

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON FEBRUARY 19, 2019 AT 6:00
P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:**

Present: **Dr. Anthony “Dr. V” Viegbesie, Chair, District 2**
 Sherrie Taylor, Vice Chair, District 5
 Eric Hinson, District 2-appeared by phone and arrived late
 Gene Morgan, District 3
 Brenda Holt, District 4
 Dee Jackson, Interim County Administrator
 Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
 David Weiss, County Attorney
 Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Viegbesie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Shirlean Thomas of Stewart Temple AME Church gave the Invocation and he then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

Deputy Clerk Marcella Blocker took a roll call attendance. All Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Hinson, who appeared by telephone.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Jackson said she would like to pull Item 11-Confirmation of the Public Works Director and add Item 11a-Adoption of Resolution No. 2019-005, accepting and approving the State of Florida Department of Transportation’s continued assumption of legal and financial responsibility for and conduct of all remaining debris removal from roads and rights of way in Gadsden County, Florida off of the State Highway System pursuant to pre-existing debris removal contracts through May 31, 2019.

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

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Proclamation Honoring of Economic Development Week

Chair Viegbesie read the Proclamation aloud.

Commissioner Hinson arrived at 6:06 p.m.

It was presented to Ms. Kirkland and then they posed for pictures and she had a few words to say.

2. Resolution on Honor of Mr. Jerry Buscher, Warden of the Gadsden Correctional Facility

Commissioner Taylor introduced Mr. Buscher, Warden of the Gadsden Correctional Institute, read aloud the Resolution and they posed for pictures.

3. Resolution honoring Ms. Sonya Hines-Hall

Chair Viegbesie read the Resolution aloud, they posed for pictures and a few words were spoken.

4. Presentation on CareerSource Capital Region

Mr. Jim McShane appeared before the Board and gave a brief update.

Commissioner Holt said at one time the Summer Youth Program was through their office and was done very well.

Commissioner Hinson echoed what Chair Viegbesie said.

Commissioner Taylor asked the number of people from Gadsden County that was FEMA employed through CareerSource if he had a number for that and he did not, he said they do not separate that out. He said between Gadsden, Leon and Wakulla, they served around 30,000 people.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED.

5. Ratification of Approval to Pay County Bills

6. Approval of Minutes

a. January 15, 2019-Regular Meeting

7. Approval to Accept the FY 2019 1st Quarter Report

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Public Hearing-(Legislative) Consideration of Ordinance 2019-001 to Adopt the Bradwell Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment (SSPA 2019-01)

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was a request for consideration of Ordinance 2019-001 to adopt the Bradwell Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (FLUM) amendment to change the future land use category from Agriculture 3 (AG 3) to Agriculture 1 (AG!).

Suzanne Lex, Growth Management Director, appeared before the Board.

Jill Jeglie, Senior Planner, appeared before the Board and introduced the above item. She said the property was located off the west side of McCall Bridge Road and the Planning Commission voted 5-2 to approve this matter. She said the three options were to: 1) Adopt the Ordinance with a condition that the property owner apply for a lot split to create the 5 acre parcel; 2) Do not to approve; and 3) Board direction.

Chair Viegbesie announced this was a public hearing and asked if there were any comments from the public.

Elva Peppers, Florida Environmental and Land Services, Inc. appeared before the Board, representing Mr. Bradwell. She said an environmental site inspection had been done; they laid out where the wetlands were and the septic tank would be located outside the buffer as well as the construction. She added there was plenty of room to construct his home within the remainder of the lot.

Chair Viegbesie asked again if anyone wished to speak.

Willie Green, 296 Bradwell Road, Quincy, FL spoke in support of the request and asked that the Commission approve this.

Commissioner Taylor said it looked like this was in her district and it looked like Ms. Jeglie and her Department had done their due diligence.

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

Commissioner Morgan said he had no heartburn regarding this item but asked of the 5 acres, was more than 4 not buildable with the wetlands and flood zone? Ms. Peppers said there was an acre left where the home could be placed and there was enough set-back and would be no problem.

Jill Jeglie said in the County there was a process to split parcels and if it was over twenty acres, they did not have to go through what was called a lot split. She said basically you would record new surveys. She said there was a high incidence where people were unaware of it and they have put as a condition that Mr. Bradwell would obtain a lot split and he should qualify once he has the Comp Plan amendment.

CHAIR VIEGBESIE CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

9. Public Hearing-(Legislative) Consideration of transmittal of an amendment to the Future Land Use Map Amendment of the Comprehensive Plan by Allen's Excavation, Inc. (LSPA 2019-01)

Ms. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the transmittal of a Large Scale Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (FLUM) amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to change the Future Land Use Map category from Agriculture 3 (AG-3) to Mining on a 42.95 acre parcel.

Jill Jeglie re-appeared before the Board and gave an explanation of the above item. She said would be a transmittal of a large scale future land use map amendment for Allen's Excavation. She said they would be transmitting this to DEO, they and other State agencies will review this, make comments, it will come back to the County and once the County receives their comments, if it is ok to proceed, it will come back to the Board where it would be adopted by Ordinance. She said this amendment would be to go from Agricultural 3 to Mining and the property had been permitted by DEP for mining and the designation would reflect that permitting. She said that Elva Peppers, Florida Environmental and Land Services, Inc. is their authorized representative. A CBOR meeting was held at Bear Creek Educational Facility with no attendees. The Planning commission voted 6-1 to approve this transmittal.

Chair Viegbesie announced this was a public hearing and asked if anyone had anything to say, either in opposition or support.

Elva Peppers appeared before the Board. She said the owner would like to have the property to reflect that it is a mining land use rather than an agricultural property and they were trying to change the property to fit in the correct category.

Chair Viegbesie asked if there were any questions and there was not.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE THE SECOND WITH A QUESTION.

Commissioner Taylor asked if this was one of the mining companies approved some time ago and asked where it was located.

Ms. Jeglie reappeared before the Board and said if you travel west on Sadberry Road (turning off State Road 267) almost at the end, there is an intersection with Crowder Road and Roberts Sand Road and there is another mining company to the west.

Commissioner Taylor said she was concerned with the amount of mining that was happening in that area. Ms. Jeglie said they were approved by DEP to operate until 2044.

Commissioner Hinson asked the attorney if there were any issues and he said no.

Commissioner Holt said they were only changing the zoning to go with the map, they could still mine there.

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

10. Public Hearing (Legislative) Consideration of a recommendation to adopt Ordinance 2019-003 to update the Capital Improvements Schedule (CIS) of the Capital Improvements Element (LSPA 2018-011)

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said this was for Board approval to adopt Ordinance 2019-003.

Chair Viegbesie announced this was a public hearing and asked if there were any comments.

Suzanne Lez, Growth Management Director, appeared before the Board to explain the item. She said it was a requirement under Florida Statutes that the County annually updates the Capital Improvements Schedule. She added that they would strike the 2017-2018 year and add the 2022-2023 and the addition projects have been added for parks, schools and roadways and other public amenities that were funded either through Gadsden County or the external sources.

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

Ms. Lex said this was not considered an amendment but was an update to the Comprehensive plan.

Commissioner Morgan said this was a 5 year plan of different infrastructure projects they were considering to fund and asked how they would review the scheduled to see how the individual projects were moving forward. She said they would rely on the budget, if there was a project that was moved out a year, they would then reflect that in this Capital Improvements Schedule. She said if there were funds added by the Department of Transportation where projects were advanced, they would coordinate with them and get that information and the same with the School Board. She said they rely on their 5 year plan to inform the County as to what to put in it. Commissioner Morgan asked is there a way to see if the County was on track with the projects. Ms. Lex said with DOT projects, that opportunity exists when DOT presents to the Board their 5 year work program.

Commissioner Taylor said Ms. Lex indicated through the narrative that this was not an amendment but was an update and the Ordinance states in the heading "amending" and questioned the language.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at 7:13 p.m.

Mrs. Jackson said the State considered it an update and asked the Attorney to explain. Mr. Weiss said it was part of their Comprehensive Plan and anytime they do anything to make a change, the Comprehensive Plan was considered to be an amendment. He said the Legislature changed the Statute and all Comprehensive Plan amendments have certain processes.

Commissioner Morgan returned at 7:15 p.m.

He further explained the reason they changed the Statute to make it an update rather than an amendment was so they did not have to go through the whole amendment process. He stated he did not think it stating "amending" versus "updating" had any real significance and they were find doing what they were doing and were in compliance. She said she was willing to do the update but the language had to reflect same in the Ordinance.

Mr. Weiss said he did not think there was any significance with stating "amending" or "updating" but if everyone preferred, he could change the language to read "update".

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE WITH CHANGES AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND WITH A COMMENT.

Commissioner Holt said in the third "Whereas" clause it stated "The capital improvements element must be reviewed by the local government on an annual basis. Modifications to update the 5 year capital improvement schedule may be accomplished by ordinance and may not be deemed to be amendments to the local comprehensive plan".

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

11. Confirmation of the Public Works Director

Item pulled

11a Adoption of Resolution No. 2019-005, accepting and approving the State of Florida Department of Transportation's continued assumption of legal and financial responsibility for and conduct of all remaining

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for consideration of a resolution accepting and approving the State of Florida Department of Transportation's continued assumption of legal and financial responsibility for and conduct of all remaining debris removal from roads and rights of way in Gadsden County, Florida off of the State Highway System pursuant to pre-existing debris removal contracts through May 31, 2019.

Chip Starr, D & J Consulting and Wes Holden, Thompson Consulting, appeared before the Board.

D & J thanked the Board for the teamwork and cooperation they have received while in the County. He said Gadsden County has been a model and established the footprint of the way the other counties in Florida have followed in their debris removal activities. He felt it was time to move the project forward and begin what they consider their close-out procedures.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at 7:22 p.m.

Wes Holden, Thompson Consulting, said the Resolution before them was an extension that FDOT has granted for an extension of funding. He said they were on an initial schedule provided by FDOT that all operations had to be completed by February 15th.

Commissioner Taylor returned at 7:22 p.m.

He continued and said last week they extended a letter to offer an extension for funding so the close-out could be completed for the public and private roadways. He added that FDOT requested that the County Commission pass the Resolution to accept that funding.

Commissioner Morgan thanked them for their efforts and asked questions about the state roads versus county roads.

Mrs. Jackson said it was for all the roads, both public and private and asked them to explain what the allowable debris was. Commissioner Morgan asked if that changed since the initial letter and Mrs. Jackson said yes.

Mr. Starr explained that eligible debris was debris that came from around the dwelling that was a potential to public safety, ineligible requirements were what was called improved and unimproved properties.

Chair Viegbesie asked about the stumps of the trucks of the trees, some have been on the public right-of-way for quite a while and asked if those were not a part of eligible debris that needed to be removed. Mr. Starr said they were but if they were speaking of stumps, that was completed as of the past Friday. He said as they go through and clear an area, there was a representative from the Public Works Department that rides with a Thompson inspector along with a D & J representative and everyone was in agreement that that certain area was clear and they sign it

off.

Commissioner Holt asked Mrs. Jackson if she had a copy of the email from the State, and she said yes, it was sent to the Commissioners. She asked Mr. Starr and Mr. Holden if they would be here until May 31st. Mr. Starr said they would have a presence here but would not be collecting because they did not feel there was enough eligible debris to justify a debris mission on collection.

Mrs. Jackson said the same guidelines D & J was operating under will be followed by Public Works that FEMA set forth.

Commissioner Holt said what they would have to do to move it would have their own equipment, be certified, have to be weighed, have a certified site, and have tickets issued.

Commissioner Hinson said he received phone calls regarding the subcontractors and wanted to make sure local minorities were employed. Chip Starr said it was confirmed there was 30% local minorities employed as subcontractors that participated.

Commissioner Taylor asked if their agency or company would be in place to validate the debris that is being collected. Mr. Starr said the tracking would be done through Thompson and D & J will be there to provide oversight and will have a representative in the area in case there is something that needed to be referred back.

Mr. Holden said the process will continue and remain the same with a slightly different equipment configurations and the process of reimbursement remains the same. He said the FEMA reimbursement window is 180 days and believed that will end April 14th and everything is the same within that window. He said the process does not change whether it was a county truck, City of Quincy truck or a D & J truck. He explained the reimbursement period.

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

12. Ratification of approval and execution of Amendment to the DEP Grant Agreement for St. Hebron Park "Walk and Bike Trail"

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval and execution of Amendment Number 1 to the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Recreational Trails Program Agreement for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Non-Motorized Single Use Trail.

Suzanne Lex, Growth Development Director, appeared before Board. She said it was a request to extend the Agreement for one year.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the \$25,000 cash match had been identified and Mrs. Jackson said yes.

Commissioner Hinson asked if they had to have four votes as they did last time. Mrs. Jackson said this had nothing to do with the Ordinance; it was just to extend the Agreement.

Mr. Weiss said there was an item on agenda that was related to this project to amend the Discretionary Sales Tax to use funds for this project. This item was only related to the extension

to the Agreement with DEP and did not require a super majority vote.

Chair Viegbesie said the \$25,000 was approved before the past budget procedure. He added they were extending this so they could get the money and not lose the grant.

Commissioner Hinson said he did not want to lose the money but also did not want to lose the kids' hope by not hiring them for the Summer Youth Employment and since the County was in such a fiscal constraint, they needed to look at things and save the children.

UPON MOTION BY CHAIR VIEGBESIE TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

13. Approval of Task Order with Dewberry to Provide Professional Services for the St. Hebron Park RTP Project

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the Task Order for Dewberry as the Engineer to provide professional services for the survey and design of the St. Hebron Park Recreational Trails Program project.

Commissioner Morgan asked the reason for changing firms. Mrs. Jackson said the previous firm did not deliver; they had paid out money but the work was not done on time.

Taylor asked with the services rendered, was the County able to use that going forward. Mrs. Jackson said yes. Commissioner Taylor asked if there were any legal recourse because of the contractual agreement.

Justin Ford, Dewberry, appeared before the Board to address questions. He said there were some reports that Dewberry will be able to use.

Mr. Weiss said they billed for certain services they performed but was terminated because the work was not timely.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY CHAIR VIEGBESIE THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED.

14. Approval to submit grant applications to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) under the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP), Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP), County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP)

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was a request for the Board to approval to submit grant applications to the Florida Department of Transportation under the SCOP, SCRAP and CIGP programs.

Justin Ford, Dewberry, appeared before the Board. He said CIGP was the most restrictive and would need to connect to a State road system; SCOP was the least restrictive and has the largest budget. He said he had made some recommendations on the attached list.

Commissioner Holt asked if they could get some direction.

Mr. Ford said he did have a running list and could provide it to the commissioners.

Commissioner Holt said years ago there was an agreement that more roads were paved on the east side of the County and the west side of the County was still waiting to be paved.

Commissioner Taylor asked how this would be done and was probably best to see which roads could be better funded.

Mr. Ford said five – six years ago, they worked with Public Works and they picked roads they thought would be the best candidate to get funding. He said in the past they could submit two SCRAP, two SCOP and one CIGP but last year DOT cut them back to three applications.

Chair Viegbesie asked if it would be difficult or outside of the time allowed if they considered three roads and let the engineering team and Public Works drive the roads to see which needed the most work.

Commissioner Morgan said Commissioner Holt was right in her recollection. He felt it would suit the citizens better to let the engineer work with Public Works to decide the roads.

Commissioner Hinson said also something to consider, Fairbanks Ferry Road have had a lot of deaths on that road before the light was placed there.

Mr. Ford said they did something similar when doing striping projects, ranked roads individually, and was certain they could come up with some matrix to rank the roads.

Commissioner Taylor said she thought from what she was hearing and what could work, is to have a two - three year plan and stick to it.

Mr. Ford said that was assuming they get the funding and asked for approval tonight once they go through that process they could move forward because the applications were coming due.

Commissioner Holt said to Commissioner Taylor that was a good suggestion and told Commissioner Morgan that was how they got stuck the last time. She said whatever they chose this year they could look at next year.

Commissioner Taylor said each time they have an election it is staggered. She said she was willing to move forward with a plan; at least it gives them hope.

Mr. Ford said they came up with a list and Chair Viegbesie had asked that Dogtown Road be placed on the list and he failed to put it on. He also asked they keep the list to two - three per district to it make easier to work with.

Commissioner Hinson said they talked a few years ago about Lake Yvette East, the roads were in terrible shape and they were promised a few years ago to pave it.

Commissioner Holt said if they put in one, to take one off. She said what got them in trouble the last time was the population was on the east side and they used that for the paving on the east

side. She said they could not use the wealth of the community to get those roads paved.

Commissioner Hinson said he paved and resurfaced roads in private communities that no-one else was able to do. He said he started with areas that needed help first.

Chair Viegbesie said he would swap one of the roads and let Mr. Ford make his determination as to which of the three and then re-evaluate next year.

UPON MOTION BY CHAIR VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

15. Approval for FAMU to work with Gadsden County on the Stevens School Project

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval for staff to work with FAMU students on the Stevens School project.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD A QUESTION.

Commissioner Morgan asked the fiscal impact to the County's budget and if the dollars would be coming from the Stevens School monies that were budgeted.

Mrs. Jackson said there is money in the Stevens School budget and it was Board Direction on how they would like to pay for it.

Commissioner Taylor said she thought this was being donated by students for an internship or a grade. Mrs. Jackson said they put as an option for the Attorney and County Administrator to begin negotiations with the most feasible option for FAMU students to assist with the project. Commissioner Taylor asked if the money received from the fire was available.

Mr. Weiss said it was depending on how the funds were budgeted, it may require a budget amendment, and he thought it was moved into the Capital Projects fund.

Commissioner Morgan said with that, would the funds come from the Stevens School budget. If it was money to come from the General Fund, he was not for that at all.

Commissioner Holt said it would need to be brought back to the Board.

Commissioner Taylor asked if they should set perimeters or caps.

Commissioner Hinson said at the last budget meeting, he was shot down by Board. He had suggested the last few years they had money for students and the former Student President for FAMU worked for the Board as an aide. He said since then, he's noticed they have been paying 20 hours a week here, 20 hours a week there and has been advertised in the Havana Herald for assistants. He said now they have where someone else wants to bring it in and did not think it was fair. He said he was for it but could not vote for it because of fairness.

Commissioner Holt said this was mostly for travel that was 30 miles away. She added that this was not an intern program; it was a different type of animal.

Commissioner Morgan said he was trying to express, they could offer an internship program to the students that were unpaid, they were learning from this experience.

Chair Viegbesie said a lot of architectural design and work done by FAMU and FSU students that is done for credit. He suggested allowing the Administrator and the Attorney to start negotiations.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out 8:32 p.m.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND.

Commissioner Morgan returned at 8:33 p.m.

Chair Viegbesie asked if this was in accordance with the options.

Commissioner Taylor said after further discussion, she had changed her position. According to the narrative, the Fiscal Impact said to employ 2 students under the County's internship program and would make it a part of the County's budget and not part of the fire budget, according to the title. Commissioner Taylor further said it looked like now the group that was coming in was wiping out what had previously been discussed and decided in numerous meetings with people from the community that was recorded by the deputy clerk. She added that ideas and concepts came from the community and was already formulated. She thought the students would be working on the design of what they wanted or what the group had put forth they would like to see. She said from her perspective if they move forward with this, they would be tossing in the air all that had already been done.

Commissioner Holt said they used the group information, set here and met with some of the people from the school, including Inez Holt and others, they did not take away anything, and they took the same information. She said their recommendation was to work with the community, same thing she was saying. Commissioner Holt then said that Commissioner Taylor had made a motion and she made the second.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR WITHDREW HER MOTION AND COMMISSIONER HOLT WITHDREW HER SECOND AND WOULD RETAIN HER SECOND TO COMMISSIONER HINSON'S MOTION.

Chair Viegbesie said this was just for negotiations there was no fiscal impact.

COMMISSIONER HINSON WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

Commissioner Morgan said he was not sure why they would not want to approve option 1, it was just the money should come from Stevens School and not the General Fund.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR HAD A QUESTION.

Commissioner Taylor said it was not the same group that originally came together and the whole outlook was being changed from what the citizens had put together. She added that they were

gerrymandering the group that was being put together; it was not originally the group that came together and had clearly stated, under oath and in record, what they wanted to see happen to that school.

Commissioner Hinson said to piggyback on Commissioner Taylor, he asked the motivation behind this. He asked the Administrator how this differed from what they created and started from last year.

Mrs. Jackson said she thought that was more of a Commissioner Holt question, but said as to what she knew about the cafeteria, the part that was still standing; she still had her minutes from the last meeting where that committee voted and that is what is happening with the cafeteria area. She said if she understood correctly, what the students would be doing was a first phase, second phase and third phase. She said she was in charge of what was happening at the cafeteria and nothing was happening that was not in her notes from the January meeting.

Commissioner Hinson said there were two separate groups; the original group as well as the current group and they would not be involved in the second phase. He said it was not fair to the group that was passionate.

COMMISSIONER HOLT CALLED THE QUESTION.

CHAIR VIEGBESIE SAID THERE WAS A MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-2. COMMISSIONER HINSON AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED.

CHAIR VIEGBESIE CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE ITEM. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED.

16. Approval of Library Services and Technology Act Grant

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval and execution of a Technology Innovation Project Grant in the amount of \$4,000.

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

17. Public Transportation Grant Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation and Big Bend Transit, Inc.

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for discussion and action to jointly participate in a service development project.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND CHAIR VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND WITH A COMMENT.

Chair Viegbesie asked that she read the background of this item and Mrs. Jackson did so.

Commissioner Morgan had a question.

Commissioner Morgan asked how they would be reimbursed. Mrs. Jackson said the County would

pay originally but they would be reimbursed monthly. Commissioner Morgan asked the specific benefit. He said they already have several public transportation systems through Big Bend Transit, Gadsden Connections and asked why participate when they have to pay up-front.

Mrs. Jackson said this was an extension and asked Sean Mitchell to step forward to explain.

Sean Mitchell, Big Bend Transit, appeared before the Board to address questions. He said this was similar to what they have with Gadsden Express and Havana was part of the urbanized area of Tallahassee. State of Florida Department of Transportation has identified Havana as an area of Florida in Gadsden County that was recognized with low income employment people suffering from disadvantage from getting back and forth to work. Commissioner Morgan asked if these folks already had an opportunity to get rides back and forth to Tallahassee and Mr. Mitchell said no and it would take out some redundancy.

Commissioner Holt said this was a grant that they applied for before, Tallahassee had it and they paid for it.

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

18. Approval of Intent to Lease a Portion of the Massey Building located at 680 Maple Street, Chattahoochee

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval of a request made by Angelcare with a Vision, Inc. to lease the Chattahoochee Health Clinic at 680 Maple Street, Chattahoochee, Florida. Tammy Ceasor has made a request to rent a portion of the building to provide an assisted living facility to the residents of the Chattahoochee community for \$800 a month.

Commissioner Morgan said Ms. Ceasor was present along with Mr. Gene Stephens, a local business owner in Chattahoochee and he was very familiar with her services and the need for this service in Chattahoochee. He said this was a project that has had life for several weeks and they have had conversations with the City of Chattahoochee and the Administrator had been involved. He added this would be a great benefit to Chattahoochee and would be a good use of the remainder of that building. He said one thing to make note of, the local Senior Services are offered through a portion of that building and Ms. Ceasor has agreed they can continue to use a portion of that building. He said the reason he mentioned that, this might be something that might enhance some of the opportunities for the seniors and the lease specifically does not mention that the Seniors can continue to maintain their presence in the building unless he overlooked it.

Mr. Weiss said it stated the location was 680 Maple Street with the exception of the portion occupied by the Senior citizens.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD A QUESTION ALONG WITH CHAIR VEIGBESIE.

Chair Viegbesie said he spoke with Ms. Ceasor and she confirmed that the space the seniors were using would continue to be used by them.

Commissioner Hinson said he wanted to make sure the County was protected at all times and asked about asbestos. Mr. Weiss said she would be responsible for liability insurance.

Commissioner Holt said one concern she had was the damage and asked Mrs. Jackson about the damages that were caused by the hurricane and told Commissioner Hinson a check for asbestos could be done at the same time it was inspected.

CHAIR VIEGBESIE CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

19. EMS Write-Off and Bad Debt

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval to EMS write-off bad debt and refer to collections.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND WITH A QUESTION.

Commissioner Holt asked what Medicaid was not paying for.

Keith Maddox, EMS Director, appeared before the Board to address questions. He said some of these go back to 2012 and Medicaid and Medicare after a certain time period have a filing cut-off and a lot of these original rejections would have been rejected even if appealed and was so far back there was no point.

Chair Viegbesie stepped out at 9:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

20. Bid Award for Debt Collection Services

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was to award Bid Number 18-22 Debt Collection Services for Gadsden Emergency Medical Services to the low bidder and was to Quality Asset Recovery.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL AND HAD A QUESTION AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND.

Commissioner Holt asked Mr. Maddox to tell about the company. He said was researched before his tenure but in looking at the different companies, it looked as if they met the qualifications as necessary compared to the other agencies but could not tell her in detail about them.

Chair Viegbesie returned at 9:03 p.m.

Commissioner Holt asked Mrs. Jackson her opinion of the company. She said to her they all seemed the same and the deciding factor was the price point.

CHAIR VIEGBESIE CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

21. Discussion and Action on the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP)

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for discussion to possibly amend the Gadsden County SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan to include the rehabilitation of owner-occupied mobile homes into section (B) Emergency Repairs, (C) Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation, and (E) Disaster Recovery and Mitigation.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TO ADD MOBILE HOMES AND CHAIR VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD A QUESTION.

Commissioner Morgan said he read it was first come, first serve to these funds and she said with a priority being special needs first. He asked if there were a way to evenly divide the funds throughout the 5 districts for folks and she said they take into consideration the applications by district. She wanted to clarify that mobile homes can be added because of a disaster, they cannot be done without a declared disaster. Mrs. Jackson also clarified that mobile homes do not qualify without a disaster being declared.

Ms. Lex also commented it had to be owner-occupied and Commissioner Holt said she was glad she mentioned that because they have found for instance, the home might have been in the Grandmother's name and now grandchildren were occupying it and they would not qualify because the home was not in their name.

Chair Viegbesie asked when she talks about a declared emergency, who declares the emergency, the Governor or the person that was experiencing the damage. He said it needed to be specific. Ms. Lex said SHIP would be the one that would inform them of the declared emergency and felt it needed to be declared at the State and/or Federal level.

CHAIR VIEGBESIE CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

22. Approval of Appointment/Re-Appointment for the County-Elected Official to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC)

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval of reappointment of Commissioner Holt.

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

Mr. Weiss said they were asking for an alternate as well.

CHAIR VIEGBESIE NOMINATED COMMISSIONER HINSON AS THE ALTERNATE AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

COMMISSIONER HINSON NOMINATED KATHY JOHNSON AND CHAIR VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND.

Mrs. Jackson pointed out at the last meeting they approved the order that the City Managers said they wanted to go with and they agreed. Mr. Weiss said he thought this would be an alternate.

Commissioner Morgan asked if this was only for the County elected official that was the way he read it. Mr. Weiss said it stated Staff was requesting an alternate be selected for the County-elected representative and the municipal-elected representative to ensure coverage for all meetings.

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

23. Possible Moratorium on Hiring

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was presented to the Board for discussion regarding the hiring of staff for vacant positions.

Chair Viegbesie said this was for discussion and was not an action item and asked the Administrator why she thought there was an impression that there were new hires that would call for a moratorium on hiring and then asked had the operational budget been exceeded for the fiscal year. Mrs. Jackson said no, they were actually under budget this year, just as they were last year. She said she felt the perception of new positions being created was because of the new titles and those titles reflect merging several positions. She said some people were running with it and spreading news that was not true that there were created positions when there is not. She gave for example the Growth Management Director and was a position that used to be the Planning Director, however it is no longer called that and now the Building Official, Code Enforcement, Animal Control and Parks comes under that position. She said she felt it was practical to be able to do that versus having a lot of supervisors when they are not needed and was a way to save money. She said that has been done, not only in that department but in several departments.

Commissioner Taylor said she asked for this item, not so much as she does not believe in rumors and does not entertain that. She said she gets facts and knowledge and bases her opinion on that. She said if they look at that particular period she spoke of, there were 45 people that were dismissed and 40 that was hired. She said that was a lot of people that were being dismissed and hired, not so much in new positions, it was a lot of things going on within the coffers of this government. She said when people are dismissed, it costs money to train people and bring them back up to speed and that was what she was looking at. She said she saw this morning people placed in areas she had not seen them before and was not based on hearsay, it was what she observed herself. She said when you see within a given time 45 turnovers, it was a little more than hiring a position. A moratorium needs to be put in place so the Commissioners can look at what was going on within the management. She said that was the reason she asked for it. She said she believed that the Board needs to look closer at issues going on within this government and that hiring needs to be brought to a halt until they figure out the direction they need to go. She added this was a service oriented government and they provide a service. She said if the employee morale was not intact then there are issues. She was letting people go and hiring and with the chart provided, it was a lot of turnover. She said she was not sure if it was standard. She said she knew they knew that she had issues with the Administration and she knew that as well and when there are issues and you see things that continue to escalate, you put a moratorium on hiring. She said key people have been let go. She said there were issues and if they don't stop the hiring and don't stop what was going on, the turnovers that are happening, they then have a fragmented government. She said they could put their head in the sand because they support what is going on and say people they talk with are having a great time and Commissioner Taylor

said that was not true. She said people were talking to her and looking at the numbers, it was showing. She said she would like to see the hiring stopped and they revisit it because she was not in support of the way it was going. She added that someone came to her and apologized for not listening to her when she was on the City of Quincy Board and she apologized to Commissioner Morgan because there was times when he wanted to do some things with changes and she would not talk part in that because she wanted to give this Administrator a chance to produce and be productive but as time progressed and she watched, she was wrong. She said that was the reason she wanted to stop it and she has not had much support from the Board when it came to that and she understood. She said she was trying to see if they could put brakes on what was going on and revisiting the administration.

Mrs. Jackson said she wanted to address a couple of things; the chart was accurate but not accurate, she did not like the word "Dismissed". She said it did not mean people were terminated, it meant that some left, some were promoted and she promised she would send a more accurate chart, there was another chart that should have been attached and not sure why it was not included. She said at EMS, they were actually paying lower than anywhere else in the region, she have made significant changes and now instead of being in a place that people come just to work for a year to get the training, the County was actually that place that people were trying to come to. She said she did not know when the County had ever been in the black with EMS and they were in the black and was now the premier place where they are able to recruit and retain the best job. She said they actually hired four more people on this date. She said part of the reason they were in the red, and Commissioner Hinson had said this before, was staff overtime. She said the reason they were paying time and half was no-one wanted to work here. She said they had employees working 48 hour shifts instead of working 24 hour shifts. She said with Public Works, she did not want to talk about some of the reasons that some were no longer there, but if they would come and see her, she can show them some of the things that have happened. She said they had people wreck equipment, fail drug tests, and she will show them the reason for the turnover that it shows there. She said a lot were promotions and if they look at the current vacant positions, they were not necessarily vacant, in some cases, those positions will not be filled. She said Commissioner Taylor brought up staff morale. She said there was a culture there, when she worked as the Grant Writer and that culture has started leaving there. She said "when you have a handful of staff who have walked around as if they were County Administrator because they are close to several commissioners. Those staff are no longer able to intimidate other staff and make them feel uncomfortable here. Those staff are no longer able to just have their way and how it works. Those are the people you communicate with, those people, they are not the majority. The majority of the people are happy to come to work now and they feel comfortable. I can get the entire staff to show up and tell you that you are wrong about staff morale. She said she surveys staff all the time; I keep my Directors in here who can also say that. I survey them, I send out anonymous documents and those documents come back overwhelmingly saying that they appreciate the direction that things are going. My Directors appreciate the fact that no matter what I support them and don't throw them under the bus with the Commissioners. It's my fault at the end of the day anything that happens because I'm the Administrator and I take responsibility for that."

Commissioner Taylor said she made a comment about the people that she speaks with and said she did not know how that was possible she would know. Mrs. Jackson said they tell her that she meets up with them at Public Works (then she said Piggly-Wiggly) and asks. Commissioner Taylor responded she is in a lunch line and she does ask questions. She said she does not go to Piggly-

Wiggly to meet anyone, she goes to get food. Mrs. Jackson started to interrupt and Chair Viegbesie stopped her. Commissioner Taylor said wherever she is, she is a Commissioner, they can talk to her, they are citizens and vote in the County. She added that apparently the Administrator was walking around with rose colored glasses on; she did not know if the people were being threatened and not telling the truth and she was only trying to get to the cusp of the problem and not trying to make it sound as if it was her or them, but the fact there were morale issues. Commissioner Taylor said she was not trying to demean her skillsets or who she was but to give her facts that she could look at and maybe go from there. But to say it is all great, all good, obviously they are not forthcoming with her and she was not truly in touch with her people. She said as far as meeting them at Piggly-Wiggly, she talks with them all over, they are calling her and she listens. She said if they were going to improve, it was imperative they do some things and make changes. She added if they want things to stay as it was and the majority of the Board was good and fine with where it was going, they will take the ride. She was sitting and living on a 3-2 vote, it is not long before change will come.

Commissioner Hinson said the County Administrator answered one of his questions, he did not know that 45 people were dismissed but she clarified why. He said how she reacts in the storm determines everything about you, not when things are calm.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at 9:32 p.m.

He added it was up to them to give her direction and they were supposed to show where they want to go. He thought the Board should approve all organizational charts and job titles. He said the only two positions he felt they had to have was the Assistant County Administrator and a Building Official.

Commissioner Holt said she not one to wait, she makes calls. She said she talks with citizens and did not think it was that unusual, they've had workshops in the past where they've looked at staff. She said she did not think they needed to have a freeze on hiring because they had to have an Assistant County Administrator, they need a grant writer, a Public Works Director and they needed someone else in the SHIP program.

Commissioner Taylor returned at 9:30 p.m.

Commissioner Morgan encouraged each member to search out and review the reason for the Board and what their primary responsibilities were. He said they are to set policy, priorities, to collectively work together to compromise and craft and adhere to an annual budget, to hire two people, a qualified County Attorney and a qualified County Administrator. He felt the conversation they just had was one that could be had in private with the Administrator to let her know what their feelings were, if they did not respond, then don't support them. He said the Board was not to run day-to-day operations of the County. He added they were four hours into the meeting; they need to stick to the agenda and get things done; have the personal, petty conversations in private.

Commissioner Hinson said in all fairness, he did not think what the Commissioners brought up was petty and he valued other Commissioners' comments and thought it was good for discussion. He said he could not believe they got rid of the Summer Youth Employment, the \$100,000 for Emergency Housing and then they started hiring people for positions before they hired an Assistant County Administrator, a grant writer, SHIP program specialist, Building Official.

Chair Viegbesie said a comment that Commissioner Morgan made that was very appropriate. He said he went to a workshop recently on Professional Ethics and a comment was made was, "Nose in, finger out", meaning your nose should be on what was going on with the Executive Director but fingers should be out of what they do in the day-to-day operations.

Commissioner Taylor said she has been around the dais for 10 years, and each have brought subjects up to discuss they are passionate about, especially when it affects the morale of the County Government. She said this was an agendaed item and was here for discussion. She added there have been issues at every meeting.

Commissioner Hinson said they need to take the morale serious.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at 9:57 p.m.

Commissioner Holt said they could workshop this.

Commissioner Taylor returned at 9:58 p.m.

24. Approval of a Revision to the Health Coverage Component of the Employment Agreement for the Gadsden County Administrator

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval of a revision to the health coverage of the Employment Agreement for the County Administrator. She said at the December 2, 2018 meeting, the BOCC voted to appoint her as the County Administrator and instructed the County Attorney to negotiate a contract for the Board's consideration. She said the contract was approved with certain changes consistent with the prior Administrator's contract. She said the contract was revised according and she has agreed to all of the changes except the change from payment of the insurance premium for family to single coverage.

Chair Viegbesie asked if she was saying there was an error from family to single coverage or single to family coverage. She said the previous Administrator had single coverage and she was requesting family coverage. She said currently the Board pays a percentage of all employees' health insurance and she was asking that hers be family coverage instead of single because she currently had family coverage.

Mr. Weiss said he drafted the original contract with the input from the current administrator as to what she was requesting. At the January meeting, there was a motion made to have \$100,000 salary, two year term, 5 months' severance and all other terms to be consistent with the previous administrator's contract. He said he made revisions to the contract, sent the letter to the Administrator, she was agreeable to everything except she wanted to have family coverage as opposed to single. She said all county employees were able to elect whether they wanted family or single and the Board pays a percentage of whichever they choose. He said the question was if the Board would pay the entire premium for single or family, whichever she chose. He said whether the Board agreed to pay the entire premium versus only a percentage that was up to the Board.

Chair Viegbesie said he thought the option of family or single could be determined through the open enrollment period. Mr. Weiss said no other employees have a contract. He said they looked

at previous Administrators contracts and it looked like when Marlon Brown was the Administrator, the language changed for his contract to Mr. Presnell's contract in terms of coverage. It appeared that Mr. Brown was receiving full payment of the premium for family coverage and that was in exchange for him agreeing to a lower salary.

Commissioner Morgan said the attorney accurately summed that up. He said he was provided previous agreements dating back to 2005 and the only one where he saw the County paid was where Mr. Brown agreed to a lower salary for the premium to be paid. He said the only one he saw where the County paid the entire premium was Mr. Brown and he agreed to a lower salary in exchange for that. He said he talked with the previous Administrator and he chose individual coverage and he paid the employee portion of the premium. He felt it was important, if the majority of the Board wanted to consider that, he did not have any heartache with it. He did have a position and did not think they should set a precedent for changing that. He said with that being said, Mrs. Jackson may want to take a reduced salary for then to pay the premium if they knew what that was or if she wanted to choose family... She said she had already reduced her salary by \$5,000 already this year when she took the permanent position. He said that was a salary she set as Interim, not one they voted on. He said she initially set the salary and he voted against it because it was higher than the previous Administrator's and she was Interim at the time. Mrs. Jackson said if it was not a benefit to the Administrator for the premium to be paid, why is it a part of the Agreement anyway when it was already offered to everyone anyway. Commissioner Morgan said his understanding was she wanted them to pay the entire premium and she said exactly. He said they had never done that in the past except when the one manager agreed to reduce his salary to offset those costs. She said whatever the Board felt was fair she was OK with. Commissioner Morgan said his issue was he wanted to make this as a part of something that the Administrator was comfortable with to where it was a better option for her. He said it might make better sense for her to negotiate a lower salary to offset the premium as opposed to paying the family premium. She said that made no sense and she would not do that. He said he did not know what Mr. Brown's reasons were for doing that. He said if that was not something she would entertain, he did not know why they were having this discussion. She could make the choice of family or individual as long as she was paying the premium.

Commissioner Holt asked Mrs. Jackson what she was paying now. She said prior to the contract, they were paying a certain percentage of family coverage just as they did when she was the Grant Writer. Commissioner Holt said she was paying a certain portion and she said yes. Commissioner Holt said she way nothing wrong with that, they do that for everybody. Commissioner Morgan said there was nothing wrong with that. Mrs. Jackson asked why it was in the contract if it was not considered to be a perk.

Commissioner Hinson said they were not hearing what she was saying. Commissioner Holt said she heard exactly what everyone was saying. She said to treat everyone alike and be done with it, she pays her part and they pay their part and move on. She asked the Clerk what they paid in insurance and he said he was unsure of the exact figure but it was a big part of what the pay. She asked what they were paying for themselves individually. He said the Commissioners and employees paid their part and the County paid their part.

Chair Viegbesie asked what happened to the employees that did not use the County insurance coverage. He said the County was required to offer health insurance to everyone; there are some that do not accept it because they may have coverage with a spouse. He said back to what

Commissioner Holt was saying, Commissioners accept health insurance just like the employees. Health insurance was offered to everyone, employees pay their portion and the County pays their portion for each level, whether it was single, plus 1 or family. He added that she would be paying the same thing as an employee with single coverage or family coverage.

Commissioner Hinson said maybe they were talking about two different things, she was saying one of the perks would be great if they paid for the entire coverage because in the past someone else received the same thing. But it was up to the Board.

Commissioner Morgan said the reason the item was on the agenda was because she request the County consider paying the entire premium. She has the right to choose single or family coverage, what they were talking about is what the impact fiscally of what this would be.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH OPTION OF INSURANCE THAT REGULAR EMPLOYEES PAY AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD A QUESTION.

Commissioner Hinson said he understood and fair was fair, and thought they should pay for the whole healthcare.

COMMISSIONER HOLT WITHDREW HER MOTION AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN WITHDREW HIS SECOND.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO LET MRS. JACKSON CHOOSE HER COVERAGE AND PAY THE SAME AMOUNT AS OTHER EMPLOYEES AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

Commissioner Taylor asked for clarification that she would pay her portion, just as other employees and was told yes.

CLERK OF COURT

25. Updates

Mr. Thomas said he had no report tonight.

Commissioner Taylor had a question and asked where they were at with the repayment of (overtime) salary for the Administrator. Mr. Thomas said he forwarded an email to the Commissioners that had options on it almost two weeks ago to all the Commissioners. Commissioner Taylor asked when it would be on the Agenda. Mrs. Jackson said it would be on the second meeting in March. She said the Chair had not had a chance to speak with Clerk regarding that yet. Chair Viegbesie said he and the Administrator had not had the chance to discuss options to determine which options to bring before the Board for action. He said that will be done in the March meeting.

Commissioner Morgan said regarding the Clerk, was there any reason why they moved the Constitutional Officer to the end of the meeting? He added that any Constitutional attending the meeting should be shown the respect to be at the beginning of the meeting in case they have a report they need to contribute to the Board.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

26. Updates

She had as few dates for the Commissioners:

Wednesday, February 27th at 6:00 there will be a "Go Red for Women" event on the Courthouse square and asked that everyone to show and wear red.

Tuesday, February 26th at 5:00 is a Private Road Workshop.

The March 5th the BCC meeting is cancelled due to the Conference.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out meeting at 10:23 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12th at 4:30 is the BOCC/Senior Citizens joint workshop at the Senior center.

Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 is the regular BCC Meeting.

Wednesday, March 20th is Gadsden County day at the Capitol.

She said if they know of any citizens with trees in their yard that needs to be moved, let her know, there is a volunteer group interested in helping.

She sent each Commissioner a document showing \$21 Million in damage to County property.

Commissioner Morgan returned at 10:24 p.m.

She said a lot has been said about employee morale. She said since last year they have had an Employee Engagement Committee that was very active and a staff person from each department and they were doing great things. The next big thing they were doing was a brown bag lunch once a month where employees are selected and have lunch with her and can bring forth any issues they have in an open forum and have a chance to know her a little better.

Commissioner Holt said she spoke with Congressman Lawson and he wanted to check on their items for the Legislature.

Commissioner Taylor said she saw at the beginning of the meeting they acknowledged GCDC without Chamber. Mrs. Jackson said it did not say GCDC on the Resolution, GCDC requested it for Economic Development Week. Commissioner Taylor asked did she not think the Chamber should have been invited to also participate. Mrs. Jackson said she did not know of anywhere else in the United States where that was a goal of the Chamber, the Chamber provides services to its members, not to go out and get jobs. Commissioner Taylor said she was looking at what they fund them for; they fund them for economic development. Mrs. Jackson asked if she would like her to invite them to the next meeting and Commissioner Taylor said if they were a part of economic growth.

She asked about the contract for GCDC; she said a year ago they did a two year deal, but do they

have a chance to revisit the contract. Mr. Weiss said it was subject to funding every year.

She said she wanted to see a breakdown by County who got jobs through CareerSource.

She said she want the Citizens Bill of Rights placed back on the Agenda.

She said with the Seniors, she wanted to share the By-laws with them and thought they need a copy of the current by-laws to see.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

27. Updates

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

28. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Eric Hinson, District 1

Commissioner Hinson said he received a phone call and was told the Administrator said the Chair took off the Agenda the item for Resource Offices and thought as a Board when they vote; they could not trump the Board.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at 10:32 p.m.

Mrs. Jackson said statutorily the County Administrator made the Agenda, however with that particular situation, all parties involved said they would prefer it not come before the Board yet. They wanted to meet separate and have a workshop because school safety, from what she was told, was not just School Resource Officers but a whole district process. Commissioner Hinson said he how it worked but was told by her the Chairman took it off the Agenda because he wanted to talk with the Sheriff and Superintendent. She said that was not what she said. Chair Viegbesie said was originally it was on the Agenda; the Sheriff called him; he said they could discuss school safety generally. He said for them to meet with the school soon and they would discuss school safety.

Commissioner Taylor returned at 10:35 p.m.

Commissioner Hinson said he specifically asked that they discuss Resource Officers and there were three schools that did not have Resource Officers. He said they were playing politics and not being fair because if the Board said to bring it to the Agenda, you could not trump the Board. He said the County Administrator was an invited guest, this was a Board meeting, not a County Administrator meeting.

Commissioner Morgan left at 10:36 p.m.

Commissioner Holt said when she saw the article that Governor DeSantis had established a committee to look at funding; she contacted the Sheriff and Superintendent and asked they look into it. She said there were two pots of money they were looking at, and was not a positive article from things that was said.

Commissioner Hinson said he supported the Senior Citizens efforts, they all were passionate and he hoped they could come to a resolution and felt they were mistreated.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Brenda Holt, District 4

COMMISSIONER HOLT ASKED FOR A PROCLAMATION FOR WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION AND CHAIR VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

COMMISSIONER HOLT ASKED FOR A PROCLAMATION FOR FREDDIE FIGGERS AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

Commissioner Taylor left at 10:41 p.m.

She said the Four Star Freight Training Grant that was received by Gadsden Vo-tech, the Board was able to get.

She was going to tell Commissioner Taylor that she thought the group would do well, to get everyone back together in the committee meetings for Stevens School.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor Vice-Chair, District 5

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie,, Chair, District 2

Chair Viegbesie thanked TDC for organizing the 2019 Crappie Fishing Tournament and thanked Ms. Baker and Ms. Burns for their assistance. He thanked the Vice-Chair for representing BOCC on Media Day

CHAIR VIEGBESIE ASKED FOR A PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 28 AS IDA SIMMONS DAY, SHE WILL BE 102 AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

COMMISSIONER HINSON ASKED FOR A PROCLAMATION FOR EDNA ANDERSON, WHO WAS TURNING 100 ON MARCH 2ND

Hinson proclamation for Edna Anderson turning 100 on March 2

Commissioner Holt asked Mrs. Jackson to check with FDOT on the Beautification Project at I-10 and Highway 90.

Receipt and File

29. Documents

UPCOMING MEETINGS

19. December 6, 2018-5:00 p.m. BOCC/GHI Joint Workshop
- December 18, 2018-6:00 p.m. BOCC Regular Meeting

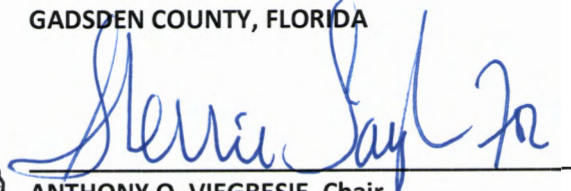
Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
February 19, 2019-Regular Meeting

January 1, 2019-6:00 p.m.-BOCC Regular Meeting Cancelled

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR VIEGBESIE DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:46 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA



ANTHONY O. VIEGBESIE, Chair
Board of County Commissioners



ATTEST:



NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk