

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON MARCH 20, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.,
THE PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, Vice Chair, District 2
Eric Hinson, District 2
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 welcomed everyone to the Commission Meeting and asked that phones be silenced or placed on vibrate. She asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Jackson said she would like to add an amendment to the Agenda to add an Agenda Item for a lease agreement for buildings located at 15 and 17 East Jefferson Street for additional temporary space for County employees as Item 14a and at the Pre-Meeting Workshop it was brought up by a Commissioner to move the Travel Policy to the end or to pull the item to workshop it.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked what the Item number would be for the item being added to the Agenda and Mrs. Jackson responded it would be 14a. He said he was the one that suggested they table the Travel Policy item and workshop it first. Chair Holt asked for clarification on the procedure and Mr. Weiss said if they wished to pull it, they could do so at this point.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO PULL THE TRAVEL POLICY ITEM AND A WORKSHOP BE SCHEDULED AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan asked if they were voting on the Agenda as a whole or what they were doing. Chair Holt said they were voting on the Agenda as a whole and would then vote to pull the item. Mr. Weiss said at this point, if they wanted to make an amendment to the Agenda, the motion would be to amend the Agenda and then move for approval of the Agenda as amended. Commissioner Morgan said there may be other items that they may want to amend or pull and would they be voting on that as well or one particular item. Mr. Weiss said the cleanest way was to do the one item and then they could address other potential amendments.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE THE ITEM BEING PULLED.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO ADD DISCUSSION OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S POSITION AS 14b AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON. THE BOARD VOTED 2-3 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND CHAIR HOLT OPPOSED. MOTION

FAILED.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO ADD AGENDA ITEM 14a TO THE AGENDA AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF ITEM 14a.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Proclamation Honoring Malina Murray who was selected to represent Talquin Electric Cooperative at the NRECA National Youth Tour in Washington, DC

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and Chair Holt asked Ms. Murray to step forward and the Commissioners met her in front of the dais and the Chair read the Proclamation aloud and it was presented to Ms. Murray.

2. Historic Courthouse Restoration Update

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item.

James Lewis, Clemons, Rutherford and Associates, appeared before the Board. He said they were awarded the contract last year; they have spent 6-8 months dealing with the State to get the contract approved, and modifying the grant to get the scope and budgets coordinated that the State would approve. He said at the beginning of this year they did get the contract and was ready to go. He said he had hoped to get some documents that would show what the existing conditions around the Courthouse was and initially would be working on a water issue where water was getting into the building at the basement level. He said that scope of work may be costly and might require some hand digging. He said they then would go to work on the cupola and windows. He said the process would likely require an extension and was uncertain as to where they were in getting that from the State.

Chair Holt asked once the foundation was taken care of with the water issue, would it look any different. He said they should not see more than a subtle difference, with the water issue and that would mainly be with landscaping but with the cupola and windows, they would see a difference after it was cleaned, joints resealed, and windows replaced or restored.

Commissioner Morgan asked if he knew the extent of the water damage and the potential of more or unknown problems. He said there was always a possibility of finding something and when digging on the outside they never know what would be uncovered. He said on the inside there may be mold that would need to be dealt with and there was always a possibility of uncovering asbestos. He said water getting in the building would be the first priority and when it came to construction; they would take care of the basement first. Commissioner Morgan asked if it concerned him that this would be the second extension requested and he replied no. He asked if things lined up correctly, when did he see to be a final date and Mr. Lewis said the substantial date was September 29, 2018 and the final date was October 29, 2018.

CLERK OF COURT

Mr. Thomas was present and said he had no report.

CONSENT

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED.

3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **February 20, 2018 Pre-Meeting Workshop**
 - b. **February 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes**
4. **Ratification Memo-March 6, 2018**
5. **Ratification Memo-February 20, 2018**

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. PUBLIC HEARING: (Quasi-Judicial)-Perkins Ridge Preliminary Plat (SD 2018-01)-Consideration to Request a Replat of a Lot in a Recorded, Platted Subdivision

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of the Perkins Ridge Preliminary Plat to replat Tract 5 of the Bert Ridge East Recorded Subdivision, Tax Parcel ID #3-23-2N-2W-1519-00000-0050, an 18.92 acre parcel into two parcels.

Deputy Clerk Blocker swore in Ms. Jeglie and she gave a description of the subject parcel and said the parcel was located in a Rural Residential subdivision and was before them because it was located in a platted, recorded subdivision. She said that prevented it from being handled administratively and required them to go through a quasi-judicial action. She informed the Board that the Planning Commission recommendation was 7-0 to approve this item and found it compliant with the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan. A Citizens Bill of Rights meeting was held on November 16, 2018 and had no attendance and met the Public Notice Requirement of the Land Development Code including advertising in the three local papers and to the property owners within 1000' and a sign was posted on the property.

Chair Holt announced this was a public hearing.

Commissioner Viegbesie said this was only an observation; why was Option 3 recommended if members of the PC Board recommended this and why not Option 1. Ms. Jeglie said that was in the event they wanted to add any additional conditions.

Commissioner Morgan said his question was to Commissioner Viegbesie's point. He said if they had gone through the process and everyone was comfortable with it, he felt this would be something that the Administrator or appropriate party to recommend something to the Board.

He said they relied on the Administrator to make recommendations to the Board. Mrs. Jackson said she was still learning and staff was very comfortable with moving forward with this item and there was an option for the Board to amend the item and was unsure how to go about doing it. She said she agreed with Option 1.

Commissioner Hinson said in all fairness, he had been on the Board for almost five years and his only concern was he thought there was a policy in place for sidewalks and Chair Holt said years ago they were trying to connect businesses and communities' together.

Ms. Jeglie said there was some criteria for sidewalks in major subdivisions but isolated, large parcels were not required to provide sidewalks.

Commissioner Taylor said she had two questions. She said in looking at Option 1, would they be able to sell this lot and Ms. Jeglie responded yes, it would create a legal lot. Commissioner Taylor asked if this area would now be now restricted to who could purchase the property. Ms. Jeglie explained this particular piece of land allowed 1 unit per acre and if they wanted to put a single family home there, they could, but if they wanted to create additional lots they would have to come back before the board. Commissioner Taylor asked if the Perkins' had expressed what their intentions were with the lot and Ms. Jeglie said he was present and she would let him answer that question.

David Perkins appeared before the Board and said they were giving the lot to their son to build a house on it. He said he had gone through all the steps and had done what was necessary to do things the right way to give one lot for one single family home.

Commissioner Hinson said if not mistaken the policy was changed a couple of years ago to allow families to be able to give to families and if that was the case, he did not have to come here and go through that process. Chair Holt explained in this case, the property was already platted and in order for that to happen, it had to be replatted. There was further discussion regarding the replatting.

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

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1 WITH THE CONDITIONS AND CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

7. PUBLIC HEARING: (Quasi-Judicial)-Perkins Ridge Final Plat (SD 2018-01)

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of the Perkins Ridge Final Plat, the replat Tract 5 of the Bert Ridge East Recorded Subdivision, Tax Parcel ID #3-23-2N-2W-1519-00000-0050 to be filed and recorded with the Clerk.

Chair Holt explained the previous item was the preliminary and this was for final approval and asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak and there was none.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION ONE AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN. BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WISHED TO SPEAK.

Mr. Weiss recommended a brief presentation since this item was quasi-judicial.

Mrs. Jeglie gave a brief presentation of the item.

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

8. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of Ordinance No. 2018-002, An Ordinance of the BOCC of Gadsden County, FL amending Chapter 2, Article V, Division 5 of the GC Code of Ordinances regarding the GC Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, to delete the automatic sunset provision in Section 2-244, providing for repeal, severability, inclusion in the GC Code of Ordinances, modifications that may arise from consideration at a “Public Hearing”, and correction of Scrivener’s errors; and providing for an effective date; and adoption of revised Bylaws for the GC Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, deleting the automatic sunset provision.

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval for adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article V, Division 5 of the Gadsden County Code of Ordinances regarding the Gadsden County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to delete the automatic sunset provision.

Chair Holt announced this was a public hearing and asked if there were any comments and there were none.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT OPTION 1. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR HAD COMMENTS.

Commissioner Taylor asked if this was a public hearing and Chair Holt said she had announced it and there were no comments.

Commissioner Morgan asked the original reason for having a sunset provision. Mrs. Jackson said she was not here when this was originally discussed but her understanding was it was not a Board that the County traditionally had and the Board decided to do a sunset provision to see if it was still needed in the future. She said there had been some interest from community members and it had gotten some follow-up from persons that were on the Board who would like to see it continue and help to make decisions for all parks in Gadsden County. Commissioner Morgan asked if there was a current full Advisory board in place and she said yes. He asked how many members were on the Board and she said they just added an at-large member and there were 6 with each Commissioner appointing a member and the at-large member. Mr. Weiss and the Chair corrected her that there were currently 7 members to not have an even number.

Chair Holt announced again it was a public hearing and asked if there were any comments and there were none. She asked the will of the Board.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT OPTION 1 AND CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

9. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of Ordinance 2018-003, An Ordinance of the BOCC of Gadsden County, FL adopting Chapter 66,, Article III of the GC Code of Ordinances, the Gadsden County

Emergency Repair Program; providing for repeal, severability, inclusion in the Gadsden County Code of Ordinances, modifications that may arise from consideration at a “Public Hearing” and correction of Scrivener’s Errors; and providing an effective date

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for consideration of adoption of an Ordinance codifying the Gadsden County Emergency Repair Program.

Mr. Weiss said in 2007 the Board started budgeting funds for the purpose of providing citizens that resided in home that were in need of immediate repair or improvement due to substandard living conditions or insufficient accessibility and did not have means or ability to make those repairs or improvements. He further explained the criteria for the distribution of budgeted funds were set forth in the Gadsden County Emergency Repair Program policy, as amended and the procedure and criteria in the policy were unclear in some respects, which led to some questions and confusion regarding the application. He said this proposed Ordinance would codify the Ordinance to make clarification to what currently existed in the policy. He said he wanted to point out when the Ordinance was drafted, there was a current limitation of \$2,000 per household for improvements and was since informed the limit had been \$5,000 per household and needed to be made a part of the motion.

Chair Holt said this was a public hearing and asked if there were any comments and there were none.

She then asked if this program would follow the guidelines of the SHIP program. Mr. Weiss said it was similar but did not completely mirror the SHIP program and one thing that was different, SHIP had a rolling application process but because of the nature of repairs involved with this Ordinance, the idea was this was for emergencies and had no waiting list. He further explained it would not roll-over and everyone would have to reapply every budget season.

Commissioner Hinson said he wanted to keep things simple and felt the way it was now was on point; the Board had put in more funding for this program. He said he would hate for the older citizens that worked in tobacco fields for a long period of time and had no Social Security, should not go through the stress and pain of the conversation they were holding. His recommendation was to let this go and move forward on what they had here. He added he did not think anyone abused the program.

Commissioner Viegbesie said it was his understanding that anyone that needed help had to apply and no Commissioner could ask for help for any citizen. He said the reason he asked this, he visited an elderly person whose accommodations were deplorable. He then forwarded their information to the County Administrator so they could tell the citizen what process to follow to possibly get assistance with what the County could do within the limitations of the resources to help this particular citizen. Mrs. Jackson said typically a citizen would reach out to the County, not the County reaching out to them.

Mr. Weiss said the Commissioners could notify citizens of the availability of the program, his recommendation was instead to have the citizen contact the Administrator to avoid any appearance of the Administrator being prejudicial or biased.

Commissioner Morgan asked the Attorney regarding this ordinance, he had no problem supporting an Ordinance they could enforce and understood the reason for the Ordinance to be

in place for this program. He said they just heard a lengthy discussion about a specific part of the program and asked where in the Ordinance it addressed that concern.

Mr. Weiss directed him to page 5 (7 of 9) Section 66-53-Funding; Procedure, and explained the procedures that were to be followed.

Commissioner Morgan said he wanted to see in the Ordinance where it stated who had the say-so who received the money, if it was specifically spelled out who had the authority to grant funding.

Mr. Weiss said it was ok if they wanted to include that expressly in there and did not think it was an issue to do so.

Chair Holt stated she had no problem with that and they could add “J” stating that a BOCC Board Member or Members would not be involved in Emergency Housing Repair Program.

Commissioner Taylor said she agreed with Commissioner Hinson and with Commissioner Viegbesie in what he did reaching out and sharing with Staff. She said the individual would still have to complete an application, submit required documents, plus other documents before they could be approved and making a phone call did not give approval or tell the Administrator to put that person through. She said they were representatives and could or should be able to make a phone call but not coercing her, she should not be mandated to do anything outside the law for any of them.

Commissioner Morgan said he never indicated that a Commissioner could not call; he said they did not have any say-so on how the dollars were spent or who received assistance.

Commissioner Hinson said someone had to fight for the senior citizens and if they go against the policy, it was saying a lot to the citizens. He said they had control as of today to make the decision and once they changed the policy, it could stop the relationship of helping the seniors. He said he never called her (SHIP Director) much; she would call him if someone was there from his District.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if he understood that every Commissioner had an allotment for emergency home repairs and it should not be at the discretion of the Commissioner as to how much went to help a homeowner.

Commissioner Morgan said he was not talking about not helping a citizen that needed help. He said they had to remember they were using taxpayer dollars to do this and owed it to the public, the folks receiving the money and to the Board to make it as clear and spelled out as it needed to be. He said each district had the same amount of dollars and did so to make sure the dollars would not be un-proportionately spent in one area of the County because there were needs all over the County. He said he would not support an ordinance that did not have a purpose that they could not enforce.

Chair Holt said the problem has been traditionally that a Commissioner would call and say they wanted someone’s house fixed and the public thinks it was done because that person campaigned for them. Commissioner Hinson asked if there had been complaints and Chair Holt

said there has been many complaints.

Commissioner Taylor said she would receive calls from all over the County and would direct them to the proper Commissioner. She said if it were an emergency, they did not want to make people wait 30 days for assistance. She said the Commissioners better open their eyes because it could be “political sabotage” for them. She continued and said there was nothing wrong with way it was, had been here for 10 years and no-one has complained to her about it.

There was more discussion around the dais.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND SCHEDULE A WORKSHOP AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE THE SECOND WITH A QUESTION.

Commissioner Taylor asked if what was in place now would continue until a workshop was done and Commissioner Viegbesie said yes.

Mr. Weiss said in terms of the advertisement, it was a one-time thing for the application period to be opened.

Commissioner Morgan asked how the Ordinance would affect the timing of any application process and he responded it would not. Commissioner Morgan said this could potentially impact in positive way of the process and procedure was clearly outlined, it was only codifying the process.

Commissioner Hinson said sometimes funding was allocated to Commissioners throughout the State so they could use the money accordingly. He said no-one ever questioned this, this was his first time hearing anything mentioned, but no-one ever did anything illegal and felt as long as no-one went their over budget and did what they were supposed to do, they were making it too difficult for the seniors.

Chair Holt asked if any applications had been received and Mrs. Jackson said she felt it was a good time for the Clerk to speak about his concerns with no Ordinance.

Mr. Thomas said this program goes back a while and was separate from the SHIP program. He said it was a designated revenue source and this program was a stand-alone program. He pointed out they were using general dollars on private property. He said when they took a second look, they questioned the use of the dollars without an Ordinance and stated there needed to be one declaring that this was a public purpose to use general dollars on private property. He said the money was from a dedicated source from tax on recording of documents, it is collected, sent to the State, goes into a State Trust Fund; the State then would appropriate to the Counties. He said it started out with \$10,000 and thought it would be incorporated into the SHIP Program and never was. He felt there should be an Ordinance if they planned on continuing this type of program.

Chair Holt said there was a motion and second out there and was going to call for the vote in a second. She said they had to have a policy in place; it was not slowing anything down.

Commissioner Viegbesie called the question.

Commissioner Morgan asked to restate the motion.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND WORKSHIPPED AND MEANWHILE THE CURRENT PROCEDURE WOULD STAY IN PLACE AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

Commissioner Taylor asked if there was an Ordinance in place already, the Clerk interjected and said there was no Emergency Repair Ordinance in place. Commissioner Taylor asked why the bills were being paid the last few years. Mr. Thomas said they thought the program would be incorporated into SHIP and was \$10,000 and it never happened. Commissioner Taylor asked if he was making rules as he went along and the Clerk said they felt it was to the County's advantage to have an Ordinance to reconcile all of this as they went forward with that amount of expenditures in the future that should have been done initially.

Commissioner Taylor said they approved this in October and no-one ever raised an issue with the amount of money and if there was an issue they should have been told. She said no-one ever said the Clerk was uncomfortable with the new threshold and now people were not getting services. She asked what they do now with submitted applications.

Chair Holt said she very seldom agreed with the Clerk but this was one time she definitely agreed with him because they were the policy body, it was not for him to say "you need a policy for this", it was for the Board and the Attorney to say it. She said she would rather have the Ordinance in place and they could then do the workshop because they could always pass another workshop Ordinance.

GENERAL BUSINESS

10. Consideration of Resolution 2018-001, Revising Gadsden County's Travel Policy
Item Pulled

11. Sheriff's Office Duty Firearms Acquisition

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was to seek funding from the confiscated funds account for the purchase of 45 duty rifles, 25 duty pistols and necessary accessories to be used by the Gadsden County Sheriff's Department. She also pointed out that all Sheriff's Deputies had to purchase their own fire arms.

Bobby Collins, Gadsden County Sheriff's Department, appeared before the Board.

Chair Holt asked Captain Collins about the process and asked how long they had been working on it. He responded for a year. The Chair asked what the hold-up was. He said they met with Connie McLendon in the Finance Department, asked what process they needed to use and several things were outlined. He said the packet was sent over for review and they never heard anything. He said at the time Ms. Pondexter was working directly with the Clerk's office and in July last year the Sheriff asked him to take over the task. He said he asked via email for a meeting and at some point the meeting was granted and they met in July last year. He said they did everything, but by the time they were prepared to come before the Board, the quotes had

expired and was told by her they needed to refresh their quotes. He said there had been minimum contact with her with some other issues. He said on February 19th he received an email outlining everything needed to come before the Board again; they prepared an Agenda item for March 6th, but missed the deadline because they were tardy in getting quotes from one of the companies and they were now here today. He said he had an email where she said they could move forward with the purchase by use of the forfeiture funds if it was granted by the Board. He said it was always a battle and felt it was totally unnecessary.

The Clerk wanted to respond. He said there was money in reserve for Law Education Trust Fund money and confiscated property money and there was State oversight to it and there was one form that the Sheriff's Department and Ms. Pondexter was aware of that was necessary and there would be no problem and they had refused to attach that to the documents. Chair Holt asked what the document was and the Clerk said a State form that goes to FDLE that had to be signed.

Captain Collins said "let me educate him because I'm not an idiot. I know what form he's referring to. We've sent that form over there. We do it on every LEEF request". Mr. Thomas started to speak. Captain Collins continued, "To help you out, it's the CJA Form 24, that's the same form we use for LEEF payments, which you all hadn't fulfilled those, \$68,000 over two years. But you say that's the hold-up. You can go on Connie's desk right now and they are stacked up neatly on her desk, I saw it with my own eyes. Don't sit here and say that's the hold-up."

Mr. Thomas said anything that was owed to the Sheriff was booked and easily disbursed based on that form and the whole audit process was being held up because their Finance Department was in an absolute mess right now and was why the audit was being held up for everyone.

Chair Holt said the reason she brought this to the Board's attention, when they voted on things, they were under the impression that they would go. She asked what the issue was, there were other items that were questioned and they needed to workshop this so they would know what was going on, not just with that but with other departments.

Mr. Thomas said everything that was owed to the Sheriff's Department could easily be disbursed with proper documentation.

Chair Holt said she spoke with the Sheriff for over an hour and he was "livid" and she spoke with two other Constitutional Officers and asked that they tell her what was going on. She said there had been instances with them and was told later that they would be paid. She said sometime Staff does not know what to do and the instances started happening, it means there needs to be a workshop. She added, "If this Board in particular, if we are going to be the governing body, policy makers, Connie's going to be the policy maker, you're going to be the policy maker, we just need some clarity and I told the Attorney this today. We need to have something because I don't have any problems with sitting down and workshoping it, I don't have any problem with taking legal action. I don't have a problem with any of this. But what I do have a problem with is the wheels not turning like it should."

The Clerk said every year they (the Board) had gotten a good audit and the Clerk kept their books. He said one of the main reasons was they insisted on having the proper documentation. He

added when they did not have the proper documentation, it caused a problem and they were written up. He said they were simply doing their job and if they wanted to make a political issue, fine. He said they would continue to do their job the way they always had.

Chair Holt said that was a good point, if it were a political issue, they needed to take care of that too. She said they needed to workshop this and maybe there were things going on with the Clerk's office.

Mr. Thomas brought up with the documentation and said for example, there were travel receipts. He said there was something called "personal responsibility" and when receipts were required, they must be had.

Chair Holt said she did not disagree, but they needed clarity and when Connie would say she was not paying for something for the TDC after they had approved it and then said she thought it was coming from General Revenue and on form stated it was coming from TDC, which was where there was a problem. She said that was things that really happened, employees took money from their own pocket and felt those were some things that had the Sheriff's Department feeling the same way.

Clerk Thomas said he thought she was talking about some cookies, Chair Holt said if they could get together, get with the Manager and see if they could workshop some things.

The Clerk said he would do a report and would outline how certain revenues could be spent because that seemed to be the problem.

Chair Holt said they just needed clarity because some of the other Constitutionals wanted clarity as well.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION THAT THEY APPROVE THE REQUESTED PURCHASE WITH THE FORM SUBMITTED BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE CHECK CUT WITHIN 24 HOURS OF SUBMISSION AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND.

Captain Collins stated the form had been already submitted and he would resubmit it and hand deliver it.

Commissioner Morgan had questions.

Commissioner Morgan said he hoped they would reflect on the entire discussion and told the Clerk he appreciated the Clerk's effort as Chief Financial Officer to give them input and to do things the right way. He said to Captain Collins, he knew the Board, individually and collectively, wanted to do what they needed to do so they could do their business. He said the fact was, there was a right way to do things and a wrong way and sometimes there was communication that needed to be had and a time and place to have it. He added that "up here" was not the place to have it. He said they were "starving for leadership in that area and hoped the Board would reflect on that". He said his question was, were the funds coming from the Confiscated Funds account and asked for the balance in that line item.

Mr. Thomas said he did not have that with him but could provide that.

Captain Collins said he could tell what he was told a year ago. He said they had not spent anything from the account and there was \$92,000. Commissioner Morgan said they were talking about essentially depleting the fund and asked what the funds were used for outside of this type of expense.

He said normally to purchase law enforcement equipment and there was another set of funds that they were purging through their evidence process and FDLE and would be coming over and was in excess of \$6,500 so the fund would not be completely depleted.

Commissioner Morgan said this was a pretty significant change in their policy. He asked if some of the rifles would be AR-15's and Captain Collins said they all would be. Commissioner Morgan asked if there was any reason why they decided to do this now. Captain Collins said he suggested to the Sheriff in 2016 that this was a deficiency he noticed; they recently had a hostage situation in Havana and had to ask for assistance from Leon County and they were able to bring it to a peaceful resolve.

Commissioner Morgan asked if this was supported by the Sheriff and Captain Collins responded yes. Commissioner Morgan then said he knew he had indicated such, but he was going to walk over the form again to make sure the packet was complete and Captain Collins responded yes.

Chair Holt reminded them that the deputies were buying their own guns and have had no consistency there. She said the need was more important than the process if they could sit and work it out. She said this had been over a year and that was her point.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE THIS ACTION.

Chair Holt said she understood his frustration and did not like the implication of a right way and wrong way and that he did anything wrong, he did nothing wrong. He said he did not like that either. He said he documented everything.

Commissioner Taylor said like with the \$100,000 "over there now, you can't get your rifles, we can't get the citizens' houses fixed and I'm frustrated. That's all I've got to say."

Chair Holt said to Captain Collins, if they were moving slow in some areas, she felt it could be fixed by the Board sitting down with any of the Constitutionals and the Clerk and she believed in fixing things and that was too long, whatever the reason.

12. Approval of Mosquito Control Contract Amendment with Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS)

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said the Public Works Department just applied to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) for matching funds according to Florida Statutes, Chapter 388 and there was a contract amendment attached.

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

13. 2018 Striping Project Phase III-Bid Award

Mrs. Jackson introduced this item and said it was for Board approval to award the bid of the 2018 Striping Project Phase III to Emerald Coast Striping, LLC, the apparent low bidder in the amount of \$41,565.20.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD COMMENTS.

Commissioner Morgan said regarding the last two items, the public had no idea what they were voting on.

Justin Ford, Preble-Rish, appeared before the Board and read a list of the roads that were scheduled to be striped.

Curtis Young, Public Works, appeared before the Board. He said they asked for each Commissioner to submit a list for striping and the only Commissioner that submitted a list was Commissioner Viegbesie. Commissioner Morgan asked if this was coming from existing paving dollars and he said yes. He said there was also an existing list of roads across the County to be striped and he said yes. Commissioner Morgan said it was not that they did not respond for roads that needed to be striped, they were just using Commissioner Viegbesie's paving money that he indicated he wanted to do because he had some leftover dollars.

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

14. Peck Betts Road-Change Order 1

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval of Change Order #1 in the amount of \$74,345.47 to Peavy and Son Construction and referred this to Justin Ford.

Justin Ford, Preble-Rish, appeared before the Board and said a portion of the road crossed an earthen dike and an existing dirt road that they had DOT funding to pave. He explained there were a series of pipes that crossed the road and were concrete pipes and thought to be in good shape, but after the lake was lowered to do work on the road, the pipes were more thoroughly inspected and it was determined there were issues and wanted to correct while paving the road. He said DOT looked at it and were agreeable to cover the cost of the project and it came in well under budget and the change order was being totally funded by DOT and this would allow them to close the project out.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR HAD A COMMENT.

Commissioner Taylor asked if they were asking for more money to do this project. Mr. Ford explained there was additional work outside the original scope that needed to be done.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED.

14a. Lease Agreement for buildings located at 15 & 17 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL for additional temporary space for County Employees

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for consideration of a lease agreement located at 15 and 17 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL for additional space for County employees.

Commissioner Hinson said he received a phone call regarding this and asked if it was \$12,000 per building or \$24,000 for each.

Mrs. Jackson explained it was one building located between H&R Block and Padgett's Jewelers and they have utilized the building in the past. She said it had been brought to her attention that employees were getting sick and they were trying to be proactive and had the building inspected previously for mold and mildew and there was none but there was a lot of pigeon poop in the building and because the windows were broken, the County was unable to contain that. She added they thought they would be proactive and relocate the employees immediately and have it inspected when the inspector would be able to go there.

Commissioner Hinson said the reason he asked was because the description was given as 15 and 17 East Jefferson. He asked how many employees were at the Extension Office.

Mrs. Jackson said there were eight employees and she said it had been brought up if they could utilize the Commissioners' Offices. She said it was a safety issue because there was only one security officer during the day, but also by law, each employee had to have at least 100 square feet of space. She said the offices would not allow them to provide that. She said they also needed an educational space to teach classes.

Commissioner Hinson said there were 7 full-time employees and Mrs. Jackson clarified they were looking to hire a full-time Conservationist also. He asked if they planned on refurbishing the building and Mrs. Jackson said this was a temporary solution until the new building was built. She said it would be going out for bid in April for the construction of the building and this would be a month-to-month lease. Commissioner Hinson asked what her projection was on renovating the building and Chair Holt explained they were building a new building. He said he understood that, but he wanted to know the projection so he would know how much they planned on paying.

Mrs. Jackson said they would like to have Staff in a brand new office by the end of August. She also said she knew the question was, was there any other building the County had that Staff could go into and said there was a building in Chattahoochee that was utilized as a health department and was set up as a medical facility and a lot of work would have to be done to use it. She stated it would also be an inconvenience to the Community who was used to going to the Ag Center to send them to Chattahoochee.

Commissioner Hinson mentioned they could use the Commissioners' offices and the Break Room was there and he was trying to figure out a way to conserve money and it could be used on his Summer Youth Program or other areas.

Commissioner Morgan said he could not agree more with Commissioner Hinson and felt there were too many available options so they would not have to waste taxpayer dollars for an indefinite period of time and the options he mentioned were just some. He said he felt they needed to look at this as a temporary inconvenience and would support moving forward with those types of options and felt the other was a complete waste of money when there were other options.

Chair Holt said she was in favor of it and felt they needed to be together.

Commissioner Taylor asked what was the funding source and Mrs. Jackson said it would come from the Building Inspection budget and they hoped to be out within 5-6 months. Commissioner Taylor asked how soon they needed to move and Mrs. Jackson said almost everyone in that department has had respiratory issues.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

15. Update on Various Board Requests

Mrs. Jackson announced that the Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility has invited Commissioner Hinson to participate in a focus group discussion on the coordination of transportation services to people with disabilities, older adults and individuals of low income.

She said the Board had called out several times to have performance measures for their economic development engines, the GCDC and the Chamber. She said Staff has put together a performance measure that would be used to determine quarterly reports and it was before them. She said they have spoken with both groups and they were comfortable with the form.

She said she wanted to clarify something that was brought up earlier regarding the Courthouse and they have not gotten an extension previously on the Courthouse and this would be the first one requested and the extension has been approved.

Building Inspection Department

Parts have been ordered for the Greenshade/Dogtown Fire Station and construction of trusses was underway. She said the new Ag Center RFP would be advertised the first week in April.

She said the Commissioner offices were ready and the keys were before them.

Human Resources Department

2018 Summer Youth Employment Program advertisement will post March 29th and end April 27th.

She reminded them about the Groundbreaking ceremony for Stevens School scheduled for March 29th at 3:00 and there would be light refreshments there.

She said the Bridge inspection schedule was before them.

Commissioner Morgan commended her on the bi-weekly updates and the updates regarding Public Works. He said he had also noticed changes where staff was located and if that would make things run more effectively, he applauded her for that as well. He asked her about his request for her to speak with the Sheriff in regard to moving forward with looking at a possibly

new Administration Building and asked what discussions had taken place regarding that. She referred that to Clyde Collins.

Clyde Collins, Building and Planning Director, appeared before the Board and said he had a conversation with the Sheriff and had the plans that were drawn two years ago. He said they would resubmit them and if the Board wanted to entertain building a new building, they would do it. He said the Sheriff was on board with it.

Chair Holt asked who was doing maintenance on the jail and he said his staff was doing it.

Commissioner Taylor said the Administrator had asked questions at the last Board meeting regarding the Comp Plan and changes with the minor subdivision and increasing the acreage with it and asked when it would come back before them. Mrs. Jackson said she spoke with Allara Gutcher, the planning consultant and she was preparing an Agenda item for the second meeting in April.

Mr. Weiss said that had to go to the Planning Commissioner first and probably would not be on that meeting, more than likely in May.

Commissioner Hinson asked her to expound on the mosquito spraying issue so people would know how the process worked.

Curtis Young reappeared before Board. He said normally citizens would call the office, leave a message and he would look at the property in the daytime to see what he would need to do to spray at night. He said if it was in a “no spray zone”, it was on that list until they called back and asked to be taken off that list.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if the information could be emailed to the Commissioners so he would have it with him and he would like to make it available to his constituents.

Mrs. Jackson said yes and also it was in the paper annually and was on the County’s website.

Commissioner Hinson asked about bulk items and read off dates for bulk item pick-up in the districts and also said it would be only on County roads. Mrs. Jackson informed them the Bulk Items List was also on the website. Commissioner Hinson said he was riding on Iron Bridge Road and asked if the toll road has affected the bridge. Mr. Young said the bridges were inspected by the State and they get reports every six months.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

16. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss said he wanted to make sure everyone was aware that there was approximately two years left on the hospital lease and it provided for an automatic renewal for a five year term unless one party elected to terminate. He said if the County wanted to terminate, they had to give twelve months’ notice and would need to be brought up a year in advance. Chair Holt asked how long did they have to give the County notice and he said it was 180 days. She asked why their time was shorter and Mr. Weiss said he was unsure as to why, maybe because of the need to remove their equipment.

Chair Holt said they needed to make sure if they look at another lease, there were other issues to look at as well. She asked if the Hospital Board needed to look at it before it came to them and Mr. Weiss said they did not have to but the process could be for it to go to them first. Chair Holt said she felt it would be good to have two parties look at it.

Commissioner Viegbesie stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

17. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Eric Hinson, District 1

Summer Youth Employment

He said Havana was split into two districts; each Commissioner/District was to have twenty-five students and would be 125 jobs for the County. He said he had to go back and look at it last year because the City of Havana only had maybe 10 kids at the most. He said District 1 was the largest district in the County, had the fewest kids when he looked at the list and thought there were some from Tallahassee on the list. He said that meant some kids from Gadsden County did not get a job because kids outside the area had gotten the job and it was frustrating.

Commissioner Viegbesie returned at this juncture of the meeting.

He asked that they make sure it was proportionate to each district.

Chair Holt said if they looked at it, where would they work in the districts and they had to look at that. She said they need to look over it again once they sign up. Commissioner Hinson said “it wasn’t Commissioners this time, it was straight staff”.

He said they need to address the homeless program in the County and need to have dialogue to work out something to address the issue. He also said Governor Scott just added \$51,000 for the opioid crisis and there were other funding coming in and the Board needed to figure out how to target that. He said there was a facility in either St. Petersburg or Winter Haven where people could stay until they were able to get straight. Chair Holt asked if he would look into that facility and report back to the Board.

He said he wanted to recognize the Gadsden County Hall of Fame committee group and Chair Holt said for him to bring them in.

He said he also wanted to recognize Courtney Wester.

He also wanted to recognize Mary Brock, President of Quincy Kiwanis Club and that she has worked closely with the kids throughout the County.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said he had a couple of items. He said there was a former Gadsden County Commissioner that passed away, James Peacock from Chattahoochee and asked for a Resolution to honor his eight years of service as a County Commissioner and they could have his

wife come in to recognize his service to the County.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO HONOR FORMER COMMISSIONER JAMES PEACOCK.

He said he felt it was one of their primary responsibilities to hire a permanent County Administrator and if it was to be Mrs. Jackson, great and they should do it and support her. He added they were in need of a permanent leadership position in the day-to-day operations and if she was to be the one, they needed to give her that freedom. He asked that they think about it.

Commissioner Hinson said there was nothing against Mrs. Jackson and when he gave his word; his word was all he had and he had told Commissioner Morgan and the Board if they waited until after the holidays, he would support it.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor said she saw something interesting concerning the opioid crisis and there was a class action lawsuit being moved thru governmental agencies. She said she was watching the Leon County Commissioners and they were joining the suit against the company and recouping whatever funding the County lost trying to combat citizens who have become addicted to this. She said maybe they should reach out to Leon County and there were other Counties involved as well. She said she was not sure if there were any excessive costs but would like to hold a conversation regarding it and see if there were a fiscal impact and if could they recoup any money.

Chair Holt asked if she wanted the Attorney to look into this and Commissioner Taylor said she would like to direct the Interim Administrator to first reach out to Leon County.

Commissioner Taylor said there was a conversation earlier and was glad the Clerk was still here. She said she wanted to get clarity on what was said regarding Commissioner Viegbesie's motion on tabling the item. She said based on what was said and heard at this meeting regarding the Ordinance being tabled, but the Board being willing to move forward with what was in place; if that was sufficient enough for the Clerk, could he start paying the invoices so some of the citizens that were qualified would be able to receive assistance. Mr. Thomas said he was waiting for them to encourage this process. He said no-one ever tried to stop this program, they questioned it and when they did so, he put notice on them to justify or fix it and was waiting on them to do that. He said they had not stopped anything with the process he was aware of. Commissioner Taylor asked if he was saying he had not stopped paying for services and he said they had not stopped anything. Commissioner Taylor said earlier the Chair had said it was incumbent on this Board to fix policies and make adjustments needed so that services could move forward and if there was any hindrance in the Clerk's Office, it was incumbent upon them to fix. She said when she first became Chair around the dais; she added the Clerk's name to the Agenda so if there were any issues the Board needed to know about, that was an avenue to get the information to them. She said she did not know the Clerk had any issues or needed clarity on how the \$100,000 was to be paid and would not have set back until now. Commissioner Taylor said she was confused because the Clerk said he had not hindered it or stopped and asked the Interim Administrator if any repairs had been sent or if she had made anything happen.

Mr. Thomas said this was an existing problem; they looked at it and contacted the County Attorney with their concerns. He said some comments were made and he was not trying to tell the County Attorney what to do, but simply brought an issue to the County Attorney to get his perspective on it.

Mr. Weiss said for clarification, this had been ongoing for a little while where the Clerk's Office had questions about the program and how it worked and operated; there had been several email exchanges where Mrs. McLendon asked questions about the program and how it was operated; they responded. He said he looked into it, found an Attorney General opinion, fairly dated but suggested this was within the Board's authority; had questions about the process and procedure; responded to those questions in terms of a policy that existed and they declared that the public purpose issue was satisfied and felt the Declaration of Public Purpose was in their existing policy. He said he did not disagree that the procedures were not as clear and well defined as they could have been and in this Ordinance, they were. He said he felt when he would respond to the questions, it was satisfactory and when he received an email with the subject line in all caps and said "MORATORIUM ON EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM UNTIL ORDINANCE ADOPTED" and was his understanding that the Clerk took the position that there would be no funds used for this purpose until an Ordinance was adopted. He said that was when he felt "at that point I would, it's not that big of a deal to put the policy into an Ordinance form, and I don't disagree when you have an Ordinance, it is a more substantial, I mean, the legislation is more than a policy and it does make sure the public is aware, a declaration of public purpose is very clear." He added that his understanding was that until an Ordinance was adopted, no funds would be disbursed.

Mr. Thomas said he waited on them to address the issue and felt it needed to be addressed.

Chair Holt said that was why she asked for the workshop and it was not just for the housing issue.

Commissioner Taylor said she felt like this Board should have been informed when such a position was taken by the Clerk's Office and when the County Attorney read "Moratorium" on a program the Board implemented, the Board should have been informed as a body.

Mr. Thomas said to her that was a suggestion in communicating with the Attorney.

Chair Holt stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Thomas said there was a meeting where some comments were stated by members of the Board about the program that did not sound very good. He said (to Commissioner Taylor) she implied to one incidence where one of the homes had been sold after repairs were made. He said there were other issues as well. He said his sole purpose was to make sure this was financially ok.

Commissioner Taylor said this obviously "was like beating a dead horse" and too much should have been said to the Board soon enough and if the bills were paid for years and the only reason for not paying them now was because the amount was raised, she did not see if they were going to spend public dollars, it did not matter the amount and if there were concerns they should have been addressed as a Board and they were not.

Chair Holt returned at this juncture of the meeting.

She said the Attorney dropped the ball and was going to leave it where it was at and did say this, "We live in Quincy and this is a small, small County (inaudible). It's like on a head of a pin. We get it, we hear things, we, everything's always in the air. It's like a conspiracy sometimes it keeps programs from moving forward because people have personal agendas against them. I don't know that to be true and I'm not going to speak that. I'm just going to share that. But, when you go and take hold of a program that help the least of them, you are putting yourself in a quagmire because that's all this program is designed for is to help people who cannot otherwise get assistance. To me, it's just as important as getting them guns, because the people who need these services are the ones who made it so that the most of us who are sitting around this dais is able to sit here. These people, it's a matter of life or death to them as to what we can and cannot do to their houses. That's a matter of life or death if the houses are not properly built." She said she could appreciate the Sheriff needing guns and could appreciate houses needing to be fixed. She said she did not understand that a moratorium was in place and how could the Clerk do that on something that the Board approved. She added that a moratorium was something that they should control because that would stop a procedure, not the Clerk on something they set forth. She said if they were at the stage where someone wanted to do a moratorium, then it was time for someone to come address it. She said if they were at the stage where they were going to refuse a \$100,000 line item, it was time for it to be talked about. She said several emails were sent back and forth trying to clear up the concerns and issues and said if such a statement was going to be made like that, what was the use of them coming up if they were not respected and given the chance at dialogue.

Mr. Weiss said he was trying to remember and was sure he forwarded the email from the Clerk and may have just forwarded it to the Administrator and apologized if he did not and did not communicate that to them immediately, but he did work on the Ordinance to get it on the next agenda once he found out what the Clerk's position was so they could hopefully get the Ordinance adopted, address the issue and continue with the program as quickly as possible.

Mr. Thomas said that was simply a recommendation in emails between the Clerk and the Attorney of one way this could be handled. He then said if he thought it necessary to come here and make the recommendation for a moratorium he would have done it and would have had no problem in doing so if he thought that was the way to have handled this. He said there was an existing program and he went to the Attorney to see how it could be fixed. He further reiterated the Clerk never said anything to the Board about a moratorium and they did not take the position that they were not paying any of them. He said this was a recommendation in an email and said the bottom line was they saw what they thought was a problem that needed to be fixed to protect the County and no-one tried to stop the program. He said there were issues that needed to be fixed.

Chair Holt said it was time to move on and she was not taking any more comments. She said this was going to have to be workshopped and they needed his input. She added all they wanted to discuss were the facts that were on the table and they needed an Ordinance. She added that anytime they were spending public money, they needed something. She said with Policy and Procedure, they needed an Ordinance and the Attorney was telling them that was the best thing to do and she had spoken with another attorney and they told her the same thing. She said they all would say the same thing in dealing with public money and how they dealt with it was up to the Board to decide on how it was to be done.

Mrs. Jackson said for clarity, it seemed to be the will of the Board that everything was to operate as usual and that these were to be paid. She asked the Clerk if they should still continue to send invoices for emergency repairs and they would still be paid or no.

Mr. Thomas said, as previously stated, it was his recommendation to the Attorney that (an Ordinance) would be the best way to handle this but he left it up to the Attorney and it was up to the Board. He said that was his recommendation in the email to the attorney when they were discussing how to handle it or if it needed to be handled. He said he was not taking a position on that at this time.

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

Commissioner Viegbesie said he did not want to continue to “spew the contents of this can that is actually being spewed right now.” He said he thought that the Board voted and passed that the current process of the implementation of the Emergency needed to continue until the Ordinance was completed and did not see why any other composition was going on when they were the policy making body of the County.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN FOR A RESOLUTION HONORING T.J. DAVIS FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL , THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Commissioner Viegbesie said his last comment was “May God continue to bless Gadsden County”.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said she was aware there were things that came up in the meetings that they could only respond to in the meeting, but otherwise there was a pre-commission meeting and if they would come or call in to the Manager, some of their questions could be addressed earlier and they would not have to stay so late. She said when things were addressed at the pre-meeting, there would be time to get answers before the meeting but when things were asked for on the spot, they were not given the opportunity and asked that they take advantage of the two week period and the Pre-Meeting workshop.

She asked that they be mindful of the Summer Youth deadline and get applications in on time.

She asked if there was an account for Commissioners to have aides. Commissioner Hinson said he was the only one that had taken advantage of it. Chair Holt asked if there a funding source for individual aides and Mrs. Jackson said there was a funding source for student workers. Commissioner Hinson said it was agreed that he could have aides and Chair Holt said that was when he was Chair. He said no, it was every year; there was no one time. He then said there were some facts they did not have all the facts on. He said they talked about it and he was always in the street and his position at the time was to get an aide. He said it was told that he could not have an aide, but was minimized to him having student workers. Chair Holt said if there was a funding source if they approved an aide and if not, they did not. Mrs. Jackson said they did not have a funding source designated for an aide and Chair Holt added for Board members. Chair Holt said she remembered Mr. Lawson told them they had to go through the

employment process.

Mrs. Jackson asked for clarification if students were to go through a hiring process or be appointed by Commissioners.

Chair Holt said in order for a person to be employed as an aide, they should have to go through the hiring process.

Mrs. Jackson said from now on all student workers would go through the interview process.

Commissioner Hinson said they were focused on \$10,000 but they have \$64 Million and they were focused on the smallest of issues.

Chair Holt said as she told the Clerk earlier, she would like some information so they could work out any kinks because there could be problems on their side and other things when they were trying to get some things done.

She said she wanted the contracts with CSA, DPB and Joel Sampson brought back to look at. She said there were two architects that could do work for them and they were excluding any other architects from being able to do any work.

She said they needed a Salary study for employees. She said there was a difference with Constitutional Officers, different departments and was no salary comparison. She said every so often they needed to "true" the system and would like that item to be brought back.

Chair Holt then said they needed to make sure when they talked to employees, they were supposed to call the Manager first and make her aware of things they wanted to have done.

Receipt and File

18. Proclamation Honoring Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church-On the Glade 146th Church Anniversary

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MOTION TO ADJOURN

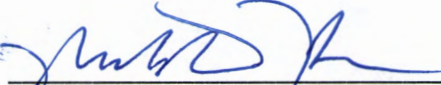
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:13 P.M.

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