



**AT A BUDGET HEARING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON SEPTEMBER 8, 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**  
                          **Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2-absent**  
                          **Gene Morgan, District 3-appeared by phone**  
                          **Sherrie Taylor, District 5**  
                          **Robert Presnell, County Administrator**  
                          **David Weiss, County Attorney**  
                          **Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk**

**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**


 Chair Taylor called the hearing to order at 6:00 p.m., asked everyone to stand for the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag. The Chair announced that Commissioner Morgan was appearing by telephone and Commissioner Viegbesie was absent and the other commissioners were present.

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

 **Sam Palmer** appeared before the Board to advocate for hiring of a Health Care Coordinator and said he understood there was money set aside in the budget for this position. He asked for approval to hire or give the Health Council permission to hire someone for this position. He asked the Board to consider hiring Mr. Max Martinez. He added Mr. Martinez had been the acting director for over twelve years with no pay and has been useful in providing information to the churches and members of the Emergency Management team in the County.


 **Sherry Vanlandingham** appeared before the Board to address the same matter as Mr. Palmer, the vacancy of the health care position with the County. She said she was privileged to work with Mr. Martinez and was asked to sit in a meeting he attended and talked about health disparities and had a problem with people not getting the care they needed. She added she felt he was qualified for the job.

Chair Holt thanked her for her assistance with the food after the storm.

 **Pastor Charles Morris, 23201 Blue Star Highway, Quincy, FL** appeared before the board regarding the health council as well as the Robert Woods Foundation report. He said he believed the position should be answerable to the County Commission and should hold all agencies accountable that use the County stats to get money.


He commended the County Manager for working actively with the Coach and was already having meetings discussing how they could positively impact some of the negative statistics.

He also said the County looked good in a time of emergency the County just went through and many people responded positively.


 Chair Holt said the process was this was the first Public Hearing and each Commissioner was asked to turn in their requests and her request was for a Health Coordinator and the position was not yet approved and they were working on the budget itself now.


Chair Holt asked before approving the Agenda, if there were any amendments and Mr. Presnell said no.

**CHAIR HOLT MADE A MOTION TO ADD THE HEALTH CARE COORDINATOR POSITION TO THE BUDGET. SHE ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY DISCUSSION AND COMMISSIONER HINSON ASKED TO DISCUSS. SHE WITHDREW HER MOTION.**

 Commissioner Hinson said the election was very interesting and got him closer to the Bible. He said last year he was thinking about stuff before they came to this point. One was bringing a Business Enterprise Office here with a full time attorney and with a full time business person, could do more than someone seen 2-3 times a month. He said he wanted a full time position for business so they could report to the County Administrator and then he would report to the Commissioners. He added they did not know what was going on with Non-Profits and it was his opinion a full time person was needed. He added he did not want to call names because this was a public meeting but they needed to make sure they did things the right way. He said when he came on Board they were at \$50,000 and asked to add \$75,000 for a total of \$125,000. He said before they made a decision, everything should be placed on the table. He asked to evaluate every department; make a chart and those things should be discussed in detail. He added they had not talked with the Health Department and they may be duplicating services.

Chair Holt said the Health Care Coordinator position would be the one to do what he was talking about.

 Commissioner Taylor agreed with Commissioner Hinson and said at this point and time the position was not necessary and they should come back later in the budget year to look at this. She said they were already \$1.3 Million over budget and they need Dr. Cooksey to talk with the Council and there were issues that needed to be addressed. She also said they did not need a middle person; she needed to talk regularly to them and report to this Board. She said they had a Health Council executive Director that was supposed to be coordinating services for the County and the Coordinator should be the one to take the deliverables and make it part of what was needed here. She further stated the Agencies that came over once a month had methods to help stop some of the issues and problems. She also said the person that some had mentioned they would like to see in that position was standing in the gallows. She said if they were to look at this, to do it as a whole at a point where they could all chime in on what the responsibility should be as a Board as opposed to paying almost \$100,000 with benefits included to an individual that they already had measures in place through the Health Department. She agreed that was something that needed to be looked at but not now.

 **Sherry Vanlandingham** reappeared before Board and said they hit a nerve with her. She said she had background in Economic Development and moved the County a long way from where it was and until she talked with Sherrie Taylor in the bank one day she wasn't even aware there was someone doing Economic Development person that was hired by the County. She


said there was a Health Council and he was a director with no pay filling in the spot as the Executive Director and received no funding from the Health Council or the County. She said they had someone that did not know what they were doing in Economic Development and she wanted to see some real numbers and was confused as to what they were doing.

Chair Holt said she was glad she asked those questions and that group reported to the Board often. She said the State of Florida, Enterprise Florida and DEO all said sites had to be certified and they have been working on doing that. Chair Holt said she went to Jackson County to ask how they did theirs and they gave a blueprint on how they did it 12 years prior. She said she would like for Sherry to work with the group because she was local. Chair Holt also said they had approximately \$1.6 Million in reserve and they were \$1.1 Million down; they were required by the State to have at least \$3.5 Million in and with the one position, it would not hurt the \$5 Million.

Mrs. Vanlandingham said people stopped coming to the BOCC meetings because of the arguing and carrying on that took place and them sitting here until 11-12:00 at night, not because they did not care and she wanted to see them be pro-active.

Chair Holt said when they get \$1.1 Million out of way they could sit, filibuster all night and talk, take out \$1.1 Million and that would balance the budget. She added they take out \$100,000 and set aside for a coordinator, they still fund economic development and can do all of that and still be where they needed to be.

Mrs. Vanlandingham said they had to be accountable for their job and they could not keep setting it aside and they could not keep going back to jobs and doing nothing because you set it aside until the next meeting and the next meeting will be the same.

 Pastor Morris reappeared before the Board and said he was concerned because he believed there was a tendency to make decisions and some people were still questioning the statistics of the Robert Wood Foundation. He said what Commissioner Hinson said was true to the extend if you looked at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, it was 100% of categories, 40% was in the business sector and had to do with jobs, poverty, people who would wind up in jail for lack of jobs. He said he was arguing for a position, not a person. He said he was not sure that the Health Department should be engaged or involved in the Health Council and felt it would be a conflict of interest.

Chair Holt said when the Health Council first started, they did report along with Arrie Battle and the Commission was very rude to them because they received part of the ½ cent sales tax at the Health Department and the Health Council would fight for programs for the indigent care money and had to fight the Board to get it.

Commissioner Morgan said the primary function here tonight was to set a reasonable budget and the direction he was hearing he had no problem with but there would have to be funds cut from somewhere else because the last few years the revenues were trending downward and they have taken money from reserve, \$2.1 Million last year & now \$1.1 Million this year and if they kept going in that direction, they would be as broke as they were back in 2008.

Chair Holt said they were \$1.1 Million down and if they fund this position they would be down \$1.2 that would come out of reserve and was only talking about \$100,000 and was not a complete \$100,000 because they were looking at benefits.

Commissioner Hinson asked them to remember last year he asked that every department give them what they did so would know what they needed to do and how to approach it. He said they needed to add more positions and take away a few, and make sure it was what they were looking for as a Board. He said he personally had no problem with the position, wanted to make sure they thought things through first and maybe have workshop with the Health Department. He said he was always big on adding more stuff to everything but wanted to make sure whatever decision he made, it was the right one and they could always amend the budget that was no problem.

Chair Holt asked if they could vote to set aside \$100,000, and if they vote to give it to the Health Department she did not care, but for them to vote and get out of there.

Commissioner Morgan asked where the money would come from and Chair Holt said from reserve.

Commissioner Taylor said she was not in agreeance with setting aside money; she wanted to come back and have discussions. She said with regards to economic development piece she spoke about, there were no deliverables and if they kept going back to the well, it would go dry and at the pace they were going they would be broke in three years and there would be no reserves. She added they needed to pass the budget tonight that was in place, adopt the millage and move forward. She also said at some point and time have discussions with departments that would be impacted the most and let them know how it could work effectively for the entire County. She further stated each year they have thrown money after money and there was almost \$1 Million set up for economic development in the budget the past few years and each year \$700,000 of it has been carried over from year to year because it has never been used. She said they finally came up with a formula and it still had not had any movement or attractions. She said when they see the downward trend; they needed to make smarter decisions. She said for them to adopt the budget and move forward and she was not willing to put in additional money and come back and amend at a later date if needed once they hear from the body it most impacts.

**CHAIR HOLT MADE A MOTION FOR THE HEALTH CARE POSITION AND TO SET ASIDE \$100,000 AND MONEY TO COME FROM RESERVE AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON. MR. PRESENN HAD COMMENTS.**

Mr. Presnell explained since this was the first Public Hearing from the last special meeting, unless they continue the meeting tonight, they had to stay within the dollar amounts; they could move money around within it. He added if they wanted to change dollar amounts, since it was an advertised meeting, they would have to continue the meeting.

Jeff Price said according to TRIM, they could make a motion approving the budget with any changes and they could vote on that.

Chair Holt asked if Commissioner Morgan heard the motion and he did not and she repeated it.

**CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 2-2 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR SAID COMMISSIONER HINSON DID NOT VOTE AND HE CLARIFIED HIS VOTE WAS TO SET ASIDE FUNDS.**

Chair Holt said she was not willing to approve the budget without it.

Commissioner Taylor said Chair Holt needed to see if there was any public input regarding the budget.


Mr. Presnell said if they wanted to change the budget, they needed go ahead with their discussion because how they proceed would depend on those actions. He added if they wanted to proceed with the budget process, there were two required votes tonight; one on the millage rate and the other on the total budget amount and they would need to know the changes before they go forward.

**COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION THEY INCREASE THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT TO 125 JOBS AND WOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL \$25,000 ADDED TO THE BUDGET. COMMISSIONER HMORGAN ASKED WHERE MONEY WOULD COME FROM AND CHAIR HOLT SAID RESERVES. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND.**

**COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET. CHAIR HOLT ASKED IF COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD COMMENTS AND HE SAID AT THE PROPER TIME HE WOULD MAKE MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXISTING TRIM NOTICE.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **1. Public Hearing-First Budget Public Hearing for Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017**

 Mr. Presnell announced this was the first of two required public hearings on the Fiscal Year 2017 budget and the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 had been formulated based on maintaining the current County-wide property tax rate of 8.9064 mills and the calculated rolled-back millage rate was 9.0156 and was 0.1092 mills higher than the current rate of 8.9064. He said the tentative 2016-17 fiscal budget was \$48,360,075 and Staff recommended first a motion on the adoption of the proposed millage rate of 8.9064 mills for fiscal year 2016-17 budget.

Chair Holt asked if there was any public comment and there was none.

**COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.**

Mr. Presnell said there needed to be a second motion for adoption of the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17 there also needed to be a motion on that.

Chair Holt asked for public input and there was none.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 2-2 BY VOICE VOTE. CHAIR HOLT AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED. MOTION FAILED.**

The Commissioners asked Commissioner Morgan to clarify his vote and he said he voted yes for the millage rate and no on the money to come out of the reserve.

Mr. Weiss said they had to come up with something they could vote on and they had to have a tentative budget that was approved.

Sherry Vanlandingham reappeared and said to Commissioner Morgan she wanted to make sure she understood, said they had to leave tonight with a tentative budget and it meant it could be changed at any point and time and could be readdressed at later date.

Chair Holt asked Commissioner Morgan why he voted no because it was tentative and could always be changed and he said fact was the revenues were trending down and they could not keep spending the money the way they were spending and he was not approving a budget for the second year in a row when they were pulling out major money from reserves.

Commissioner Hinson asked him to specify what was coming out.

Chair Holt said the \$1.1 Million.

Commissioner Morgan said they were moving \$1.1 Million to fund balance to make the budget and that meant they were not living within the revenue that was coming into the county.

Commissioner Taylor addressed Commissioner Morgan and said she saw the issues with going into the reserves year after year and was wondered if they could consider approving a tentative budget tonight and then meet before the final budget hearing to settle things. Commissioner Morgan said he was not in a position to approve the budget tonight and was not comfortable approving it tonight.

Commissioner Hinson said to be a good leader sometimes you needed to compromise and a person does not always get what they want and the great thing is Chair Holt put something on table; he put something on the table and asked Commissioner Taylor if she had something for table. Commissioner Taylor said it was not fiscally responsible to add to a deficient.

Commissioner Hinson said the Audit General said they needed to have \$3.5 Million in budget and they still had \$5 Mill regardless and will have \$1.5 more than they recommended. He said his thing was they could not without a consensus and as long as it was for the people, he was willing to vote to move forward. He added they were \$1.5 Million over where they were supposed to be and if not mistaken was in a great situation. Mr. Presnell said they currently were above the required amount.

Commissioner Taylor said she was not sure why he addressed her, she voted for it and suggested he should address the two that voted against it.

Commissioner Hinson said John McCain and Kennedy were at odds on a lot of things but they knew the art of compromise. He said his "pet peeve" was children and seniors and he said he was sure Commissioner Taylor had something she wanted to put in and was sure she had "pet peeves" as well that she wanted to add in and move forward.

Commissioner Taylor said she did not normally say anything about deeds that she has done because she thought "it's God's work and not mine" and everything that she had needed has come to fruition and she wanted to be fiscally responsible.

Chair Holt asked Jeff to pull up the non-profits and he said the list was not updated from the previous meeting.

Chair Holt said in looking at the non-profits, that was where Commissioner Morgan had his concerns and he was not willing to vote on that.

Commissioner Morgan suggested a 3% across the board cut, said it would put them where they needed to be and everyone could participate in it.

Chair Holt asked Commissioner Hinson what he wanted to add. Mr. Presnell said there were some items he wanted to add at the last meeting and they did not update the list. Chair Holt asked Commissioner Hinson to bring his wants to the Board, he did and she had no problem with it and voted for it.

Chair Holt said she was willing to vote on the budget, to put \$100,000 in, set it aside and the money could be moved later.

Commissioner Hinson said on Tuesday nights he had a problem because *The Have and Have Nots* come on but not tonight and he could "stay all night until 10:00".

Chair Holt said she voted for his stuff and saw "no sense in voting for any of that stuff and you don't vote for healthcare".

Jeff Price suggested they take \$100,000 for the position, find it in the current budget and replace it and not go into the reserves for the additional \$100,000.

Mr. Presnell said he was not sure there was anything at that level that the Commissioners were willing to do. Chair Holt said she had no problem with the suggestion; she did not want to cut any of it.

Commissioner Hinson said cutting 3% across the board was almost impossible and Chair Holt said they only needed one more vote. Commissioner Hinson asked for the 3% and she said no, they needed her vote and it would make the three votes. Mr. Presnell said the vote would only cost \$100,000.

Commissioner Hinson said he could not see himself cutting 3% because that would be cutting a position. He asked about other departments and if their increase was added in. Mr. Presnell said all the budgets had increases in their requests. Commissioner Hinson asked if any increases were approved and Mr. Presnell said they had to cut them due to the deficient in putting the

budget together and approximately 75% of them were cut and the ones not cut were due to one-time things like replacing a roof, getting vehicle for Building Inspection and it did not show as a cut even though they lowered their operating expenses but the capital expenses showed different.

Commissioner Hinson asked how long they could meet and Mr. Presnell said they could not stay after 11:00; they would have to break and re-convene. Mr. Weiss said with consent of the Commissioners they could stay but based on the statutory timeframe he was not sure they could leave until they had a tentative budget.

Commissioner Hinson said cutting 3% from the budget was a lot, that he understood the need for workshops and the need for healthcare.

Chair Holt said she would take hers off table if they took theirs off the table and they vote.

Commissioner Taylor said she would make a motion to take everything (non-profits) off the table along with the health care coordinator position. Chair Holt said the position was not on there, therefore it could not come off.

Commissioner Morgan said he was willing to consider any options as long as they cut the spending and stayed within the budget and there were ways to do that and did not want to come across as not willing to compromise and the fact was they did not have the revenue to cover the expenses they wanted to put into place.

Commissioner Taylor told Commissioner Morgan with the 3% cut positions would be lost and Commissioner Morgan did not think so. Commissioner Taylor said she heard from the Clerk's Office they would lose positions if that was entertained. Commissioner Morgan said only if they did not eliminate from other areas. Commissioner Morgan asked them to remember they agreed to not pass on the health care increase to employees.

Commissioner Hinson said he had another proposal-aside from Legal Services of North Florida, cut a percentage from others, Commissioner Taylor said that was too small.

Chair Holt said the Constitutional Officers needed to look at their budgets. Commissioner Hinson said people needed to feel safe, if they pull from the Sheriff, there would be more problems, the Clerk trying to pull away about \$400,000 and Mr. Presnell said it was around \$450,000. Commissioner Hinson said he thought they were having a great year and they had done a lot of great things and this was "the only Board in the County that everybody kinda liked a little bit, folks crazy about us"

*(Silence then Board started talking small-talk, dental chairs, aftermath of storm, etc.)*

Commissioner Morgan asked where they were at and Chair Holt said sitting, they could not get three votes in favor of budget and without it they could not adjourn.

*There was more silence.*

The Board starting laughing and said if Commissioner Morgan lost cell connection, they could



vote.

Mr. Presnell asked if there was a certain dollar amount that would give him a comfort level to vote on budget. Commissioner Morgan said he would be happy with a 3% across the board excluding the Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Hinson asked (again) where the \$1.1 Million shortfall came from. Mr. Presnell said it was an accumulation of the entire budget, there was a revenue shortfall from property taxes and was an accumulation of things. Mr. Presnell said if approved they would still have \$5 Million in reserves.

Commissioner Taylor said she and Commissioner Hinson could leave and let Chair Holt and Commissioner Morgan to deal with it. It was pointed out if they left, there would not be a quorum and the meeting would end and they could not leave without approving the budget because of the deadline and if they did not pass the budget tonight, they would be out of compliance with State Statutes. Commissioner Taylor said they still had time to pass before September 30<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Weiss said they did not with having to advertise.

Commissioner Hinson said there were commissioners refusing to vote for the budget if others do not do what they want; Chair Holt said they had ones that voted for the budget because they had what they wanted.

Commissioner Morgan said if someone put an option out, he was willing to compromise his position.

Chair Holt said his was \$1.1 Million and all she wanted was \$100,000.

Commissioner Hinson said to come back at a later date for the Non-Profits.

Commissioner Taylor said Commissioner Morgan was talking about savings, Chair Holt was talking about a costs; Chair Holt said the ones they wanted was costs.

Commissioner Morgan said to cut 2% across the board so not to impact any of the non-profits funded now other than the 2%.

Chair Holt said they still had Constitutional Officers that needed to look at their budget and did not think that could happen in the timeframe needed. Commissioner Morgan said they could adjust their budget based on the funding the Board gives.

Commissioner Hinson said two of biggest budgets were the Sheriff and the Clerk, Mr. Presnell said also Public Works.

Commissioner Morgan said they could not tell the Constitutionals how to spend their money but can approve the amount they were funded and he suggested cut 2% across the board except the Clerk. He suggested when the revenues started going back up they could readdress this issue.

Mr. Weiss said if they did not pass something tonight, they would not be in compliance with

State Statutes.

Commissioner Taylor asked if they would be penalized and Mr. Presnell said there would be ramifications on the State revenue side. Mr. Weiss said it was never a good idea to not comply with State law.

Commissioner Morgan said he was not going to agree to spend a ton of money they did not have; Commissioner Taylor asked Commissioner Morgan was willing to go to 1% and he was not willing to go below 2%. Commissioner Hinson said to do a 1% across board to make things flow and Mr. Presnell said that would be \$278,500 and was confident no positions would be cut at that level.

Commissioner Hinson said normally he did not do cuts but they had to move forward.

Chair Holt asked why go for \$278,500 when they would not go for \$100,000.

Commissioner Hinson said he could hear the County had \$5 Million surplus, the State required little over \$3 Million and they lost all of the money because they would not pass the budget and would have the County funds forfeited by the State; they were in a great position.

Commissioner Taylor asked Commissioner Morgan to please consider what was on the table and he said he had compromised his position more than 50%.

Commissioner Taylor said to Commissioner Morgan they had two commissioners on his side with across the board, they were just different in the numbers.

Commissioner Taylor said he said 2% and they said 1% and asked if he was willing to go 1.5%? Commissioner Morgan said he was not hung up on the percentage; he was hung up on the number.

Commissioner Hinson said this was a tentative budget hearing and all they had to do was vote and move forward. Mr. Presnell said at the Final Budget Hearing they could not change the total amount of the budget. Mr. Price said they could make changes tonight and make it final on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Taylor said if they cut 1.5%, the cut would equal \$417,000.

Chair Holt said at 2% was \$556,977 & 1% was \$278,488 and if they subtracted the two, the sum was \$139,244 and if they added to the \$278,488 and would get the number. Commissioner Morgan said he wanted to verify the using correct amount. Mr. Presnell said Jeff went through budget and funds that could be cut were totaled and figures that derived from that were disbursed all through budget but there was no summary page.

**CHAIR HOLT MADE A MOTION TO INCLUDE HEALTH CARE COORDINATOR POSITION AT \$100,000 AND SET MONEY ASIDE AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD COMMENTS.**

Commissioner Morgan asked where she addressed the existing shortfall and she said she didn't.

Commissioner Hinson said the County Auditor budget increased about \$11,000 and Mr. Presnell said the contract had an automatic increase built in.

Commissioner Hinson said he made a mistake with Economic development last time and it was still at \$280,000. Mr. Presnell said \$160,000 going to GCDC; \$40,000 to Chamber; \$40,000 to Small Business Service Center. He said during discussions at the end of the last budget cycle, they approved an additional \$40,000 and the money was set aside as a line item and they were only given \$160,000.

Commissioner Taylor said instead of \$200,000 for GCDC, there could be savings there to get them closer, for them to keep Rod Nixon's money where it was at and Chair Holt said she agreed, to cut both and keep going.

**CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 2-2 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED.**

Commissioner Taylor said to Commissioner Morgan she thought they were close to his number if he was willing to listen and he asked what number she had in mind. She said 1.5% plus an additional \$40,000 that would come from the Development Council funding. Mr. Presnell said they funded them at this year's level in the budget; there was \$200,000 in the budget and they were receiving \$160,000 and that was the \$40,000 Commissioner Taylor had identified to go along with the 1.5% to get them close to the half million. Mr. Presnell said the money was in their budget and they did not spend it this year.

**COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE 1.5% ACROSS THE BOARD REDUCTION ALONG WITH \$40,000 SAVINGS FROM BUDGET FOR GCDC FOR TOTAL OF \$457,000 REDUCTION OF BUDGET AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND.**

Mr. Weiss wanted to make sure in case the \$457,000 was not precisely accurate, the motion was for a 1.5% cut across the board plus the \$40,000 coming from the GCDC. Mr. Price said to use the amount and not the percentage and the amount was \$47,903,075.

Chair Holt asked Commissioner Taylor to amend her motion.

**COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AMENDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGET WITH A REDUCTION OF \$457,000 AND THE BASIS WAS 1.5% CUT ACROSS THE BOARD AND \$40,000 DECREASE FROM GCDC. COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOTION.**


Mr. Presnell said Staff also recommended advertising the second Public Budget Hearing to be held September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and the commissioners agreed. He said there was a request for a workshop next Thursday for Hurricane Preparedness with Emergency Management and there was a conflict with the room with the Planning Commission and said there was a meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> and asked if they would like to do something before then and they said yes.

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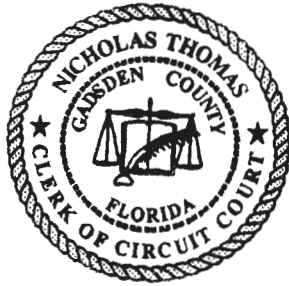
**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED  
THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:08 P.M.**


GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA



SHERRIE TAYLOR, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners



ATTEST:

  
NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk