

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON MARCH 6, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.,
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, Vice Chair, District 2
Eric Hinson, District 2-Absent
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5
Dee Jackson, Interim County Administrator
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to Order at 6:00, asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

CLERK OF COURT

Mr. Thomas was present and had nothing to report.

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. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. October 23, 2017-Old Stevens School Meeting**
 - b. November 20, 2017-Old Stevens School Meeting**
 - c. December 5, 2017-Regular Meeting**
 - d. December 11, 2017-Old Stevens School Meeting**
 - e. December 12, 2017-Regular Meeting**
 - f. December 19, 2017-Regular Meeting**
 - g. January 2, 2018-Regular Meeting**
 - h. January 16, 2018-Regular Meeting**
 - i. February 1, 2018-Land Use Workshop**

- 2. Ratification Memo**

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. PUBLIC HEARING: Approval to Recognize \$200,000 from the Discretionary Sales Surtax to the Capital Project Fund

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval of Budget Amendment \$18009, 180010 and for authorization for the Interim County Administrator and the Finance Director to complete and execute the budget amendments. Mrs. Jackson explained they were requesting to move \$200,000 from the Public Works budget to the Grants Fund budget and then revert it back to the Public Works budget once they were reimbursed by DEP.

Chair Holt asked if there were any comments from Commissioners.

Mr. Thomas said he wanted to go on record with his concern with this budget amendment. He said it was not good to use the Public Works Department for this type of work outside of transportation but if they were going to do it, it needed to be fully reimbursed from money that was not already inside the Transportation budget. He said they were moving \$200,000 from Transportation (Sales Tax) but then they were appropriating \$200,000 from Fund Balance (Fuel Tax) to cover that and then have the Transportation Department do work in another area, then pay them money that was taken out. He said in his mind, it was not clear that they were not using Gas Tax money in the transaction. He said if they did the budget amendment as it was, the Public Works Department should not do this work. He suggested they take the money and bid it out. He felt under that scenario, they would be colluding money and all it would take was an audit to say they have misused fuel tax money and money could be frozen. He said if they insisted the Public Works Department do this work, they needed to be reimbursed fully from money not currently going into that fund. He said that was why when he was here earlier, he suggested using the Fire Tax fund because they amended the Ordinance to use Sales Tax and that fund has \$1.3 Million fund balance and the Transportation Fund only has a \$600,000 balance. He said that was not a lot of money considering there used to be a balance of \$2 Million. He said it was his recommendation that they not allow Public Works to do the work, instead to bid it out.

Jeff Price, Senior Management and Budget Analyst appeared before the Board. Mr. Price said the Discretionary Sales Tax fund brought in approximately \$76,000 per month for Public Works. He said money would be diverted for 2 ½ months to the Parks and Recreation Fund and they would use those funds to pay for the engineering. He explained Public Works would do the work and be reimbursed and at the end of the day they would divert those funds back from Public Works after the \$200,000 was collected and get reimbursed by DEP Recreational Trails Program.

Mr. Thomas replied with that analysis they would be taking \$200,000 away, appropriate \$200,000, and that \$200,000 comes back. He said when Public Works does work outside of Transportation, three-quarters of the money was fuel tax money and he felt with that analysis it could not be proven there was no chance that fuel tax money were being used in that scenario. Chair Holt asked what he meant with that scenario. He explained if they took money that was already in a fund that made up the fund, using the same money to pay the work that was being done and it was not clear to him that it was being fully reimbursed by all of the fuel tax expense.

Chair Holt asked Mr. Price if he said the money would be coming from the Recreation Program and he said the money that was in the Parks Grant fund was money that was being diverted from Public Works to that fund, just as Mr. Thomas had explained. Mr. Price said it would be paid back to Public Works the \$140,000 and the \$60,000 for the engineering fees and that combined would be the \$200,000 and would be reimbursed by the DEP grant. Chair Holt said the DEP grant was the one where the \$200,000 would be taken to pay back and he said yes. She asked the Clerk if it was from the DEP grant, how was using that money to pay back for Public Works for the money taken out. Mr. Thomas said the same money being taken out was the same money that they would use to pay back.

Commissioner Viegbesie said if he took \$50.00 from someone, used it and then paid it back, there was no collusion.

Mr. Thomas said he was suggesting that Public Works be reimbursed for their costs above the money in the Transportation Fund and show that all costs were fully recovered.

Commissioner Viegbesie said this was the reason this Board, on December 5th, revised the Ordinance to include Parks and Recreation so the money could be used for this project. He said Parks and Recreation has done work for other parks and recreation before this particular project came up and asked if they have been reimbursed for work done for other playgrounds across County.

Mr. Thomas' response was when he talked to them in January he suggested another fund to ensure and was simply expressing his concern. He was going on record to prevent any potential damage to the County as a result and this could be done in such a clear way that there would not be a question but this was a very convoluted way that could raise questions.

Commissioner Morgan said he appreciated his comments and this was why he was not in favor of this from the beginning. He said he felt they should listen to Chief Financial Officer of the County and what he was trying to tell them and did not think this was a good way to do business.

Commissioner Taylor said she was hearing \$200,000 was restricted and coming from a gas fund and should not be used for this particular project, but was also hearing there was a funding source that the Clerk was suggesting and thought it had to do with the Fire Discretionary Fund. The Clerk said it was still Sales Tax but sales tax that was not currently going in to the Transportation Fund. She said she did not like audit issues but did not want to turn money away and was why she supported this initially and did not understand at the time they had to front the money. She said she would rather see it come from a Funding source the Clerk was comfortable with and they could still get the park.

Chair Holt asked if he was saying to get it from Fire and pay back with the Recreation fund, if Public Works did the work, why could they not do the work and be paid from the Fire fund.

Mr. Thomas said under that scenario it was clearer they were being fully reimbursed from money that was not already in their fund. He said in the past when Public Works did any work, they were using fuel tax dollars and if they did work outside of Transportation they needed to be reimbursed above that to cover their costs.

Commissioner Viegbesie said when this grant was applied for, the in-kind service of Public Works was brought up for the application for this grant. He said what he was hearing from the Clerk; anything Public Works does come from the Sales tax money and has to be reimbursed. He said as he said in December, anything Public Works does in any park in the County...

Mr. Thomas said the concept of Public Works doing in-kind work was flawed because of the fuel tax. Commissioner Viegbesie said his point was this has been a tradition and practice in the County for a long time. He said the former County Administrator, who was the Director of Public Works for the longest before coming County Administrator, should have known this, so they have been doing things deemed...Mr. Thomas said when the Finance Department at the Clerk's Office heard they did anything, they insisted they be reimbursed and gave them an example of the parking lot behind the Administration Building. He said Public Works graded that and did work and they were fully reimbursed from the General Fund for said work. Chair Holt said they could get the \$200,000 from the Fire Fund, use that, Public Works does the work, and put the \$200,000 back into the Fire, Public Works still is not compensated...Mr. Thomas said they would reimburse Public Works, that money would go to the Capital Project Fund and would reimburse Public Works for any work that they did. She said they were taking \$200,000 from Fire and Mr. Thomas pointed out they did an Ordinance that allowed the use of Sales Tax and they were taking money but nothing was free. He said the concept of Public Works in-kind did not exist, they had to pay and it was more of a match than in-kind.

Chair Holt asked if there were any comments from the audience and there was none.

Commissioner Taylor asked for a point of clarity. She said at the meeting they approved this, her motion was that this be a one-time thing to allow Parks and Recreation to be entered into this and was nothing that was set until they had an opportunity to come back because there was some issue with Parks being part of this and she did not want to turn money back. She said she wanted to be clear it was voted in specifically only to receive this funding. She asked for help: \$60,000 was going for engineering; \$25,000 was already budgeted for this project; \$200,000 that was guaranteed was coming from DEP (reimbursement grant) but they wanted to get the project underway before the money came. Mrs. Jackson explained it was a reimbursement grant and once Public Works invoiced for their services for \$140,000 and DPB and Associates invoiced them for their \$60,000 engineering fee, a check would be cut from DEP for the \$200,000. Chair Taylor said with \$25,000 being budgeted, they only needed \$175,000 for this project. Mrs. Jackson said the original plan was to put in the additional \$25,000 as a match to make that project go even further but could be pulled back out if that was the will of the Board. Commissioner Taylor said at the end of the day, if things stayed as they were going forward, they were talking about \$225,000 and Mrs. Jackson said that was correct. Commissioner Taylor said if they were talking about putting a project out there so people could enjoy and appreciate it. She said she was not against it, she was only against it if they looked at doing it though a funding source that would cause an audit issue.

Commissioner Morgan asked what the total costs to Gadsden County for this project was and she said the total costs was \$20,000 because they originally matched with \$20,000 but was budgeted at \$25,000 just in case it was needed. She said the total cost was \$20,000. She said they would be getting \$200,000 from DEP for the grant. Commissioner Morgan asked about the land and she said the land was leveraged and thought it was purchased for \$50,000 several years ago in hopes of

building an East Gadsden Recreational facility which would include a lot of amenities. Commissioner Morgan said \$70,000 and she said correct.

Chair Holt said no matter which fund the money came from, it belonged to the taxpayers.

Commissioner Taylor said it was their fiscal responsibility to make good judgment in spending taxpayers' dollars and if they were being told that taking from a particular fund could create an audit issue, they needed to be mindful of not creating any issues but finding the best course so that they would spend their money in a manner that would not come back to cost them money.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked the Clerk if he understood there was somewhere besides the Transportation Fund this money could come from to reduce the possibility of any perception of impropriety and Mr. Thomas said yes. He said normally in the past they would have done so from the General Fund, but in this case they said they wanted to use the surtax and that goes into two places: the Transportation and the other Fire. He reiterated he felt it would cause a problem with them taking it from Transportation and use it to repay Transportation. He added he felt that if taken from Fire it would not adversely affect it because there was a \$1.3 Million fund balance in that account and only \$600,000 fund balance in Transportation. He said by making that simple change, he felt they could avoid some of the appearance that fuel tax funds were being used.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE THAT THEY CHANGE THE FUNDING SOURCE TO BE FROM FIRE AND FIRE FUNDING COSTS TO BE REIMBURSED UPON RECEIPT OF GUARANTEED MONEY FROM DEP AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 3-1 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

4. Sheriff's Deputy Training Request-SWAT Association 2018 Basic Sniper Course

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was to seek funding from the Gadsden County Law Enforcement Education Fund (LEEF) to pay for training, boarding, and per diem costs for one GC Sheriff's Office Deputy Investigator to attend the upcoming Florida SWAT Association (FSA) Basic Sniper Course occurring March 5-9, 2018 in Orange County.

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

5. Amendment to the Contract for the Resurfacing and Reconstruction of Howell Road

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of the amendment to the contract for resurfacing and reconstruction of the Howell Road Project in District 4. She said it was originally awarded in the amount of \$704,028 and after the bid came in, it was around \$264,896. and the new agreement was in the amount of \$379,885.

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

Commissioner Morgan asked for clarification on the money and Mrs. Jackson said the breakdown was attached. She said originally it was \$704,028 and when the bid came in at \$264,896, it covered everything the original funding did. Commissioner Morgan asked how it was that much of

a difference in the price and Mrs. Jackson said it was estimated at that amount. She added they never know how the companies would come in with their bids and with State work they go with the lowest bid. Commissioner Morgan asked if this road was complete and she said almost complete and it would not go over the budget amount. He said they dropped it down to \$264,896 and then raised it up \$110-115,000 and Mrs. Jackson said that was the design costs and a little contingent.

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

6. 2017 Striping Project Phase II-Change Order

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval of Change Order #1 for the 2017 Striping Project Phase II to AKCA, Inc. in the amount of \$38,446.40.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBSIE MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan asked the funding source and Mrs. Jackson said it was from Commissioner Taylor's paving dollars.

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

7. Approval to Extend the Current Lease Agreement with USDA for the FSA Service Office

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval to extend the current lease with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the FSA Service Office through January 31, 2019.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

8. Update on Various Board Requests

Mrs. Jackson said they were needing to take inventory of all electronic devices and asked they bring all equipment to the next meeting so that could be done.

Building Inspection Department

She said since January there have been 154 permits pulled that has brought in \$40,853.48 in revenue and the permanent structures valued \$4,109,043.

Supervisor of Election Building

She said this building was slated to be painted and they had begun pressure washing and painting would soon follow.

Code Enforcement

She said the new Officer started in February, has closed 40% of the active cases; 100% of the

inherited code enforcement cases had been closed but two have been reopened for new offenses.

Emergency Management

She said CRMC has a new CEO, Alan Keese, and they will be meeting with the EMS staff on March 21st.

She said the Resolution they passed has been filed to acknowledge Greenshade Fire Station as a Gadsden County functioning body.

Summer Youth

She informed them that Human Resources will post the 2018 Summer Youth program March 29th thru April 27th. She said students could pick up applications at their local High School, all three Libraries and it will be posted on the County website.

Library

Library Services has partnered with Mu Mu Sigma Chapter of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority on March 24th from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at the McGill Library and the topics covered would include STEM, Financial Literacy and Healthy Lifestyles. She commented it was a free event and lunch would be provided and for students in the 6th thru 12th grade.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

She said the Library would be conducting its 5 year plan on April 21st and a formal letter would be forthcoming. She also told them Library Week would be held the week of April 9th thru 13th.

Management Services

She said they were working with the Census and complying with everything asked of them but it would be done a little different. She said they will not go door to door as they have in the past.

She said the structural analysis of the Jail's communication tower will be conducted on Friday. She said it was very important that the tower be in good standing for the new radio system.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

She said they have spoken with Talquin Electric as far as partnership as a back-up to utilize their tower. She said upgrades would still need to be made if the analysis showed as needed.

Commissioner Taylor asked if they could be looking at a budget amendment and Mrs. Jackson said TEC was OK with partnering with them but she would know more after Friday.

Commissioner Morgan recommended having the vendor come to the Board to give an update and Chair Holt said to bring them in during the workshop so they would be able to ask questions.

She said there was an update on the Election Cyber Security at the dais.

She said the Website development was underway and they expect to have it up in the next four to five months.

Public Works

She said the Cooks Landing Road striping would be complete this week. She said the last landfill the County had was in Chattahoochee and they were expecting DOE to close it out soon and was scheduling an appointment with them and it would be closed as soon as they received the OK from them.

She said the speed limit for Dogtown Road was reduced from 55 miles per hour to 45 mph.

She said the mowing season started on March 5th and they have increased the mowing crew to five this year; all the mowers are new except for one and should cut faster and the blades were set lower than previous years.

She said to cut costs staff has discussed purchasing a paint machine to do striping and that would make them able to stripe the smaller roads themselves and would save the County money.

Commissioner Taylor said they approved a maximum of five acres for a minor development and Mrs. Jackson asked for more details. Commissioner Taylor explained if a developer wanted to develop a portion of land and place houses there and has 10 acres, that would make him go through the full process because it was considered a full development and if he wanted to develop five acres, would that be considered a minor development.

Clyde Collins, Building and Planning Director, appeared before Board to explain. He said that was a minor subdivision and was five lots or less. He further explained if there were ten acres, they could do 2 five acre lots or five one-acre lots this year and 5 more the next year. Commissioner Taylor asked why 5 and he responded that was what the Land Development Code said. He further said it was seven and there were the extra two if did site builds, mobile home park, mobile home minor subdivisions were five and it was said they could not discriminate against mobile homes or manufactured homes so they went back to five. Commissioner Taylor said that was not thoroughly explained. She said when some of the developers in the County appeared before them, the goal was to get them in and be able to start building but there was still competition in Wakulla and surrounding Counties because they were still restricting themselves by not completely understanding some of the things they agreed on.

Commissioner Morgan asked if this was a question for the Administrator because they were now discussing something that was not on the Agenda. Commissioner Taylor said she did not understand the concern and Commissioner Morgan said his concern was...Chair Holt interrupted and asked that they stop talking to each other, address the Chair so they could figure out who was speaking on what. She asked Commissioner Taylor, if she wanted to have this agendaed and Commissioner Taylor said she was after clarity on this situation and felt they should look at increasing if they wanted to stay in the market of bringing developers in. Chair Holt said when Ms. Gutcher comes back for the Comp Plan meeting that would be the time to address that. Commissioner Taylor asked if it could be agendaed and brought back to amend. Commissioner Taylor asked other questions regarding acreage and set-backs. Chair Holt said they needed to do this in a workshop and that case is not the only one. She said they have to read the Comp Plan and the Land Development Code and have a workshop.

Mr. Collins said they were addressing this in their Land Development Code and would be coming

before them.

Chair Holt said they needed to move on with the Agenda. Commissioner Taylor said she was trying to do that by asking intelligent questions at a pace she was comfortable with. She asked if the concerns that she just addressed would be coming before them and was told yes.

Chair Holt said they had seen the report on the Supervisor of Elections but they needed information that would satisfy the citizens regarding the census.

Chair Holt said with regard to the students, they needed ambassadors for the County and instead of sending them so far out, they needed to pull back where they were being sent to.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

9. Update on Various Legal Issues

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

10. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Eric Hinson, District 1

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan asked to have the County Administrator position placed on the Agenda for discussion and action and made a motion to do so at the next meeting.

He said the second item was to ask the Board to review the current lease with TCC where the Sheriff's Office and Department of Public Safety was located. He asked that the Board direct the Administrator to begin new or refreshed discussions about a new Administrator Building being constructed in front of the Jail and them subleasing their lease to the City of Quincy if they wished to remain in that building. He said they needed to reduce their costs at that building.

Chair Holt said the money they were supposed to get for that building, the \$23 Million, they lost the proposal on the Federal level. Commissioner Morgan said this was strictly regarding a new, smaller Administration building and was nowhere near \$23 Million. He said he was asking they open up discussion again, this was in the works a few years ago and was pulled at the last minute. He said he wanted the conversation opened again.

Chair Holt said she was fully engaged in the lease; but she was not there yet for the Administrator's position; Commissioner Morgan said his request was to have it placed on the Agenda for discussion and action and she responded she was not there yet and asked if there was anything else.

Mrs. Jackson asked for clarification with regard to the lease with TCC. Commissioner Morgan said his request was to contact the Sheriff for discussion and bring back to the Board at the appropriate time. He asked her to look at options for costs savings, how long would it take to recoup money and felt they would find it would be less than three years.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor said she only had one concern and it had to do with what happened a few minutes ago when the Administrator had the floor. She said they were asked if there were any questions and she had comments to make. She was concerned with not being able to talk with her and have her questions addressed, did not want to be uncomfortable when she wanted clarity on issues moving forward, did not want her rights taken away and did not want to be out of line.

Chair Holt said on the items, they could ask questions or make comments at any time during the presentation of the Administrator or the Attorney but they had to stay on track. She said once they had the idea of her zoning concerns, they could get the research done and then bring that back.. She said that was why she kept asking what she wanted them to do. She said they had a workshop and had to stop it because Commissioners were saying they were unfamiliar with the Comp Plan and Land Development Code. She added they were paying an expert to come in and if she was making a comment about what she wanted, once the comment was made, Mr. Collins appeared and addressed her questions, the Manager made comments and Chair Holt said everything was done in the Land Development Code and Comp Plan and they had to let the Manager and Attorney know what to do and stay on the Agenda. Commissioner Taylor agreed with staying on the Agenda and said she did not quite understand and was why she had several questions. She explained this was a weak area for her and why she had several questions and going forward stated she needed to understand and felt it was out of order to her and did not want that to happen in the future. Chair Holt said she had been on this Board for almost sixteen years and they had to read the book; they could not pay experts to come in and talk to them about Planning and Zoning issues and Land Development Code when they were not prepared. She added that her concerns could be fixed but they had to have workshops.

Commissioner Anthony “Dr. V” Viegbesie, Vice-Chair, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie thanked Public Works and said they have done a wonderful job with Dogtown Road and said they had decided, within the power of the County, to reduce the speed limit from 55 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour and no trucks will be allowed on that road.

Lighting on State Road 12

He said he has asked for lighting and CRTPA wanted them to do some engineering studies to determine what parts of the road need the lighting on so they could begin to consider that.

Pedestrian Crossing on Pat Thomas Parkway

He said this road was being resurfaced and CRTPA said they were going to put Pedestrian markings in front of Wal-Mart and have bike lanes from I-10 to Wal-Mart. He said when it came to the pedestrian crossing; it was not on their engineering plan to have it across Pat Thomas Parkway so pedestrians could cross safely.

Attapulgus Highway (County Road 65)

He said it was already in the CRTPA/FDOT budget in 2020 for \$305,000 to be used for planning and engineering; in the 2021-2022 budget \$2.507 Million would be used to resurface and widen that road. He said they were working on Gadsden County road projects and there were quite a number of roads that would be in the future Gadsden County project across the County. Chair Holt asked if he would like the Commissioners to turn in a list of roads they were interested in and he said let him make the current list with Public Works available to the Commissioners to see what roads

were on the list and if there were some they wanted to add, he would advocate for that in the CRTPA meetings before it was locked in.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said she would like the Architect continuing contract be brought back because he was on a continuing contract and it cut out other architects for bidding on projects.

Commissioner Taylor left at this juncture of the meeting.

She said she felt it was very discriminatory for it to be in place and prevented others from having the opportunity to bid and wanted it re-addressed.

She said she did not have a problem with the streamlining in permitting and thanked the Staff and Manager and said the workshops on the afternoons were going well. She said if they were not able to make it and had concerns they wanted the Manager to bring, call her early and they could straighten out whatever it was in the Workshop and if they were unable to be there, they could have it ready when they came at 6:00 p.m. She said she was not trying to cut short and said she hated Commissioner Taylor left; she was just trying to stay on task.

Receipt and File

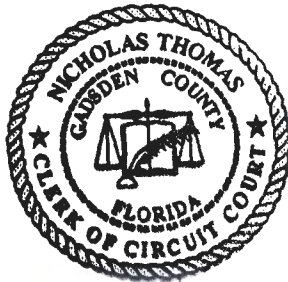
- 11. FDLE Letter dated February 1, 2018
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 20, 2018-4:30 Pre-BOCC Workshop
March 20, 2018-Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:08 P.M.



GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA



BRENDA HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:



NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk