

AT A JOINT WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND MIDWAY CITY COUNCIL HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JUNE 16, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HELD, 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- absent
Sherrie Taylor, District 5 - arrived late
Robert Presnell, County Administrator

Present: Jerrod Holton, Mayor, District 5
Charlie Smith, District 1 - absent
Ronald Colston, District 2 - arrived late
Wanda Range, District 3 - absent
David Knight, District 6-at large
Zachary Woods, District 7-at large
Henry Hunter, City Attorney - absent
Elizabeth Barron, County Attorney
Auburn Ford, City Manager
Frances Harrell, City Clerk
Chief Jerome Turner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Holt called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. and said the County wanted to meet with all municipalities to get legislative priorities together.

Mr. Presnell said this was to meet and get priority list together and get an idea of city's needs.

Mayor Jerrod Holton thanked the BOCC for the joint meeting and said one priority was to protect the water table with the new houses being built in the area so close to Lake Talquin.

Mr. Ford spoke and said they would be asking for \$3 Million for the first phase of the sewer buildout.

Commissioner Taylor arrived at this juncture of the meeting.

Chair Holt asked if they had a Mainstreet program.

Mr. Ford said they did not, but did have a CRA program.

Chair Holt said her reason for asking was they would give funds for the program. She also mentioned DOT had funds for beautification.

Commissioner Hinson said it would be a great idea to partner up with the cities.

Chair Holt said she hoped to look at humanities-was told lot of money that was being missed and noticed with the mural in Colquitt it had “USDA” and “Georgia Bureau of Tourism” on the bottom. She said monies were being missed and felt they should at least try to get some.

Mayor Holton said another concern was the redistribution of gas tax dollars, that he didn’t feel the amount was right. He said Midway generates a lot of money due to the travel center.

Mr. Presnell said it was his belief that it was based on amount of road maintenance.

Mayor Holton said hopefully they would have a senior citizens building by the end of the year.

Mr. Ford said the grant has been holding for the past 2 years and hopefully it would be worked out shortly. He said they planned on having full service meals on wheels, etc.

Mr. Presnell said if they were seeking funding from the County it needed to be budgeted and sent in by October.

Mayor Holton discussed the fire station and EMS station. He added they did not only service Midway, but other surrounding areas if needed.

Mr. Ford said it was greatly needed. He said while coming to work this morning there was an accident and the first responders were there on the scene. He said they would like to get a first responder vehicle. His concern was everyone does not have CDL that could drive the firetruck.

Mr. Ford also voiced the City of Midway would like a library. He said they were in discussion with the School Board to give a temporary library and allocate state dollars to build a permanent one.

Mr. Presnell asked if the bookmobile traffic had increased since the hours had increased.

Mr. Ford said he had not noticed, but he did thank them for making the effort to be more visible in Midway.

Mr. Woods said he would like a schedule of the Public Works mowing.

Mr. Presnell said that would be no problem.

Mr. Colston arrived at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Knight thanked the County for their services. He asked about paving of the roads and about paving to the lake.

Mr. Presnell said it would be good to get grant for that portion.

Mr. Presnell said they were eligible for the SCOP program.

Mayor Holton said he had to leave for another appointment.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he needed to mention representation on the CRTPA and it was up to the municipalities to determine a representative. He spoke on the importance of a

representative being at the meetings.

Commissioner Taylor congratulated City of Midway for turning things around. She said she had served on the CRTPA and she felt it would be beneficial to lobby and work together. She added, looking at list, they did more gas than everyone put together and understands the State statute equation. She mentioned Midway had one of best grant writers and the County now had a grant department and could collaborate together. She mentioned funding for a library, and that it could be a vacant house, a library is just a house of books, resources and information that is accessible to the public. She suggested they find a grant that has been awarded to the City and it would be more inviting and would not have to be built. She said the collaboration between them has been good and hoped it would continue so they would have a clear vision of what to look for.

Mr. Knight asked when the CRTPA meets.

Commissioner Taylor stated the 3rd Monday of every month at the Tallahassee City Hall at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Hinson said he wanted to thank Midway for coming and thanked the first responders that showed up. He noted the last 4 years there have been good board members with great vision and they would do what they could to support the City of Midway. He also discussed conversations with the Chamber of Commerce about a Convention Center in Midway. He felt it would be a great idea with the airport right down road. He also mentioned conversations with Senator Gwen Graham about this exact thing, because Tallahassee was running out of land.

Chair Holt asked about the bus service and was told Big Bend Transit stopped there.

Mr. Presnell announced Taco Bell and Roses (similar to Fred's) would be coming to Quincy soon.

Commissioner Hinson asked Mr. Colston if they had thought about CVS Pharmacy.

Mr. Colston said they had but due to the proximity to Tallahassee it may not be feasible.

Commissioner Taylor left the meeting at this juncture.

Councilman Woods left the meeting at this juncture.

Mr. Ford stepped out at this juncture.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests from citizens to be heard.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.**

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

ATTEST:

**Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Gadsden County, Florida**