorization from FDOT to enter into an agreement with PRI for the necessary professional services associated with the project. These services include the survey, design, and contractor procurement of the project.

Chair Holt asked for discussion from the Board and there was none on this item.

She then called for public comment and there was none.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0, BY VOICE VOTE, FOR APPROVAL OF A TASK ORDER WITH PREBLE-RISH, INC. FOR THE SURVEY, DESIGN AND CONTRACTOR PROCUREMENT OF THE BETTSTOWN ROAD PAVING PROJECT.**

**7. Approval of a Task Order with Preble-Rish, Inc. for the Survey, Design and Contractor Procurement of the Telogia Creek Road Paving Project**

Mr. Presnell introduced the approval of Task Order with the Preble- Rish, Inc. for the survey, design, and contractor procurement of the Telogia Creek Road Paving Project and authorization for the Chairperson to sign.

He commented at the October 20, 2015 BOCC meeting the Board accepted funds in the amount of \$678,954.00 from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the paving of Telogia Creek Road. On December 5, 2015 the County received authorization from FDOT to enter into an agreement with PRI for the necessary professional services associated with the project. These services include survey, design, and contractor procurement of the project.

Chair Holt asked for discussion from the Board and there was none on this item.

She then called for public comment and there was none.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0, BY VOICE VOTE, FOR APPROVAL OF A TASK ORDER WITH PREBLE-RISH, INC. FOR THE SURVEY, DESIGN AND CONTRACTOR PROCUREMENT OF THE TELOGIA CREEK ROAD PAVING PROJECT.**

**8. Approval of a Task Order with Preble-Rish, Inc. for the Survey, Design and Contractor Procurement of the Howell Road Paving Project**

Mr. Presnell introduced the approval of Task Order with the Preble-Rish, Inc. for the survey, design, and contractor procurement of the Howell Road Paving Project and authorization for the Chairperson to sign.

He said at the October 20, 2015 BOCC meeting the Board accepted funds in the amount of \$98,864.00 from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the paving of Howell Road. On December 5, 2015, the County received authorization from FDOT to enter into an agreement with PRI for the necessary professional services associated with the project. These services include the survey, design, and contractor procurement of the project.

Chair Holt asked for discussion from the Board and there was none on this item.

She then called for public comment and there was none.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0, BY VOICE VOTE, FOR APPROVAL OF A TASK ORDER WITH PREBLE-RISH, INC. FOR THE SURVEY, DESIGN AND CONTRACTOR PROCUREMENT OF THE HOWELL ROAD PAVING PROJECT.**

**9. Approval of a Task Order with Preble-Rish, Inc. for the Survey, Design and Contractor Procurement of the Brickyard Road Paving Project**

Mr. Presnell introduced the approval of Task Order with the Preble-Rish, Inc. for the survey, design, and contractor procurement of the Brickyard Road Paving Project and authorization for the Chairperson to sign.

He said at the October 20, 2015 BOCC meeting, the Board accepted funds in the amount of \$931,590.00 from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the paving of Brickyard Road. On December 5, 2015, the County received authorization from FDOT to enter into an agreement with PRI for necessary professional services associated with the project. These services include the survey, design, and contractor procurement of the project.

Chair Holt asked for discussion from the Board and there was none on this item.

She then called for public comment and there was none.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0, BY VOICE VOTE, FOR APPROVAL OF A TASK ORDER WITH PREBLE-RISH, INC. FOR THE SURVEY, DESIGN AND CONTRACTOR PROCUREMENT OF THE BRICKYARD ROAD PAVING PROJECT.**

**10. Approval of a Task Order with Preble-Rish, Inc. for the Survey, Design and Contractor Procurement of the McPhaul Road Paving Project**

Mr. Presnell introduced the approval of Task Order with the Preble-Rish, Inc. for the survey,

design, and contractor procurement of the McPhaul Road Paving Project and authorization for the Chairperson to sign.

He commented at the October 20, 2015 BOCC meeting the Board accepted funds in the amount \$418,796.00 from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the paving of McPhaul Road. On December 5, 2015, the County received authorization from FDOT to enter into an agreement with PRI for the necessary professional services associated with the project. These services include the survey, design, and contractor procurement of the project.

Chair Holt asked for discussion from the Board and there was none on this item.

She then called for public comment and there was none.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0, BY VOICE VOTE, FOR APPROVAL OF A TASK ORDER WITH PREBLE-RISH, INC. FOR THE SURVEY, DESIGN AND CONTRACTOR PROCUREMENT OF THE MCPHAUL PAVING PROJECT.**

**11. Approval of a Task Order with Preble-Rish, Inc. for the Survey, Design and Contractor Procurement of the Peck Betts Road Paving Project**

Mr. Presnell introduced the approval of Task Order with the Preble- Rish, Inc. for the survey, design, and contractor procurement of the Peck Betts Road Paving Project and authorization for the Chairperson to sign.

He said at the October 20, 2015 BOCC meeting the Board accepted funds in the amount of \$1,495,483.00 from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the paving of Peck Betts Road. On December 5, 2015, the County received authorization from FDOT to enter into an agreement with PRI for the necessary professional services associated with the project. These services include the survey, design, and contractor procurement of the project.

Chair Holt asked for discussion from the Board and there was none on this item.

She then called for public comment and there was none.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0, BY VOICE VOTE, FOR APPROVAL OF A TASK ORDER WITH PREBLE-RISH, INC. FOR THE SURVEY, DESIGN AND CONTRACTOR PROCUREMENT OF THE PECK BETTS ROAD PAVING PROJECT.**

**12. Appointment to the Gadsden County Planning Commission**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the replacement of Mrs. Mari Vanlandingham with Mr. Douglas Nunamaker as one of the District 3 members on the Gadsden County Planning Commission.

Commissioner Morgan said he would like to honor Mrs. Vanlandingham for her service to the County at an appropriate time.

Commissioner Viegbesie inquired of training requirements in place for board members on the Commission.

Chair Holt called for public comment and there was none.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0, BY VOICE VOTE, FOR APPROVAL TO APPOINT MR. NUNAMAKER TO REPLACE MRS. MARI VANLANDINGHAM ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

**13. Third Amendment to the Hospital Lease Agreement**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for discussion on the third amendment to the Hospital Lease Agreement. He said the section that would be amended is:

*Section 1.1: that dealt with any expenditure in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) by Company normally capitalized under generally accepted accounting principles and procedures, including but not limited to any fixed or moveable equipment or physical plant renovations or improvements.*

*Section 4.8: County EMS Services. County, or its Affiliate, Gadsden EMS, shall also bear the cost of transporting patients in need of inpatient or specialized care from the Hospital to another acute care facility. Nothing contained herein shall limit the ability of County or of Gadsden EMS to bill patients, third party payors or others, except for Company, for such transports. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Company shall pay Gadsden EMS (or its designee) the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for transport of the following patients:*

*-Those transported by Gadsden EMS from Hospital to Company's hospital located at 2626 Capital Medical Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32308: and*

*-For whom the payor is either (a) Medicare; or (b) a Medicare health maintenance organization that does not provide coverage for EMS transport from Hospital to Company's hospital located at 2626 Capital Medical Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32308.*

*-For whom there is no other payment source that Gadsden EMS could properly bill or collect payment from for such transports (excluding any Medicare or Medicare HMO deductible or co-pay amounts); and*

*For whom Gadsden EMS (or its designee) have billed and provided appropriate documentation satisfactory to Company.*

*2. The Lease is hereby ratified and confirmed and remains in full force and effect, as amended hereby. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Third Amendment and the terms of the Lease, the terms of this Third Amendment shall control. This Third Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and same instrument. Defined terms used in this Third Amendment not defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Lease.*

Commissioner Viegbesie said he recalled during the workshop, the suggested fee of the reimbursement was different.

Mr. Weiss explained the deficit with expenditures, would be anything over \$5,000. Hospital could only agree to the amount of reimbursement per transport, not lump sum payment and County should be breaking even if not making a little revenue.

Chair Holt asked where was it written that the County could not receive a lump sum amount.

Commissioner Morgan said first his take was it was a very good amendment and asked who had reviewed amendment from Gadsden Hospital, Inc. there had been no meeting yet but they were aware of it. Was Mr. Glazer aware-yes.

Chair Holt asked if Attorney Glazer was required to be present.

Mr. Presnell said he was present at negotiations.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had other concerns; with the first being the right of first refusal regarding square footage space that is not categorically under their lease.

Attorney Weiss said it was discussed with Capital Regional Medical Center (CRMC) and did not get a lot of traction with them. He added they were willing to do this and it did not prevent further amendments at a later time.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISISONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 3-2, BY VOICE VOTE, FOR APPROVAL OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA AND GADSDEN HOSPITAL, INC. AND TALLAHASSEE MEDICAL CENTER, INC. (Commissioner Hinson and Chair Holt opposed the motion. The motion passed.)**

Mr. Presnell assured the Board there would be another workshop in future to tackle space.

Commissioner Taylor agreed it should be levels of orientation with new board members. She told Mr. Presnell "good job" on the revenue coming to County and stated the meeting was needed. She said her concern was that they didn't run CRMC off.

Attorney Weiss said he would mention to Attorney Glazer to address the issue with the Hospital Board for them to meet in person.

Commissioner Hinson asked if it was possible for them to meet without being present, such as a teleconference.

Chair Holt asked if that was possible, due to the Sunshine law. She asked did they have to meet, be present in a room.

Attorney Weiss said the answer is not 100% clear, if in the law they could have telephonic meeting or did a quorum need to be present. He said to be on the safe side, he would suggest that a quorum be present.



Attorney Weiss stated there was no statute that defines that, but the Attorney General had opinions on this issue.

Commissioner Morgan stated they had voted on this issue and were now way off base. He asked that the agenda be moved on.

Chair Holt said they would continue the discussion. She then asked for public comment and there was none.

Commissioner Viegbesie commented he had just left a workshop on ethics and suggested there be workshops to make committee members familiar with Ethics and Sunshine Law. He said because the same laws apply to Board Members , Appointed Boards and Committees.

**14. Approval of Amendment #3.5 to the Contract Between Gadsden County and Big Bend Transit to Provide for the Continuation and payment of Gadsden Express Services for May 2015 through September 2015 and for the Chairperson to Execute the Agreement**

Mr. Presnell introduced the agenda item. He said it was for Board approval of an amendment to continue and pay for the current Big Bend Transit Gadsden Express Service Contract for the months of May 2015 through September 2015 and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

He gave a brief background. On July 15, 2008, the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved a Public Transportation Joint Participation Agreement between the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, and Gadsden County for Fiscal Year 2007-08 in the amount of one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000.00). A federal grant through StarMetro, Tallahassee's transit provider, in the amount of one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000.00) was also awarded to Gadsden County for this project. Therefore, the total amount of this project is two hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000.00). The Gadsden Express provides an express bus service to and from Gadsden County to the central bus terminal in Tallahassee with limited stops along the way.

Chair Holt said in past City of Tallahassee has applied for the other half of monies and asked to look at approaching them for applying and securing a second bus, because of bus overcrowding. She then asked for public comment and there was none.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0, BY VOICE VOTE, FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION 1: TO APPROVE AMENDMENT #3.5 TO THE ORIGINAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BIG BEND TRANSIT TO PROVIDE AND PAY AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) MONTHS (MAY 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015) OF GADSDEN EXPRESS BUS SERVICE AND FOR THE CHAIRPERSON TO EXECUTE.**

**15. Authorization for the Chairperson to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Tallahassee Lenders Consortium, Inc.**

Mr. Presnell introduced this item which sought authorization for the Chairperson to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Tallahassee Lenders Consortium, Inc. This MOU would allow the Tallahassee Lenders Consortium, Inc., the ability to offer Financial Fitness

Workshops, General Affordable Housing Counseling, Delinquent Mortgage Counseling and Buyer Readiness Workshops to help the citizens of Gadsden County reach financial security.

The Tallahassee Lenders' Consortium, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve people's ability to obtain safe and descent affordable housing and financial security. For over 15 years, TLC has been on a mission to build stronger communities, one family at a time by providing a path to homeownership for anyone who desires.

Commissioner Viegbesie and Commissioner Hinson motioned for approval of Option 1.

Chair Holt asked Mary Jones to step forward. She was with Tallahassee Lenders Consortium, Inc. and she addressed the Board.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0, BY VOICE VOTE, FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION 1: TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON TO SIGN THE MOU WITH THE TLC.**

**16. Proclamations and Resolutions-Ceremonial Recognition Policy**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item at the December 15, 2015 Board Meeting. Staff was directed to bring back a draft policy regarding the issuance of Resolutions and Proclamations.

He said the intent and the purpose of this Policy is to establish guidelines to govern the issuance of formal recognition in support of a particular event, program, or cause, or recognition of a particular individual, the recognition and celebration of extraordinary achievements of individuals or organizations that directly impact the County, and the honoring or recognition of important and significant occasions to increase public awareness of issues that will help to improve the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Gadsden County.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked for clarification on Article 3 (c) and Article 3 (F) (3).

Commissioner Hinson said he felt Commissioners had done an outstanding job in recognizing Citizens of the County and did not want to stop positive move going on in the County.

Commissioner Viegbesie said another good thing about the policy was it provided an explanation and difference in Proclamation and Resolution.

Commissioner Taylor said she was concerned because this was the second time she has agreed with Commissioner Hinson and that the way it had been done in past had worked.

Commissioner Viegbesie moved to table this item and include the other concerns of Commissioners and bring back.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 2-3, BY VOICE VOTE, TO OPPOSE THE MOTION TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION. (Commissioner's Morgan, Taylor and Hinson opposed the motion. The motion failed.)**

**16a. Discussion of Gadsden County BOCC Rules of Procedures**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

**16b. Discussion of Roles and Responsibilities of the Gadsden County Industrial Development Authority**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**17. Update on Various Board Requests**

- Mr. Presnell announced that meetings were being filmed and they would be aired at Noon and 8 p.m. on Wednesdays following the meeting on Comcast Quincy Channel 15, Mediacom Channel 96 in Havana and Gretna and coming soon to Channel 97 Brighthouse Cable in Chattahoochee and anytime at Youstream.tv/WQTN-TV.
- Congratulations to Dee Jackson and Clarence Jackson on the arrival of their baby girl last week.
- Board Retreat scheduled for the future planning set for February 25, 2015 4-8 p.m. at the Creek Entertainment Gretna.
- Got letter out to DOT for intersection of Pat Thomas and Crawford Streets.
- Letter was sent to Chief regarding leak in fire trucks in the City of Midway.
- Still working on I-10 signs, it was little more complicated than thought.
- Thursday, February 4, 2016 is the Chili Cook-off on the Courthouse square.
- Tomorrow is Legislative Day in Tallahassee, FL.
- The Concord traffic light will be on the next agenda.
- Commissioner Viegbesie said he would like to have a report or copy of letter on bad roads to give to CRPTA as soon as possible.
- The Legislature Gadsden County Day is scheduled for February 11, 2016 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and lunch will be provided.
- Commissioner Morgan asked for an update on Phase 1 of the Paving Initiative. Mr. Presnell said it should be finished with the first phase in mid-February.

He then asked if viewing of the meetings would be advertised.

Mr. Presnell said yes the meetings will be advertised.

- Commissioner Viegbesie asked if bids for roads are out.  
Mr. Presnell said yes they were.

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

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

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

Attorney Weiss had nothing additional to report.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**

### **19. Report and Discussion of Public Issues**

#### **Commissioner Anthony “Dr. V” Viegbesie, Ph. D, District 2**

Commissioner Viegbesie thanked staff for work they do regarding the services to the citizens of the County.

He spoke in support of necessary training for new committee members regarding ethical and sunshine law rules.

*Commissioner Morgan returned to the meeting.*

He motioned for Certificate of Appreciation for Superior Hair and Barber Shop.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0, BY VOICE VOTE, FOR APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO BE DONE FOR SUPERIOR HAIR.**

He motioned for resolution to be prepared and presented for Irene Houston for honoring her life.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0, BY VOICE VOTE, FOR APPROVAL TO DO AND PRESENT A RESOLUTION FOR THE LIFE OF IRENE HOUSTON.**

#### **Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3**

Commissioner Morgan asked for approval to have agenda recognition for longtime member Mari Vanlandingham for her service to the Planning Commission.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0, BY VOICE VOTE, FOR APPROVAL OF THE RECOGNITION FOR MARI VANLANDINGHAM HONORING HER FOR HER SERVICE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO BE ADDED TO AN UPCOMING AGENDA.**

**Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5**

Commissioner Taylor said Pastor Ross discussed antiquated codes/ordinances. She asked that it be brought back before the Board as soon as possible.

She spoke of her concerns with videoing in place now hoped quality of lightening would be improved, because with some, it only showed their teeth.

She complimented Mr. Presnell on the hospital lease agreement and hoped for a meeting in near future.

Talked about state statutes and local ordinances. She asked can they come up with ordinance that conflicts with statute.

Mr. Presnell said no, it wouldn't be advised.

Finally, she discussed past practices, which had been a good method of adding items to agenda and felt was placed on the agenda and advertised in timely manner. She said she knows that privilege is given to the Chair but, felt in future limit and go through proper procedures and keep one person from controlling the agenda.

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

He asked for Board approval for a resolution honoring the life of Mrs. Willie Doris Stokes.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VEIGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0, BY VOICE VOTE, FOR APPROVAL TO DO AND PRESENT A RESOLUTION FOR THE LIFE OF MRS. WILLE DORIS STOKES.**

He also discussed the Concord traffic light and the concern some citizens are having.

**Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 5**

Chair Holt responded to Commissioner Taylor's comment regarding the agenda items being placed on it. She said attendance and a quorum was necessary, because they have problems with Commissioners attending and leaving early at the regular meetings. She also said with items being placed on the agenda the Chair has the option to add items to the agenda to be voted on at beginning of meeting. She voiced that was something she felt they would continue to do.

She asked Attorney Weiss to look at areas of the CRA Policy Procedure and Rules. She said citizens inquired about items being used by the City with CRA funding.

Attorney Weiss said once it was established the County has no authority over it.

Commissioner Taylor recalled at the last meeting the problem with attendance was an exception and not the rule, because generally they were there and she agreed when she was Chair items were added at beginning of meeting, but she tried to minimize it.

Suwannee County brought program that worked with point system.

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

She asked for somewhere on the agenda where they could recognize new businesses in the area. She said even if it had to go under Citizen's Request to be heard.

Commissioner Hinson said if they identified someone in community they should ask them to come in. He suggested they come up with a process to target new businesses.

Mr. Presnell said it could be placed under Awards and Presentations.

Commissioner Viegbesie said they could provide them with a Certificate of Recognition.

Chair Holt said she has had conversations with businesses about assistance with them getting business started. She stressed the need to get with the Industrial Board to see what they can implement.

She brought to the Board's attention that the old Imperial Nursery would be closing in March. She felt it should have been mentioned or addressed by the Development Council or Chamber, since 64 people would be losing their jobs in the County.

Commissioner Hinson said in his humble opinion a letter should be sent to Workforce, Chamber of Commerce, Development Council and set up meeting to discuss and maybe they can save that business or other business they may be closing if it's too late for that one.

She asked if they could monitor the situation to prevent this from happening in the future. She noted this fell under business retention and people need to be held accountable.

#### **Receipt and File**

**20.**

- a. FL Department of Health-Gadsden Quarterly Progress Report for ½ Cent Sale Tax Prevention and Education Program**

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**24. February 16, 2016-Regular Meeting**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:48 P.M.**

**GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk**