

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JULY 18, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M., THE
FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:

Present: Sherrie Taylor, Chair, District 5
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Brenda Holt, District 4
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order, asked everyone to mute their phones, stand for the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell said he had one amendment to the Agenda and would like to pull Item 10 and Chair Taylor asked to pull Item 1 as she did not see Mrs. Wynn present.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD voted 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Proclamation Honoring Mrs. Jeanette Wynn

Pulled

2. Proclamation Honoring Mr. Nick Bert

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this was to honor Mr. Nick Bert and present him with a Proclamation. He then asked Mr. Bert to come forward with his family. Chair Taylor read aloud the Proclamation and it was presented to him.

3. Mental Health Services in Gadsden-Apalachee Center, Inc.

Dr. Jay Reeve, President and CEO of Apalachee Center, appeared before the Board and explained the services Apalachee Center offer to the citizens.

Chair Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Chair Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.

CLERK OF COURT

Mr. Thomas was not present and there was nothing to report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

4. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Brenda A. Holt, District 4

Commissioner Holt said regarding the census issue, it was a double-edged sword and they needed to make sure they received an accurate census and did not want to get kicked off SCOP and SCRAP paving if the population jumped way up and did not want to lose anything.

Policies and Procedures-want addressed

Commissioner Viegbesie said that was a concern he had and believed the cap was approximately 60,000 and did not think the population was close to that.

She mentioned they needed to look at the map and the Comprehensive Plan and said she talked with a couple of companies today and some said the County was prime for them because of the location of Highway 90, 27 and I-10.

She also said she had requests from some citizens that when moving agenda items, they moved them fast and they did not understand what they were talking about and asked they take time to explain the items.

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie said there were three items he wanted to bring up:

- 1) Waste Pro-citizens have expressed concern regarding their bill; in the past it was \$11.00 per cycle for recycling fee and some do not have a recycling bin and are still being charged. He said with the new bill, the amount was the same but no longer had the recycling fee broken down and needed to be addressed.
- 2) FAC-During the conference he ran into a group that addressed the accuracy of the census for Gadsden County and believed that Gadsden County has more than 47,000 people. He said this group was working to make the census more accurate and asked that they come do a workshop.
- 3) He said they had a treasure along Point Milligen Road in a man-made lake where world class skiers come to compete. He found out it was owned by Keith Albritton.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO RECOGNIZE KEITH ALBRITTON AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS MATTER.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

He said they needed to make sure the audience knew that the county maintained roads have green street signs and the blue signs meant they were privately maintained roads.

He said they have a great board and thanked everyone.

He thanked Dr. Reeve for his presentation and thanked the Board for the Proclamation to Nick Bert this evening.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION FOR A PROCLAMATION FOR PASTOR JOHN BATTLE AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE THE REQUEST.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said he had to leave the previous workshop early and wanted to see if Board would entertain an additional item in the budget, a "Pay and Pave Program" for unpaved roads in county and asked if there was any more workshops scheduled and Mr. Presnell said there was one more. Commissioner Morgan said he would like to make sure it was agendaed for discussion and the reason he brought it up was due to the current low costs of asphalt.

Commissioner Viegbesie said all County maintained roads in his district were paved.

Commissioner Sherrie D. Taylor, Chair, District 5

Chair Taylor said she wanted to piggyback off Commissioner Morgan said with regards to the dirt roads and looking at additions to the budget. She said they talked about housing and a lot of people were released from the penitentiary and had no place to stay. She said the County had abandoned buildings and houses and had mentioned this at a previous meeting that they needed to set aside dollars to rehab some of the houses, maybe five and sell two or three, it would keep the money going, give people a place to stay and will allow abandoned buildings to improve the neighborhoods. She said she wanted to see how they could capitalize on this and meet the need to provide shelter.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. May 16, 2017-Regular Meeting

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Presnell said there were Speaker Request Forms but it was on an agendaed item.

Marion Jones, 92 Granny Lane, Charlie Harris Speed bump

Shelia Harris, 667 Charlie Harris Loop, Quincy, FL Speed bump on Charlie Harris Loop

Willie Scott, Speed Bumps

Willie Mae Robinson, 531 Charlie Harris Loop, Quincy, Charlie Harris Loop

Jeanette and Paul Johnson 41 Charlie Harris Loop

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of the Installation of Speed Humps on Charlie Harris Loop pursuant to the Gadsden County BOCC Neighborhood Traffic Calming Management Program

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for consideration of speed bumps on Charlie Harris Loop pursuant to the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners' Neighborhood Traffic Calming Management Program.

Chair Taylor announced this was a public hearing and had Speaker Request forms but some did not wish to speak but was there in support of this item.

Commissioner Holt said she was in full support of this item and would like to see the speed bump put down and stay for three years.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if he was hearing she suggested it be put down for three years and then taken out and she stated no, she wanted it to stay at least three years.

Commissioner Morgan said if a majority of the landowners wanted this and it adhered to their current policy they had in place for traffic management devices, his concern was if they were enhancing the area with traffic management devices, if the year goes by and they were approached by a majority of landowners no longer wanted it there, from a legal standpoint, what happens.

Mr. Weiss said the policy that was adopted was a minimum of one year.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION ONE AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HOLT. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD A QUESTION.

Commissioner Morgan said he had no problem and said some of the petitions submitted had different dates and asked if the majority of the property owners were in favor of this and Mr. Presnell said another Petition was done because it was found that some of the petitioners were renting. They verified that all that signed were landowners.

CHAIR TAYLOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

7. Approval of Resolution 2017-020 and Temporary Construction Easement for FDOT to improve Gadsden County Road 159 at Attapulugus Creek Bridge

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to approve a temporary construction easement and for Resolution 2017-020 for Florida Department of Transportation to improve Gadsden County Road 159 at Attapulugus Creek Bridge and for the Chair to sign the paperwork. He added the bridge job was being done by FDOT.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

8. Approval of Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval and signature by the Chair for the renewal of the attached Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Memorandum of Understanding.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

9. Approval of Resolution 2017-022 for the Big Bend Community Development Corporation's (BBCDC) application to the Department of Economic Opportunity for their Gadsden County

Based programs to participate in the Community Contribution Tax Credit Program

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of Resolution 2017-022 for the Big Bend Community Development Corporation's application to the Department of Economic Opportunity for their Gadsden County based program to participate in the Community Contribution Tax Credit program.

Tom Lewis, CFO, Big Bend Community Development Corporation, 421 West Georgia Street, Tallahassee, FL, appeared before the Board for a brief presentation.

Commissioner Viegbesie stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Hinson asked Mr. Presnell if he had an opportunity to look into this and he yes and was very excited about the program and said it would be very beneficial to the County.

Commissioner Morgan asked regarding donations received, be it cash or specific items, if a local lumber company made a donation, if it would be used in Gadsden County and Mr. Lewis said yes.

Commissioner Viegbesie returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Holt said this was presented to the Apalachee Regional Council and it was a very good program.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR OPTION ONE AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

10. Request from Liberty Community Health Care, Inc. to Lease the Chattahoochee Health Clinic and Dental Equipment.

Item Pulled

11. Small Cities Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to accept the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant and authorize the Chair to sign all documents.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan asked who would receive the administrative fees for this and Mr. Presnell said they would do this in-house-some would go to private vendors and some stay local.

Commissioner Hinson asked who was eligible and Mr. Presnell said it would go by age, disability; was income based and restricted to the unincorporated areas of the County.

Commissioner Holt felt this would be good to have Housing come in and explain some time when cameras were up just before a County Commission meeting.

CHAIR TAYLOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

12. Approval of Management Agreement for EMS Station located at Florida State Hospital

Mr. Presnell introduced the next item and said it was for Board approval to continue to sublease a building located on the Florida State Hospital property in Chattahoochee for the purpose of an EMS station for the staff and to house an ambulance via an interim management plan.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROV THIS ITEM.

13. Ratify Approval of Vendor Payment over \$5,000

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for ratification and approval for additional security to the Woodham Building. He explained the total cost was over \$5,000, the Finance Department has paid it and this was to ratify the payment.

Commissioner Hinson asked if it was \$5,000 and Mr. Presnell said this was a serious upgrade and high tech. Commissioner Hinson asked why it was not approved first before the work was done. Mr. Presnell said Sonitrol and Davis Safe and Lock were used and by doing so saved \$700 on the project. Mr. Presnell said the Clerk's Office deemed the items related even though two different vendors were used. Commissioner Hinson said this should not have been paid without being approved by the Board. Mr. Presnell said the Clerk's office prepared this item, not him, this was their item. Commissioner Hinson said they do a check and balance but they needed to abide by policy and not go against policy. Chair Taylor said anytime they do something over and above the policy, the Board was not responsible, but the Clerk has done something she thinks was justified; both bills were under \$5,000 and he decided to add the two together. She added that both vendors were under the threshold and he paid them because they qualified but now saying the two were on the same door and combined. Commissioner Holt said back to Policy and Procedures, the BOCC determined the amount to pay, not the Clerk or anyone else and the Clerk should have paid the bill. Mr. Presnell pointed out they did. She said she checked this with the Association along with other things before, and BOCC determines policy, and if the under was under \$5,000 there was no reason to vote, even if it was related.

Commissioner Morgan asked if this was the main entrance and Mr. Presnell said it was all over the building. Commissioner Morgan asked if the City of Quincy participated in sharing the expenses and Mr. Presnell said no. Commissioner Morgan asked for a break-down of the agreement and said he felt if they were sharing the building, they should share in expenses.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON TO APPROVE AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER HOLT OPPOSED.

14. Acceptance of Brownsfield Community-Wide Assessment Grant for \$300,000 Hazardous Substances \$150,000 and Petroleum \$150,000 from the Department of Environmental Protection Agency to support the County's Efforts to assess/remediate properties throughout the County which are contaminated or may have the presence of contamination.

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for acceptance of the Brownsfield Community-Wide Assessment Grant for \$300,000 from the Department of Environmental Protection Agency to support the County's efforts in accessing contaminated properties.

Commissioner Hinson asked him to explain what Brownfield was about. Mr. Presnell said it was

for old industrial or commercial sites from when the County had manufacturing or chemical storage sites and there might have been contamination.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. CHAIR TAYLOR HAD A QUESTION.

Chair Taylor asked if there was a map of the Brownsfield areas that showed where they were located and Mr. Presnell said yes and he would get a copy.

CHAIR TAYLOR CALLED FOR VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

15. Approval of Millage Rate for TRIM Notification and Set the Date, Time and Place for the Public Hearing to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Gadsden County Budget

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the millage rate for the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notification and established the September budget adoption public hearing dates in order to provide the information to the Property Appraiser's office by August 4, 2017. Mr. Presnell said the Property Appraiser does a certified tax roll and BOCC was required to hold two public hearings and set a millage rate so the Tax collector can send out the notifications to taxpayers in the County. Chair Taylor asked the current tax rate and Mr. Presnell said it was 8.9064.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

16. Adoption of Resolution 2017-021 Opposing the Issuance of a Permit by the Department of Environmental Protection for the Purpose of Digging an Exploratory Well and Subsequent Deep Injection Well for the Disposal of Landfill Wastewater or Leachate at the Springhill Landfill Site in Jackson County

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this was brought back at the request of the Board and was for consideration of adoption of a resolution opposing the issuance of a permit by the Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of digging an exploratory well and subsequent deep injection well for the disposal of landfill wastewater or leachate at the Springhill Landfill Site in Jackson County.

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

Chair Taylor asked that he elaborate a little more. Mr. Presnell said the adoption of the Resolution would put the Board on record opposing the idea of Waste Management drilling wells at their site to dispose of leachate. Commissioner Morgan said they were not currently doing this but applying for a permit.

CHAIR TAYLOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

17. Voting Credentials-2017 National Association of Counties (NACO) Annual Conference

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this was to designate a County Delegate and

alternate to participate in the NACO annual election of officers and policy adoptions at the MACO Annual Conference.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Chair Taylor asked Mr. Presnell to clarify and he said they need to specifically have a delegate and alternate and Chair Taylor said they needed names.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was going to nominate the Vice Chair and the most senior Commissioner as the alternate but understood that Commissioner Holt may not be able to attend.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER HINSON AS THE DELEGATE AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO BE THE ALTERNATE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

18. Discussion of Gadsden County BOCC Rules of Procedure

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for discussion of the BOCC Rules of Procedure as outlined in Ordinance 2002-004.

Commissioner Viegbesie suggested this be workshopped and suggested they do this after every election cycle. Chair Taylor and Commissioner Holt agreed.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

19. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said the Lobbying Services contract was coming up and he would be bringing the item to them at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if there was a specific setting for the mowers when mowing the roads and said the height was set so high and in no time, it was bushy. Mr. Presnell said no, the bat-wing mowers were set to cut at a 4" level and normally if using a mower or zero-turn that was set at a 2" height.

Commissioner Morgan asked regarding the agenda for the next meeting when it was made public and Mr. Presnell said that would be on Friday. He said he had had calls about the communication system and if it was scheduled to be placed on the Agenda as an action item. Mr. Presnell said if the attorney had finished reviewing everything, he had already placed it on the Agenda.

Commissioner Hinson said there were three separate supervisors in different areas and asked how often they drive through the community because last year he was in Hampton Heights and there were bushes cut and placed in the ditch and a year later they still there were in the ditch and said it was embarrassing for him to drive through there and if he ever disciplined people that was supposed to do their job. Mr. Presnell said all the time. Commissioner Hinson said that was ridiculous and said he saw this last year and now the buses were hitting trees. Mr. Presnell asked if this was in Hampton Heights and if it was cut bushes in the ditch or growing limbs and Commissioner Hinson said it was a "forest coming outside in the road, that's how bad it was" and

could see the cut trees that have been there for a year or two or longer in the ditch. He added he had received four or five phone calls the past week regarding the same issue.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was not sure how often the Departmental Directors drive the County to see what was going on and to know what needed to be done was being done.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

20. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss said he had nothing to report.

Receipt and File

21. Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce-SBSC Quarterly Report

22. Resolutions/Proclamations

UPCOMING MEETINGS

23. August 1, 2017-Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

August 15, 2017-Regular Meeting- 6:00 p.m.

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
July 18, 2017-Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR TAYLOR DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:25 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SHERRIE TAYLOR, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk