

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 AT 6:00
P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDONG WAS HAD, 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
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 everyone to stand for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. A silent roll call was conducted by the Deputy Clerk, Marcella Blocker.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell said he had a couple of items to add to the Agenda:

A presentation by the Board under Presentations; remove Item 6 from General Business; and add 13A-Discussion of County Administrator's Contract.

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

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

Mr. Presnell asked Mr. Lawson to step forward. They presented him with a plaque to honor his upcoming retirement.

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas was present and reminded the Commissioners there needed to be a few budget amendments to close out the books for the end of the year.

CONSENT

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

- 1. Ratification to Pay County Bills**
- 2. Approval to Accept the FY 2016 3rd Quarter Report**
- 3. Request Approval to Dispose of Surplus Property and Equipment**

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Kendra Snipe, 17 E. Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board and introduced herself and her office, Florida Campaign Office, was next door and introduced herself as a neighbor and said they were registering voters and trying to get the community more involved in the process.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

GENERAL BUSINESS

4. Approval and Signature on the Fall 2016 E911 Rural County Grant Application for E911 System and MapSAG Annual Support and Maintenance

Mr. Presnell introduced the item and said it was for approval of the Fall 2016 E911 Rural County Grant Application for the E911 System and MapSAG.

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

5. Approval of the Annual Contract Between the Gadsden County BOCC and the Florida Department of Health for the Operations of the Gadsden County Health Department

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the annual contract between the Gadsden County BOCC and the Florida Department of Health for the operation of the Gadsden County Health Department for the contract year 2016-2017.

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

6. Approval to Confirm Appointment of the Planning and Community Development Director

Item pulled

7. Approval to Renew the Library Security Guard Services with Barkley Security to Serve the William A. "Bill" McGill Library in Quincy

Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to renew the security guard services with Barkley Security for the Bill McGill Library.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION ONE AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Hinson asked if proper procedures were followed and Mr. Presnell said they recently did and added that a few months back the bid had been awarded to another firm who could not provide the service and they chose to give it to Barkley and it had been six months and this was to extend that contract.,

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

8. Transportation Agreement Between the Gadsden County BOCC and Big Bend Transit, Inc.

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of the Quincy Shuttle

Service between Gadsden County and Big Bend Transit and authorization for the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Morgan asked if the City of Quincy was participating in the funding of the service. Mr. Presnell said they were not currently participating. Commissioner Morgan asked if they had been asked and Mr. Presnell said yes, the Manager had. Mr. Presnell said he had discussed this with the Manager, was not sure if there was a formal vote at the City Commission or how it was handled but his response was not at this time. Commissioner Morgan asked why they would agree to participate if we agreed to pay 100% of it. Commissioner Morgan recommended they renegotiate this and ask the City of Quincy to participate in a service that primarily was for the citizens of Quincy.

Commissioner Viegbesie said his comment was for a particular driver that drives the Gadsden Express and on Monday he was recognized by CRTPA as the Driver of the Year and his name was Nick Brown and in the past twelve years he has driven 2,665 hours without any incidents or accidents. He suggested the Board recognize him and present him with a plaque to present to him and Chair Holt asked if he wanted to put that in his comments and Mr. Weiss suggested they stick with the Agenda.

Chair Holt asked if there were other comments regarding Commissioner Morgan's comments about the County paying 100%.

Commissioner Viegbesie said if they were not under time restraints maybe they could table this item until they have a conversation with the City of Quincy.

Commissioner Morgan said he thought communication would be the way to go but they needed to be clear and specific and let them know they were willing to fund half if they were willing to fund the other half and felt that was the right thing to do.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 2 AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND FOR DISCUSSION. CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

9. Approval of Mosquito Control Annual Certified Budget

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of their annual Department of Agriculture request for matching funds for the mosquito control program and the current year's match was \$32,467.00 and the County's match was included in the proposed budget.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Hinson if they approved this, he knew there was discussion at a budget workshop about adding another person to spray because of the complaints and Mr. Presnell said he thought they had discussed that but this dollar amount was what the County would receive from the State and advised that they approve this tonight, get the money and if the Board wished to expand the program. Commissioner Hinson said he was not looking at expanding the program, he thought they were adding another guy. Mr. Presnell said it was his understanding they had.

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

ITEM.

10. Approval of the 2017 Holiday Schedule

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for board approval of the 2017 holiday schedule.

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

11. Approval of Resolution 2016-021 for County Road 65A Bridge Replacement

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for board approval for Resolution 2016-021 for County Road 65A Bridge Replacement.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS. COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND.

Commissioner Hinson said he approved this and it made sense but asked the difference between approving this item, it not coming out of their personal budget and at Highway 12 had \$112,000 come from his budget for a stop light and it was a county road.

Mr. Presnell explained the State picked up the tab on this item and they were approving a Resolution to let them design it and fund it for the bridge replacement.

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

12. Request for Approval to Renew the Contract for State Lobbying Services for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to renew the contract for State Lobbying Services and this was for Chris Doolin and Associates for the upcoming fiscal year.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND WITH A QUESTION.

Commissioner Hinson said he saw firsthand what Lawson & Associates had brought to the table but what was the difference in what they were paying Chris Doolin and what he had given the citizens of the County. He said he was representing other counties but Gadsden County was the only one paying him for the same services and said for instance last year he mentioned a community center and he said it could not be done and asked why he was here. He added that with Mr. Lawson, they saw results and if Doolin could not bring it to the County when Calhoun County was receiving more and not paying.

Commissioner Morgan said first he wanted to commend Commissioner Hinson for asking those types of questions because they were good question and should be asked. He said he has seen firsthand what he did for Florida State Hospital and had seen year after year added necessary services that they do receive from Mr. Doolin and his team in how they were represented before the Legislature. He added that he felt he not only had extra teeth in the area for rural counties, but had insight into what he just spoke about with regard to Gadsden County. He further stated

he had no problem in approving this but because of the next item they were about to consider, he asked for clarification and based on the future in the short distance, would they be able to have a benefit from the relationship with Senator Lawson and could they have two firms with Mr. Lawson.

Mr. Presnell said Mr. Lawson has indicated it was not a problem and had it worked out with the aide he already had that works with him, and there has been a discussion with him and if the Board decides to continue lobbying services, it would not be a problem.

Chair Holt said with regard to Mr. Doolin, he went door to door from one senator to the next one and covered everyone they could cover and appreciated from both groups, both worked together and she was willing to vote for both.

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

13. Request for Approval to Renew the Contract for State Lobbying Services for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was regarding the contract for State Lobbying Services with Lawson and Associates for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

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

13a COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT

Chair Holt said she asked that this item be added, the Administrator's contract was ending and the Assistant Administrator just said his goodbyes and they had to have a contract until next September.

Commissioner Viegbesie said his position was to renew Mr. Presnell's contract until September, 2017 to provide a smooth transition and Chapter 125 Florida Statutes provides for them only to hire one position and that was the County Administrator.

Commissioner Hinson asked if they were discussing the County Attorney or the County Manager. Chair Holt explained the Manager, his contract ended in October. Commissioner Hinson said he did not want to get into a situation with a lawsuit and if there was a change in the Board and someone wanted to get rid of the Administrator early next year, they would have to pay back benefits, etc. He added he felt personally it was best to do month-to-month until they find someone and it was unfair to other commissioners coming in.

Chair Holt said if he did not like the date Commissioner Viegbesie gave and wanted to do month to month...

Commissioner Hinson said he had no problem with the Administrator but he had a problem with the process.

Chair Holt asked Commissioner Morgan his ideas regarding the matter.

Commissioner Morgan said his was the same idea he had been expressing for a year and Commissioner Hinson was right, they began the process one year ago; had someone come over to discuss the process; had a “retreat” to discuss it; they have an existing Manager who has given them a timeline and has currently entered the DROP and they knew the Assistant County Administrator was retiring. He said they had the opportunity to be effective leaders in starting the process and their responsibility was to ensure stability and continuance and neither had been done by not moving forward with the process. He said he had tried several times and never received any support and was not surprised where they were and did not have the votes to determine where they went from here. He added it made the most sense to avoid disruption; they needed to ask the Administrator how long he was willing to stay and from talking to him, he thought he would stay until his DROP ended in April 2019. He also felt they needed to have him here for at least one year and allow him to effectively fill the Assistant County Administrator position. He added they had failed in the mission thus far and was very disappointed and as far as a change in the Board and what that might do, that was part of the life and times of a County Administrator. He said they needed to act as a Board of Leaders and minimize the potential disruption and problems for delivering services, problems with Staff and any other situations they may encounter. He said in addition, he was unsure why all of a sudden, unless it was because they were at the last minute and they were finally seeing the light, but yes they needed to move forward, if it was a year, do a year and he did not like the month-to-month, but he was outnumbered and they were “flying the plane”.

Chair Holt said two years ago for them to advertise the position and be done with it; problem was they did not re-advertise the position. She asked Mr. Lawson if the advertisements were out.

Mr. Lawson stepped forward and said the position has been advertised and the position would close October 30th; once the applicant was approved, it would be presented to the Board and they could make a decision whether they wanted to scale it down to a certain number for the interview process they wanted to proceed with or if they wanted to extend the advertising to get a more conducive applicant pool to what they were looking for.

Chair Holt said to the attorney she was aware they could only hire one manager and if they looked at the pool and decided they wanted one but there was a contract out, what would happen. Mr. Weiss said it would depend on what the contract said and with this item being added; he had looked at the contract but not in the recent past. He said there was a termination pay-out but could not recall exactly what it was and if they hired someone and terminate the current administrator, they would have to pay out his contract.

Mr. Presnell added he thought they were discussing utilizing the Assistant County Administrator spot to make this a smooth transition with the choice and have overlapping time to let them settle in to make the transition seamless.

Chair Holt said she wanted to discuss that process; they hire a manager; the contract has to state that he would move into the position as an Assistant and how would they do that to make sure it was legal and worked.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he pushed for a succession plan and that led to Mr. Long doing a succession plan workshop and with that process now in place and he felt it was needed to provide this body and this County with a smooth transition from one leadership to another to provide

continuity and stability and given the condition where they were now, his suggestion was if they extended the current contract until 2017, the current Assistant Administrator was leaving at the end of month and they gave the current Administrator the chance to hire a competent Assistant and let him be learning the goings on and process and hoped by October 2017 they would have the experience and he could come in and work with the new County Administrator and that would eliminate the problem.

Chair Holt asked the attorney his opinion.

Mr. Weiss said that would be one way to approach the situation.

Commissioner Taylor appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Weiss said it was the will of the Board and what Commissioner Viegbesie said was let the current Administrator hire an Assistant and let the Assistant gets up to speed on the goings on in the County and when the current Administrator is replaced, there was an Assistant there that had experience.

Chair Holt said her question was they were advertising for an Administrative position, are they going to pay them the salary for that position because that was what they were advertising for but they were putting them in an Assistant Administrator position. Mr. Weiss said he did not take Commissioner Viegbesie's comments that way.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he hoped the person the Administrator would hire would be someone that had training and would be learning the history and operational workings of the county and then do a search for a new Administrator and by October 2017, they should have a new Administrator in place and learn the craft. He added he was looking at the County having a smooth transition.

Chair Holt said once they renew his contract, he could hire someone tomorrow.

Commissioner Hinson said he felt they needed to be careful and he was looking at taxpayers' dollars and before they were talking about approving anything, they needed to have knowledge and understanding of what was in the contract and did not want to make a decision tonight that might cost the County money. He added this was thrown in, no agenda item, no information and they were going on that they thought and before he made a decision, he wanted to make sure it was agendaed so they could look at the contract first. He said he wanted a chance as a Board member to review this. Chair Holt said this was for discussion only.

Commissioner Morgan said they were talking about the County Administrator position and they needed to extend the contract one year to provide stability and go back to the experts, have the speakers come back and have them bring candidates to the Board

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was sworn into this position on November 18, 2014 and at his second meeting he talked about succession planning and getting one in place. He added he intentionally brought it up early, now the Assistant was gone and there was no-one here to be Interim. He added that his focus was not about the County Administrator but to provide smooth sailing without destruction.

Pastor Charles Morris, 23201 Blue Star Highway, Quincy FL, appeared before the Board and said he had the same discussion with the commissioner 2 years ago and wanted to add a personal comment and said he believed the County Administrator had done a wonderful job. He said another piece they might be missing besides the succession plan was where the values were as a County. He said most managers were involved in the hiring, firing, evaluating, etc. and they could hire someone that would not fit the culture of the county.

Commissioner Hinson said he was looking at taxpayer dollars.

Commissioner Taylor apologized for being late and said she was at a Parent meeting and she heard comments about the County Administrator's ability and said this was a service oriented business, the morale and said the morale was good. She added the staff worked together and did not mind coming to work. She added there was now financial stability, was able to add 25 more slots for summer jobs, was able to give raises because they had the dollars and that came under his leadership as a good Manager. She added he was the first contact when citizens called and to give him a year she felt was fair. She said she would go with the majority and what she heard tonight was echoing to extend his contract one year and this would help the moral of the County employees. She said to Mr. Presnell, "Normally I have on a hat and the comment I'm about to make has to do with a hat. Hats off to you Sir. Certainly you do not deserve any other than a respectful transitional period in the work that you have done and the labor that you have done in the vineyards, which has been notable to everybody that is here, even to the ones around this dais. No-one can say any different about your skill set and your capabilities. You do have my compliments and you do have my support and Sir, if it were left up to me, you would stay as long as you wanted."

Chair Holt said they had to make some decisions and they had to come back with something and she had heard six months or until October. She added they have had some managers she put in a motion in to send home and they needed options at the next meeting and they were running out of time. She suggested they bring back two options and let him decide.

Commissioner Taylor said she understood from Commissioner Hinson this was not an agendaed item and was added in and this was for discussion only. She asked if they were at a point to make a decision on what two options were to come back to them and Mr. Presnell said he needed to know what to bring back.

Commissioner Morgan said he felt it was imperative to instruct Mr. Presnell to contact Vince Long and let him know his services were needed. Chair Holt said she did not mind that idea but also would like to see if the Association of Counties had someone. Commissioner Morgan asked why they would go through the process they did a year ago and not follow what they were advised to do. He added that she helped put them in the position they were in because she refused to help move them forward on this in the last year.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he thought from where they were, the process has started, the job description was approved and the position has been advertised and beginning tomorrow they could start moving; review the pool of applicants and if they do not find one that fits the job description and minimum requirements, re-open the position and stop chasing their tails.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

14. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said he had nothing to report.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked the status of his request to invite the Enterprise Florida representative and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity representative to make a brief presentation to the board. He also asked the status of the retreat where the Board would create the job evaluation document for both the position of the County Administrator and the Attorney. He also asked the status of his request for a County Park Recreation Center at St. Hebron and when could they expect to issue the RFP for the third phase of the projects.

Mr. Presnell said he would check with his assistant on the date, there had been correspondence with the gentlemen regarding them coming to the Board; the Retreat could be scheduled if the Board was ready to proceed; he met with the engineer yesterday regarding the conceptual design for the St. Hebron park and they would have something soon. Chair Holt asked about the recreation center and Commissioner Viegbesie said it was something he envisioned and was similar to what was at Jack McLean Park. He said that was why he asked to create a Park and Recreation Advisory Council to look into parks and recreation buildings and activities for the youth and people of the county.

Commissioner Hinson asked if the Board agreed on placing a recreation center there and said he was curious why it was put in the paper over a month ago and he did not remember voting on it. Commissioner Viegbesie said the property was purchased for a park and recreation center. Commissioner Hinson asked if the Board agreed to put a community center in his district. Commissioner Viegbesie said it was not his district, but for the County. Commissioner Hinson said he saw an article saying that coming soon was a recreation center and did not remember the Board approving it and felt it sent a wrong message to the community and wanted to make sure the information sent out was correct.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if Mr. Presnell could respond. Mr. Presnell said they budgeted \$50,000 to buy land for the park; at the time there were no final plans; the concept was fully discussed by the Board; the purchase came before the Board to purchase that particular piece of property. The only thing he was aware of, they asked the engineers under contract to give them plans decent enough to apply for grant funding.

Commissioner Hinson said he agreed for more recreation centers and parks in the County and noticed at Havana Heights they were having the same issue with locks again and was not sure what was going and he did not want to penalize ones that live there, but there was a guy that lives on the second floor, has a lot of health issues, and Big Bend Transit has to meet him at the road and not the door and asked what they could do. Chair Holt asked if they could file a class action lawsuit. Mr. Weiss said it was private property and they could do what they wanted as long as they were not violating laws. He added they may be in violation of their HUD agreement and could not say without seeing the agreement. He added they had tried on numerous occasions to contact them to address concerns and had gotten nowhere.

Commissioner Hinson said he also asked to put sidewalk in front of Havana Heights and he talked to Peavy and it was not part of their contract. Mr. Presnell said he could use part of his paving

fund to put sidewalk anywhere he wanted and they had worked up many estimates for him. Mr. Presnell added Peavy's bid was for asphalt and Commissioner Hinson was discussing concrete.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Curtis Young, Public Works Director, appeared before Board and said the engineer discussed it with him and they were working the sidewalk as a separate deal and would be bid out separate from the asphalt.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Hinson asked if it would cost more money being bid separately and was told yes. He said Peavy told him they could do it, he thought. Mr. Young said normally Peavy would sub it out to a concrete company. Commissioner Hinson said he was surprised no-one ever contracted him because normally the sidewalk was done first and then the repaving and Mr. Presnell said not necessarily and Mr. Young agreed. Commissioner Hinson responded they knew more about roads than he did.

Commissioner Hinson thanked the response team, County Administrator and staff on what they did with the hurricane situation.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

15. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss said he had nothing to report but was available for questions and there were none.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

16. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said he had no items.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Hinson on the job done during the storm by Public Works, the Administrative office and everyone else involved in the efforts.

Mr. Presnell said the Board has three generators and they are tested weekly and equipment was scattered throughout the County as staging areas for storms. Commissioner Taylor said she felt they need to have that known to other entities, the schools, Sheriff Department, etc.

She said she knew there were funds left over in the paving fund and was interested in recreation and asked if they could be used for recreation. Mr. Presnell said no, the funds were funded by gasoline tax dollars and was restricted to paving, striping, bridges, sidewalks, etc. She asked for the total amount that was left in District 5 and said she was having various meetings in the upcoming weeks to discuss the funds. Mr. Presnell said they were finishing up the third phase now and there would be a fourth phase if there was any money left over.

Chair Holt said her opinion was she was for looking at this by district, they have paving money for the County and she was not interested in going into the cities to do paving unless they were ready for work.

Commissioner Anthony “Dr. V” Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie said if he recalled while they were on the subject of paving, there was a time he suggested contacting the City of Quincy to work with them to pave some streets that were inside the city and was told they were city roads and they could not use the county gasoline tax money to fix roads in the city. Mr. Weiss said they would potentially use gas tax money if they shared the jurisdictional responsibility of a road with a municipality.

Commissioner Viegbesie said earlier regarding Big Bend Transit, he suggested giving a commendation to Nick Brown for his exemplary defensive driving.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO RECOGNIZE NICK BROWN WITH A PLAQUE FOR DRIVING SO MANY MILES WITHOUT AN ACCIDENT OR INCIDENT.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he wanted to talk about the state of affairs regarding health; he asked they revisit the position of a health care coordinator and said they needed someone to effectively coordinate to help get the county healthier. He asked for the creation of a position with instruction to the County Administrator to prepare a job description and the document to be brought back to the board for approval. Mr. Weiss suggested since it was not an emergency, for the item to be placed on the agenda.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson thanked everyone that participated in helping citizens out with the storm.

He then asked if requests for bids had gone out for contracts that were up for bid. Mr. Presnell said there were several coming up, engineers would be on the next agenda, the Seniors contracts and competitive bids for professional services and they put the County Attorney off and added they had to delay until knew what the final budget was. Commissioner Hinson said he knew they had to renew the Waste Pro contract an additional five years because it never came to the Board and asked if they had looked at the rules to make sure everything was in line with the rules so there was no “oops”. Mr. Presnell said several years ago there were issues with contracts and looked into how they were tracked and there were a couple of “oops” that ran over the date but felt they had a very good system to track now. He added there will be some that had run over the date but it was due to the budget.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said she would also like to publically thank everyone for things that were done to help during the storm.

Commissioner Hinson said he was not finished and said he asked how often the grass was cut and said he knew there was a delay with the storms. Mr. Presnell said there was a printed schedule and would send him a copy.

Chair Holt said they could always ask the Administrator and the Attorney questions before the

meeting to get things out of the way and not hold the meeting up.

Receipt and File

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 17. October 4, 2016-BOCC Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- October 18, 2016-BOCC Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:54 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BRENDA HOLT, Chair

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk