

AT A PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON APRIL 3, 2018, 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
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5
Dee Jackson, Interim County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Jackson welcomed everyone to the BOCC Pre-Meeting Workshop, asked everyone to stand for the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Jackson skipped to the update of the Gadsden County Development Council.

1. Agenda Discussion

Awards, Presentations and Appearances

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. March 6, 2018 Pre-Meeting Workshop
- b. March 6, 2018 Regular Meeting

2. Ratification Memo

3. Approval to Accept FY2018 1st Quarter Report

4. Approval of Signatures for Special Assessment Liens and Rehabilitation Contract-SHIP

She asked if there were any questions regarding the Consent Agenda and there were none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. PUBLIC HEARING: (Quasi-Judicial)-Hoover Treated Wood Products, Inc. (Azalea Project) Conceptual and Preliminary Site Plan (SO-2018-01)

Mrs. Jackson introduced this item.

Jill Jeglie, Senior Planner, said this was previously named Project Azalea and was now known as the Hoover Treated Wood Products. She said it was a 65 acre tract located west of Coastal Lumber and was zoned heavy industrial use. She said there will be 4 structures on the property and they propose to treat wood products with fire retardant chemicals. She informed the Board that this had been heard at two Planning Commission meetings to allow additional notice for the public and as a result of the first meeting there were two different groups that had concerns, one being a

group of residents and the other was Tall Timbers. She said they came to an agreement with Tall Timbers and another settlement agreement has been reached with the other party and could be addressed at the meeting tonight. She said they would not impact local service but traffic on the road will be increased.

Beth Kirkland said this was a project that came to the GCDC through their marketing efforts and when the project came to the community, it was evaluated and they looked at areas it would fit. She said they were also were able to work with the State of Florid to ensure the right incentives to allow the company to make Gadsden County a choice.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if a compromise had been worked out with the residents and Ms. Kirkland said yes. He then asked about the 6-1 vote and what were the concerns of the descending vote. Ms. Jeglie said she could only gauge by some questions that were asked; there were concerns regarding chemicals, stormwater and the roadway system. She said she thought the applicant addressed those issues sufficiently so the Planning Commissioners felt comfortable after a lengthy discussion.

Commissioner Viegbesie said in reading the concurrency, there were concerns with traffic being directed to County Road 159A & Highway 27 and asked if it should be 159A and she said it was 159. She said they did not have traffic counts on Potter-Woodberry but the nearest intersection was 159A. Ms. Jeglie said they were using the counts for the nearest intersection and they anticipated 6 semis and 15 vehicles for the employees per day.

Chair Holt said they had to stick to what the procedures were; only deal with the facts they could not justify not voting for this just because it was not liked.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked about the environment, there were a lot of deer, wild hogs, turkeys, etc. in the area. Ms. Jeglie said the area they would be developing had been previously cleared and the environmental study had to do with threatened species and none were found in those areas. He asked about clearing existing trees and she said they would not be clearing any existing protected trees.

GENERAL BUSINESS

6.Sheriff's Deputy Training Request-Florida SWAT Association 2018 Tactical Emergency Medical Support Course

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item.

Captain Collins, GCSO, appeared before the Board. He said this request was to cover the costs of SWAT training for Emergency Medical Support Course. He said they were sending Deputy John Cessna to the course; he was previously an EMT with the County and was now a Deputy. He said they were asking that this be funded through LEFF.

Mrs. Jackson said this was advertised as being \$666 but has gone to \$711, Staff verified there was more than enough money in the fund to cover this and they had completed all requirements from Clerk's Office for this matter.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if the Deputy would be trained in hostage negotiations and Captain

Collins said no, it would train him to be a tactical medic and would cover both the Hostage negotiation team and the SWAT team.

Chair Holt asked about the other item from the previous meeting. Captain Collins said the County would have to be asked; he sent a status request and had not received a response yet.

Chair Holt asked if the weapons had been taken care of and Mrs. Jackson said they were unaware those items would be inventoried and they have purchased inventory stickers; the items have been purchased and have not come in yet but when they do arrive, each item would have to be inventoried with a sticker number. She said the sticker would not go on the guns but based on the serial number that the Property ID number would be for the County because they were valued so high.

Chair Holt asked if an email had been sent to Captain Collins and Mrs. Jackson said she was unsure if an email went to him regarding that but she had a conversation with Staff that had spoken with the Clerks' Office and she had also spoken with the Clerks' Office and the items have been purchased.

Chair Holt said she wanted to see some coordination because if they ran into a problem, she's talked with other Constitutional Officers and there had been things that held up the whole process.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if he was hearing "that the Clerk's Office has contacted your Office that the equipment that another Constitutional Officer would use for law enforcement having procured (inaudible) the person who made the request does not know that they hadn't procured. Is that what I'm hearing you say?"

Mrs. Jackson said it seemed that way unfortunately but she was not aware that they did not know this. She said there was a communication gap and they would work to make sure that that did not happen. She said they were aware and was not sure why the Constitutional was not informed by them that they had been purchased, but they had been.

Commissioner Viegbesie said personally he did not think was something that should, "no matter how much I don't like your person, I have to respect your position".

Mrs. Jackson said for public record, at the County's Attorney's request, Staff sent a request to meet with the Clerks' Office.

Chair Holt asked what the schedule was and Mr. Weiss said it was not on the schedule to date.

Chair Holt asked when the request was sent and Mr. Weiss said it was sent after the last meeting.

Chair Holt said they needed to schedule a workshop and if the Constitutionals wanted to come and they could hash it out and the Clerk come if they wanted. It would give them a chance to see if they wanted to take any actions or not.

Chair Holt said Captain Collins should have known this, no matter whose office was involved.

7. Approval of Contractual Agreement between CenturyLink and Gadsden County

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item.

Buddy Peddie said this was for approval for signatures for a contractual contract agreement with CenturyLink and Gadsden County. He said there were issues with verbiage in the contract. Mr. Weiss said the changes have been made and everything was alright.

Mr. Peddie said this was a result of a grant that had been received to replace all 911 equipment in the primary position in the Center and in the back room. He said the 911 Board required three quotes and there were questions about that. He said, however, they could be purchased through the Houston-Galveston.

Mrs. Jackson wanted to put on public record, the equipment was no longer supported and they were replacing the entire system.

8. Approval and Award of Re-Bid RFP 17-17 CBDG Lead-Based Paint Inspections, Risk Assessment and Clearance Testing Services

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was a re-bid and a recommendation for award of the re-bid.

Chair Holt asked the reason for the re-bid.

Mr. Weiss said his understanding was because it advertised in all local papers per the County's Procurement Policy but there was a requirement under the Grant requirements that it had to be published as well in a newspaper of general Circulation within a metropolitan statistical area, with would be demographic circulation. He said if they had received three proposals, they would have been ok and would not have had to run in the Tallahassee Democrat, but they only received two proposals.

9. Approval and Award of RFP 18-04 CDBG to Andy Easton and Associates

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said this was to administer the CDBG grant.

Chair Holt asked why they had to have an Administrator.

Mrs. Jackson said it was recommended by the CDBG Office that they have a Grant Administrator for that grant. She added at this time she was the Grant Writer and \$110,000 was added to the Grant for the Administrator and nothing would come from the County Coffers to cover that.

10. Appointments to the Quincy Historic Preservation Trust

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said a request had been made for the County Commissioner from District 3 and the Tax Collector to serve on this Board. She added that the Board had the right to appoint their choice.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked why District 3. Mrs. Jackson said Staff had the same question since the Garden Center was not in that District.

Chair Holt asked if they did the upkeep at the Quincy Garden Center.

Laurel Bradley said from the letter that was sent, they helped with the upkeep of the Quincy Garden Center, but in the Trust document, it said:

“(b) To the City of Quincy and to the County of Gadsden of the State of Florida, to be used generally for beautification and historical preservation and for encouraging beautification and conservation within said city and county.”

Chair Holt asked if it was County property, City property, public property or were they talking about private property.

Mrs. Jackson said they were talking about the Quincy Garden Club.

Chair Holt said it mentioned historical preservation and for encouraging beautification and conservation within said city and county.

Mrs. Bradley pointed out in (a) it said “...to be used for the protection, maintenance, upkeep and preservation of the house and gardens known as the “Munroe Homeplace” being that property more particularly described in Exhibit A...”

Mrs. Jackson said it was specific to that piece of property and (in the Trust) it said “for use as a museum, historical site, and garden area available to the public”.

Chair Holt said she did not have a problem with it. She said she was beautification in a minute, but she just needed to know where she “jumped in at”. She said the reason she said that was there were a lot of areas in the City, was this just for one location, but they needed to look at making it look better to try to get more tourism, etc.

2. Department Updates

3. Gadsden County Development Council Update

Beth Kirkland, GCDC, appeared before the Board and gave a brief update.

She said they had reviewed and submitted a draft Agenda item regarding the alcohol Ordinance recommending changes that allowed exemptions in the area of caterers and special events as well as restaurants that over 50% of their revenue came from food and changed the distance from Houses of Worship, schools and parks to 500 feet from 1000 feet.

She said they also had drafted an item to come before the Board related to the Interstate 10 Exchange Beautification Program and the recommendation to enter into the Beautification Agreement with FDOT with regards to that.

She said they had also participated in the Comp Plan input and the consultant with the Planning Collaborative had been holding workshops relating to input with the Comp Plan. She said the main recommendation was to address stormwater and other environmental issues at the beginning of the process.

Product

She said they had been participating in an investment study that the Department of Economic Opportunity had requested with regards to the Freight Logistic Zones. She said they were working

with CareerSource Capital Region in the application for a USDA that would provide grant funding to directly serve the rural counties in our region, which were Wakulla and Gadsden.

She said they had been updating the maps on their website that included all the data related to utilities for the existing business parks; Gadsden 10/90, Gadsden Exchange, Gretna Industrial Park, Quincy/Joe Adams Park and wanted to add to that in similar fashion all of the documentation related to the TalCon development behind the FDOT in Midway and Midway Business Park.

Marketing

She said there will be a two page spread on Gadsden County in the Expansion Solutions Magazine that is out now. She said that could be seen in ExpansionSolutions.com on pages 30 and 31.

She said they were also part of a new feature, a new microsite that features the I-10 corridor from Pensacola to Jacksonville as a manufacturing/transportation/logistics corridor.

Projects

She said there were a number of active projects; two that were agri-business, one was rail served agri-business, two that were manufacturing, one that was energy and one that was retail.

Mrs. Jackson asked that she speak more about the Freight Logistics Zone.

Freight Logistics Zone

She said last August, after a year of study, there was a partnership with Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin and Gulf Counties. She said they announced the Freight Logistics Zone and was a grouping of transportation assets and an economic development strategy related to those transportation assets. She said through the process they went through, under a grant from DEO, the four counties identified additional light industrial sites that were identified and looked at the Port in Port St. Joe, the airport in Franklin County, the railroad that extends through Liberty County and the connection to Interstate 10. She said 600 acres were identified in Gadsden County at the intersection of I-10/Gretna/Greensboro interchange and the Apalachicola Northern Railroad.

Mrs. Jackson said previously the Board had directed Staff to look into a piece of property located at Lake Talquin. She said the owner reached out to the County to purchase the piece of property but there was a larger group that may be interested in it right now.

4. Follow-up Items

Citizens Requesting to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

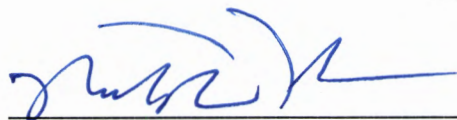
**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THEM, THE WORKSHOP WAS ADJOURNED
AT 5:32 P.M.**

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA




BRENDA HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:



NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk