

**Board of County Commissioners
Gadsden County, Florida
Regular Public Meeting
June 21, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1-phonied in
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
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 6:00 p.m., asked for moment of silence, then led in 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 added Item 14A-Approval to Fund Three Individuals Who Are Members of Various Boards to Attend the Florida Association of Counties 2016 Annual Conference.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND SECOND WAS MADE BY CHAIR HOLT. THE BOARD VOTED 3-1 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED. MOTION PASSED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

Mr. Presnell said there was a Presentation by the Gadsden County Development Council but Ms. Kirkland was running late and asked if the Board chose to do so, it could be presented later in the meeting when she arrived.

1. Gadsden County Development Council, Inc. Update

Beth Kirkland appeared before the Board for an update of the GCDC and thanked the Board for understanding her tardiness.

She informed the Board that Antonio Jefferson was appointed as Chair to Opportunity Florida and Allara Gutcher was the Treasurer. She said Lee Garner, Antonio Jefferson and herself attended the Florida Economic Development Council's conference in May and there was a leadership discussion regarding the future of Enterprise Florida. She added that their organization was involved in a newly formed Rural Economic Development Association and they had put together a draft legislative agenda for 2017 specifically for rural counties and economic development. She added the focus was on increasing Staffing Grants from \$150,000 to \$250,000 and to waive the local and private match dollars.

She added they had partnered with Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin and Gulf counties in a DEO Technical Assistance Grant application to further leverage the transportation assets for our interstate, the A&N Railroad that connects everyone, the airport in Franklin County and the port in Gulf County and was to establish a freight logistics zone as described in the Florida Statutes and was implemented in the 2015 session and the grant was for \$70,000.

Business Retention and Expansion

Ms. Kirkland said this area of their work was taking on a new level of effort and they were leveraging their partnership with CareerSource Capital Region. She added they were continuing to provide service to Armada Ammunition and Capital Hydraulics. She said she had also met with BASF.

Commissioner Viegbesie stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

She added that by establishing an agribusiness roundtable and utilizing other tools in place and helping them to grow was the best way to help existing businesses here. She said an agribusiness roundtable meeting was held on May 31st and 9 people attended.

Commissioner Viegbesie returned at this juncture of the meeting.

She said they were working with CareerSource Capital Region on the Gadsden county Job fair that was scheduled for August 11th from 9:30 to 12:30 at the UF/IFAS center.

Project Activity

She said they were continuing to work with Project Breaker and that was the transportation company and because of the rural infrastructure grant, have been able to enter into contract negotiations with the landowner and hoped to have a signed contract. She said the good news was, had the feasibility analysis not been done and gone after the grant a lot of the due diligence time would be in front but instead, a lot had been done already and would shorten the time period. She added that the company should be in a position to do an announcement soon. She said they were also working with two rail served projects and working with a local company that had needs to expand and has some considerable financial considerations they had to make. She listed some of the companies that were located in the Midway 10/90 Commerce Park and in other areas of the county.

Commissioner Viegbesie commended her and the GCDC in their diligence and asked given the fact of the non-alignment of the land development code with the Comprehensive Plan, if she found it difficult to attract or sell the unincorporated areas of the county to potential businesses with the CBOR and if it was easier for GCDC to sell the municipalities to the businesses coming into the area because there were not hoops to go through.

She responded she was yet to work a project that came up against choosing between one or the other or had only been looking at an unincorporated parcel.

Commissioner Taylor said along same lines with Commissioner Viegbesie with regards to economic development, she wanted to note in the last three to five years, the list she showed with companies that had moved in hovered between 15-20 companies that had either expanded or relocated here and that meant jobs. She said she was pleased with the businesses she had

shown today and wanted people to know growth was happening in this county.

Commissioner Morgan thanked Ms. Kirkland and wanted to recognize Lee Garner that had been present the whole time.

Mr. Garner said they were in the process of getting six sites in the County vetted and some were in the unincorporated area.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas was present and had nothing to present.

CONSENT

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

- 2. Ratification to Pay County Bills**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. May 17, 2016-Regular Meeting**

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizens that requested to speak.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. PUBLIC HEARING (Legislative) Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2016-009 for an Amendment to Chapter 1 (Administration and Enforcement), and Chapter 7 (Development Permits and Development Agreements) of the Gadsden County Land Development Code**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for the adoption of Ordinance 2016-009 for an amendment to Chapter 1 (Administration and Enforcement) and Chapter 7 (Development Orders, Development Permits and Development Agreements) of the Gadsden County Land Development Code. He then asked Allara Gutcher to come forward.

Allara Mill Gutcher, Planning and Community Development Director, appeared before the Board to explain the amendment. She said Chapter 1 was primarily “housekeeping” and cleaning up the language to provide more understandability to what was required of public hearings and procedures. She added that at the end of that section was the Citizens Growth Management and Planning Bill of Rights and was being proposed to be moved at the end of the Chapter due to the fact that its meetings were not only pertaining to development orders and permits, it also applied to Comprehensive Plan amendments and variances and special exceptions and it was a better fit in Chapter 1. She said Chapter 7 was also clean-up and the

Citizen Bill of Rights was stricken from this Chapter. She said the major change was the Citizen Bill of Rights meeting requirements and Staff had proposed clean-up language to the section to better provide guidance regarding the meetings, when they should be advertised and how they were processed. She said the Planning Commissioner also made a recommendation to strike the super majority language in Part D.

Chair Holt asked what the vote was on the strike and Ms. Gutcher said it was 6-1 in favor.

Commissioner Taylor arrived at this juncture of the meeting (6:05 p.m.).

Commissioner Morgan said moving the Citizens Bill of Rights from Chapter 7 to Chapter 1 made sense to him and he understood that. He said the heartburn he had was the dramatic changes they were proposing because it limited communication to area neighbors about what was happening in their community and how the meetings were to be held. He said it also eliminated the second neighborhood meeting after the DCA review.

Ms. Gutcher responded the neighborhood participation meeting was required for any comprehensive plan amendment, major development order, variance or special exception. Commissioner Morgan asked about the second meeting following the submission to DCA for review and if it was eliminated. Ms. Gutcher said that was accurate. He asked if county staff was required to be present at the neighborhood meetings held to answer questions and she said it was not a requirement of the current section and was not included in the proposed. She added that the citizen participation meetings were for the applicant to propose what they were doing to the neighborhood and for feedback and if staff attended it would be to answer technical questions and not get involved in the merits of the application. Commissioner Morgan asked who was responsible for taking minutes and how they were forwarded to her Department. She said the applicant was required to keep meeting minutes and submits them and they were included in packets when there was a meeting. Commissioner Morgan asked who ensured the minutes were accurate and Ms. Gutcher said even if a staff person was there; they would not change the minutes provided by someone else. He then asked if the County had a reason to have a recording of the minutes so accurate information was forwarded to her Department and she said they could request that the applicant provide a recording and that could easily be done on the cell phone. He agreed and felt that was wise to ensure the information was gotten to her Department and to this Board. He asked her opinion of the changes and she said they were needed because some things in it did not make sense. She added she reviewed minutes from when this was heard by the Planning Commission in 2010 and there were changes made to the document that was proposed to the Planning Commission that was not originally proposed in the format in the current version. She added that the intent from the 1000 Friends of Florida that provided a model Ordinance at the time was not totally reflected in the proposal. Commissioner Morgan said the thought they were awarded by the State of Florida for adopting the Ordinance and Ms. Gutcher said they were recognized as one of two that adopted the Ordinance. She said she had spoken with them when she first came here and they never intended for the stringency of the 4-1 vote to be a part and was not in their model ordinance. Commissioner Morgan asked if the existing Bill of Rights ever prevented anything from moving forward and Ms. Gutcher said it had not been used that much since she had been here but no.

Chair Holt said she was asking questions first because the citizens did not have the document to

look at.

Commissioner Hinson seemed to have lost connection at this point of the meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie thanked the Planning Staff and the County Attorney for a job well done and believed the ordinance should do what it was meant to do and what they were doing was streamlining some of the regulations needed to attract potential investors for economic development and some of his questions were previously addressed by Commissioner Morgan. He then asked why did they not consider something less than one-half (½) mile of the nearest boundaries of the subject site. Ms. Gutcher said that was the current requirement and was not something they considered an amendment to, it was a policy decision.

Commissioner Taylor asked first that it be duly noted that she was present and had been for five minutes. She then said any business that had the intentions to open their doors in such a manner that it became both profitable and had longevity, needed to know what the community thought of their business and what they were going to do. She went on to say since the start, there has been a block of three that ran the county, but five people were elected to represent the County and she liked the fact that it took a super majority to make the major decisions. She added “was difficult when you have three that are blocked together that are moving this County, sometimes in a positive direction and sometimes in a negative direction. Not necessarily with the people around this Board, but it has happened. So, I’m in agreement and will never change that super majority, just from sitting up here and observing some of the activities myself, that will never change under my watch.” She said she would like to see the component changed regarding the residential property and would entertain changing that part.

Chair Holt said this was a public hearing and they had to opportunity to comment.

She then asked if anyone had any comments.

Gail Bridges-Bright, 195 Dawkins Loop Road, Chattahoochee, FL appeared before the Board with comments and said she was a Planning Commissioner and when they looked at the document, they recognized it was impedance and did not believe a super majority was needed because of the notifications that were already in place.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked that Ms. Gutcher be asked back up and asked out of the other counties that adopted this document, if they adopted a super majority vote. She said The 1001 Friends of Florida model did not have the super majority vote requirement that was added by the Planning Commission in 2010.

Commissioner Viegbesie said when he first came on board in 2014 this item came up shortly after. He said then and said it again, “If you are for economic development and you oppose anything that impedes economic development, one of my mentors told me that ‘you cannot bark with the dogs and run with the rabbits. You are either the dog doing the barking or the rabbit being chased. You can’t say you are for economic development and you’re asking someone who wants to come create jobs to spend so much and jump so many hoops and you think they are going to come.” He said they needed to work on the document if they were serious.

Commissioner Morgan said he felt it was good to have discussions on something as important as this. He felt it made sense to make the changes from Chapter 7 to Chapter 1, however with the 4-1 super majority vote, he agreed with Commissioner Taylor and felt she expressed it very eloquently and said he had no issue with having more stringent policies in place, not to impede anyone, but to ensure to everyone that the process was done correctly. He added that any company that wanted to come through here knowing what was in place and not willing to meet that, let them stay on the interstate and he did not want just any business to come to Gadsden County, but wanted quality growth that made sense to ensure that the values that are held dear as a strong rural county made sense and was not given up and did not think the Citizens Bill of Rights had impeded growth.

Commissioner Taylor asked them to be realistic and said when they went to the health symposium, the person had to admit that was three year old data and the CBOR had no impact with jobs. She added jobs were passing us by going on down the interstate before the CBOR was in place and Leon County and Tallahassee were are pushing businesses away and they were coming here. She asked why they would talk to one individual person and not contact the Chamber. She added jobs were coming and the CBOR had not hindered it. She said there were other reasons why the County was not prepared for big businesses to come, there were issues with health, issues with the job market and job labor and infrastructure and any business that wanted to come to the exits would have to start from scratch.

Chair Holt said hopefully later tonight a mural would be approved and she “had to write a dissertation to the Clerk” to attend the conference in St. Petersburg and Tampa to look at murals. She added the 1001 Friends of Florida did not recommend the super majority vote and that was not the intent that the intent was to let people know what was happening in their community.

Mr. Weiss mentioned the majority of the proposed revisions did not change much in terms of substance and felt it clarified what types of approval the CBOR applied to and a lot of changes were for clarification purposes and felt this would help bring certainty and clarify to what this applied to.

Commissioner Morgan said he agreed with the comments made by the attorney and felt the changes that warrant discussion and he supported but was not presented in the item that way at this meeting and he encouraged staff to approach him to sit down and work through the document for something he felt comfortable with along with the other commissioners. He said he had no doubt changes could be made to bring a 5-0 vote but not the way it was presented tonight and chose option 2 to not adopt the ordinance.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN TO ADOPT OPTION TWO AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, MR. WEISS ASKED TO MAKE A COMMENT BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.

Mr. Weiss said he would like to mention there are other revisions that were clean-up revisions to other sections and changes to the other sections could potentially be made without a super majority vote and would not affect this ordinance and they could take them item by item if they wanted to defer any consideration to the Citizens Growth Management Planning Bill of Rights Ordinance itself.

Chair Holt said in keeping with the recommendation of the changes from the Planning and Zoning Director, she was in favor of passing the item and if they wanted want to make changes, bring it back later.

Commissioner Viegbesie said if they appointed people to be on an advisory board and they had the same amount of sense that every human being had and had thought through and made the recommendation where they were 6-1 voting in favor of it and because they were elected, did they think they had more sense than people on the commission that had through and made recommendations? He felt they needed to respect them and their recommendation and said he was voting for the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission with the changes that were provided.

Commissioner Taylor said she asked for a chance to comment after the motion and second and said they needed to move the question.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED THE VOTE AND SAID COMMISSIONER MORGAN'S MOTION WAS TO NOT ADOPT. THE BOARD VOTED 2-2. COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR WAS AGAINST THE ADOPTION AND CHAIR HOLT AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE WAS FOR THE ADOPTION.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT OPTION 1 AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF AND CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND. CHAIR HOLT AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE VOTED YES AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED.

Commissioner Taylor asked the attorney if it took a super majority vote to change anything with regard to the Bill of Rights and he responded it required a super majority vote to change the Bill of Rights to that particular ordinance or to, as currently written, any developmental approvals related to the Comprehensive plan amendments, major land development reviews including but not limited to variances and special exceptions. Commissioner Taylor asked how they could adopt anything without a super majority vote and Mr. Weiss said they could change the Land Development Code language without a super majority vote but not the Citizens Bill of Rights portion of that.

Chair Holt said this was at a stalemate and they needed to move on to the next item.

Commissioner Morgan suggested this be brought back when there was a full board present in a manner in which it was laid out where it does not include the Citizen Bill of Rights and can move forward and be effective for staff. Chair Holt said she had no problem in bringing it back but she did not want to leave any part out.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE THAT IT BE BROUGHT BACK AND SECOND MADE BY CHAIR HOLT. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO BRING THE ITEM BACK.

Mr. Weiss said for clarification it would have to be advertised and would not be at the next meeting.

At this point in the Agenda, Mr. Presnell called Beth Kirkland with the Gadsden County Development Council forward for their presentation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

5 Appointment to the CareerSource Capital Region Board

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for an appointment to the CareerSource Capital Region Board.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1. COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE SAID HE WOULD MAKE THE SECOND BUT HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if Ms. Douglas expressed interest in continuing the position and Mr. Presnell said a letter was received and assumed it was her wish to get off the Board.

Chair Holt asked if this was advertised and Mr. Presnell said no, the way it was set up it comes from the business community.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION 1.

6. Request Direction on Legal Services for Gadsden County BOCC

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for direction concerning Legal Services for the Gadsden County BOCC.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MOVED THEY GO THROUGH THE PROCESS TO OPEN BID FOR LEGAL SERVICES IMMEDIATELY AND SECOND MADE BY CHAIR HOLT. THE BOARD VOTED 2-2 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY VOTE.

7. Request Board Direction Concerning the Engineering Services Contracts for Gadsden County

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was concerning the engineering consulting services contract.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked the Manager if the two firms were Dewberry and Preble-Rish and Mr. Presnell said no, it currently was DPB and Associates and Preble-Rish.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO IPEN BIDS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan asked for clarification and if it involved changes in the engineers and Mr. Presnell said Preble Rosh merged with Dewberry.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 2-2 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY VOTE.

8. Dewberry-Preble-Rish Re-Assignment Letter

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to reassign all Preble-Rish contracts and task orders to Dewberry Engineers d/b/a Dewberry/Preble-Rish.

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

V/Morgan 4-0

9. Approval of Architectural Firm for Design of New County Extension Building

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to authorize staff to negotiate with the top ranked Architectural firm for the design of the new County Extension Building/Ag Center.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked why comparison tabulation review of each firm was not provided so they would know how Joel Sampson Architects, Inc. was the one suggested. Mr. Presnell said evaluation forms were provided.

Chair Holt said she would like to see samples of their work.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION 1, SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan asked if they should to include option 2 as well.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AMENDED MOTION FOR OPTION 1 AND 2 AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AMENDED SECOND.

After discussion, Commissioner Viegbesie withdrew his motion.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

10. Voting Credentials-2016 National Association of Counties (NACO) Annual Conference

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to designate a County Delegate and County Alternate to participate in the NACO annual election of officers and policy adoptions at the NACO Annual Conference.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he planned on being there the first day.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR CHAIR TO BE DELEGATE AND VICE CHAIR ALTERNATE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

11. Approval of Off System Project Agreement-County Road 159 Bridge Replacement

Mr. Presnell said this was for Board approval and execution of the Off System Project Agreement for County Road 159 Bridge Replacement and Resolution 2016-012 for acceptance of State of Florida funding.

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

12. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement Between Gadsden County and City of Tallahassee c/o StarMetro to Utilize the City's Grant funds from Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) to Pay Big Bend Transit for the Gadsden Express Services for October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval if a memorandum of agreement to utilize the City of Tallahassee c/o StarMetro grant funds from Job Access Reverse Commute to pay Big Bend Transit for the Gadsden Express Service for October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 and for authorization for the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if there were any charges to the County and Mr. Presnell said no.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION 1.

13. Approval to Award RDP #16-08 (Re-Bid) to an Artist to Create a Public Mural in Downtown Quincy

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was a request to award RFP 16-08 re-bid to C5 Artworks of Winnipeg Manitoba Canada.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was amazed in the difference of costs and glad staff made the recommendation they did.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR OPTION 1 AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan asked what building this would go on and where the funds would come from. Mr. Presnell said the side of the State Attorney building and money was coming from contingency. Commissioner Morgan asked why money would not come from TDC that the contingency dollars were for emergencies and he would not vote for this to come from contingency. Chair Holt said they could move more money into contingency.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR WITHDREW HER SECOND.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he saw where Commissioner Morgan was coming from.

Chair Holt said Commissioner Taylor withdrew the second and she then made the second and explained the reason was because they had set aside the money, the contract had been bid twice and it should have been taken care of before and she was sure it was a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Morgan asked the attorney if there was a big deal where the money came from and he said there was no big deal, it would have to be considered by the TDC

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 2-2 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY VOTE.

14. Training for Criminal Investigators

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to pay training cost for

criminal investigators to attend training.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had read this and felt it was a very good move and vitally needed and asked where the provider of training was located.

Sgt. Brian Alexander, Gadsden County Sheriff's Department, appeared before the Board and this training was not provided locally.

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

Commissioner Morgan pointed out the funds were coming from the Sheriff's budget and Mr. Presnell said yes, but it required board approval to utilize the funds.

14a. Approval to Fund Three Individuals Who are Members of Various Boards to Attend the Florida Association of Counties 2016 Annual Conference

Chair Holt said she asked to have this placed on the Agenda and had Planning and Zoning members that had never had any training and had three different individuals asking about this that were on the boards.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if this was advisory board members and was glad to see the interest and hoped they attended the Ethics, Public Records and Sunshine law workshop and felt this was a wonderful idea and if appropriate would make motion.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR HAD A QUESTION.

Commissioner Taylor said this information was so vague and would like to see the various board members receive the training and asked who they were and what boards they were coming from.

Chair Holt said she talked with the Manager and knew one from the Planning and Zoning board asked to go and two from the Hospital board and advised them to contact the Manager. Chair Holt said if they do not apply then they would not get to go.

Commissioner Morgan asked who the three were and Mr. Presnell said the only one that had contacted him was Gail Bridges-Bright from the Planning Commission. Commissioner Morgan asked how many were attending the conference and Mr. Presnell said there were three commissioners, himself and a staff member. Commissioner Morgan pointed out the County could not afford to send all these people and was not a big enough county to do so. Chair Holt said money was set aside for him and Commissioner Taylor to go and they chose not to attend.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 2-2 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY VOTE.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

15. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell reminded the Commissioners of the joint workshop this Thursday with the City of Chattahoochee at 6:30 p.m. at the Arsenal in Chattahoochee.

He said the Retreat would be held at the Casino in Gretna Thursday, July 7th at 4:00.

Mr. Presnell said the health groups they asked to meet with would be scheduled and will appear one at a time. Commissioner Viegbesie said he was glad he addressed that and was going to ask for an update and asked if he planned to bring them all at once or one at a time. Mr. Presnell said it would be one at a time starting at the next meeting, but had a concern that they may need to workshop it.

Commissioner Viegbesie said if they were going to workshop it, to schedule them to come one after the other and deal with them all.

Mr. Presnell requested the commissioners to get their road list together and submit it to him for the next bid.

Dental Equipment

Mr. Presnell said they own equipment in three different locations, one under a lease for a minimal amount and was very expensive equipment. He said this had been discussed last year and there was resistance to sell it and he asked if they would be interested in to “test the water” with an online bidding service and they may could make sure they received a very good deal and could possibly put a substantial amount of money in the General Fund. He added that any sale would come back to the Board.

Chair Holt said she was in favor of getting a dentist and said they could use part of the ½ sales tax for the hospital they gave to Capital Regional and bring in a dentist and doctor for the Health Department.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked when it came to dentistry, is that one of the services that three or four HQSC should be providing to the citizens and whatever monies left they could use to bring other specialists to the location.

Mr. Presnell said he wanted to bring this up tonight because they were trying to bring in more services and were working with Dr. Cooksey concerning this.

Commissioner Morgan said it was a good idea to look at the different options and one key part of the needed information was the current value of the equipment.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

16. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss apologized for missing the last meeting but attended the Planning and Zoning meeting and would be out of town for the next one and was trying to find someone to fill in for him.

Upcoming Meeting

He asked before scheduling meetings other than the regular meeting, he would prefer them checking with him to see if he was available.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

17. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if in regard to the RFP for striping to be done with thermoplastic and not the paint, could that be done in the bid and Mr. Presnell said it could in Phase 3. He added it would be more expensive, that the asphalt sucks up paint. Mr. Presnell said it would come back before the board.

Commissioner Viegbesie said they had talked about the speed bump petition submitted by residents of Charlie Harris Loop and Mr. Presnell asked Curtis Young, Public Works Director to come forward.

Curtis Young appeared before the board and said they were putting a speed trailer there to collect data and it would come back to the board.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was concerned with the curve on Attapulcus Highway at Charlie Harris Loop there was a bad ditch. Mr. Presnell said he had submitted a work order to Debbie last week and it may be done already.

He said Bishop Marionette Bryant was having her 50th year Pastor anniversary.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION TO BE PRESENTED TO HER.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan asked the paving schedule and when it would be completed. Mr. Presnell said they were out of the County this week and would check with them when they come back and thought they should finish in three weeks.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor said she knew at the end of the meetings the Chair was exhausted from talking.

She asked about the bid process and said at one time they had discussed adding points to local owners so they could give better opportunities to keep dollars in the city or the county and asked where they were with that.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Weiss said it came before the board three or four different times and failed. Commissioner Taylor asked that it be revisited.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Taylor asked this to be brought back.

She said the July 4th holiday was coming up and asked that all the parks were clean; grass cut and make sure they were ready.

She asked the direction of GC Health Council and heard Mr. Martinez had been removed as director and the council played an intricate part to county. Mr. Presnell said he had been retained as health director for the board and no longer affiliated with the Health Department.

She said there was growth in the Cities and County that was heard tonight and asked everyone to please not walk away with thinking otherwise.

She asked the attorney and said she was a little perplexed with his answer and how could they adopt a piece without eliminating the 4-1 vote. Mr. Weiss said they were looking at amendments to Land Development code and CBOR was the only part that has to be amended with a super majority vote and the other parts could be done with a simple majority vote.

Striping

She said she had looked at some striping on some of the rebuilt roads and the quality not a good quality, that it looked new but did not have the reflective look that most did in the past and asked if she could use some of her money to look into redoing. Mr. Presnell said yes and on Joe Adams Road was paint and they did use thermoplastic in the past, was very reflective and was rubberized and a lot nicer stripe.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said they were going to look at several items coming back before them with the Comprehensive Plan and it was very important. She said the County had changed so much since it was developed in 1982. She asked for a workshop on the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Viegbesie said CRTPA also used their comp plan to determine road projects.

She said the commissioners did not pave roads, the Manager did not pave roads, the Board approved them.

Receipt and File

18. a. Child Welfare Professional Recognition Day Letter
- b. FDOT Letter

UPCOMING MEETINGS

16. July 7, 2016-Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
June 21, 2016-Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN


THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:54 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA




BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:


NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk