

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JUNE 2, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M., THE
FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:

Present: Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, Chair, District 2
Brenda Holt, Vice Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, District 1-appeared remotely
Gene Morgan, District 3-appeared remotely
Sherrie Taylor, District 5-arrived late
Henry G. Grant, Interim County Administrator
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Clayton Knowles, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Viegbesie called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., asked that heads be bowed for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Grant said he would like pull Item 11, Item 16 and add item 14a-Approval of the Proposal of Contract for Repairs for Little River Bridge.

Commissioner Taylor appeared at 6:05 p.m.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AS AMENDED AND CHAIR VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE 5-0.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

CONSENT

Commissioner Holt asked to pull Item 3 for discussion.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AS AMENDED AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

1. Ratification Memo
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a) March 10, 2020 Workshop Minutes
 - b) March 17, 2020-Regular Meeting
 - c) April 7, 2020-Regular Meeting
 - d) April 21, 2020-Regular Meeting
 - e) May 5, 2020-Regular Meeting
 - f) May 8, 2020-Emergency Meeting
3. ~~CR 65B (Old Federal Road) Supplemental Agreement~~
Pulled for discussion

4. **Approval of Signatures for Special Assessment Liens and Rehabilitation Contract-CDBG & SHIP**
5. **Public Officials Bond Review**
6. **Appointment to the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority (QGAA)**
7. **Appointments/Reappointments to the Small County Coalition Board of Directors**
8. **Approval to Accept the FY 2020 2nd Quarter Report**
9. **Approval of Release of Lien for Parcel ID No.: 5-0L-0R-0S-1400-0000A-1111**
10. **Approval of Johnson Control Service Agreement for the Gadsden County Jail**
11. **~~Approval of Contract Replacement on Quincy Library (Roof)~~
Item pulled**

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CR 65B (Old Federal Road) Supplemental Agreement

Commissioner Holt asked if the contingency money (\$188,164.56) would come back before Board before use and Dr. Grant said if requested was would. She wanted to make sure that point was brought up.

She said also, if possible, have the contractors bring millings back to the County yard so it could be reused in residential roads.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Due to COVID-19 and the efforts of Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners to continue the practice of social distancing, Commissioners want to continue to hear from citizens under the Citizens Requesting to be Heard section of the agenda.

If citizens have any questions, comments or concerns, please email CitizensToBeHeard@gadsdencountyfl.gov and anticipate receiving a response within 48 hours.

Earlene Taylor sent in an email and asked "Since Seniors are more vulnerable for the virus, what are your plans for shelters during hurricanes for Seniors.

I do realize that we do have an emergency management office and I have spoken to them.

Thank you for your response."

Chair Viegbesie asked the Administrator to respond to her.

Commissioner Taylor said with regard to Emergency Management, Covid-19, possibility of hurricanes and tornadoes, could a Contingency Plan be put in place on how they would house people in the event of an emergency, especially one at the same time, Covid and weather. Dr. Grant said they were working on it. Commissioner Taylor asked the timeline and he said hopefully by the end of the week.

Commissioner Holt said she was waiting on Item 17 before she said anything about the sheltering. She said she was also called and she called Emergency Management to see what they needed to do. She said Red Cross would not go into a non-certified area and with the social distancing, they would be out of space even with contracting with the School System. Also, this was a situation they needed to talk about now, on Friday (at the Emergency Meeting) and again next week. She said they should schedule the meetings because it was hurricane season. She said she receives calls about the elderly, Covid-19 and was sure the other Commissioners received calls as well.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. PUBLIC HEARING-(Quasi-Judicial)-Hot Rods Steakhouse Special Exception Use (SEU 2020-01)

Dr. Grant introduced the above item and said it was for consideration of an application for a Special Exception Use for the proposed Hot Rods Steakhouse (SEU 2020-01).

Chair Viegbesie read aloud:

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Deputy Clerk, Marcella Blocker, swore in **Jill Jeglie, AICP, Interim Growth Management Director**, and she explained the item. She said the Planning Commission voted unanimously to accept this item.

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

Chair Viegbesie said Ms. Marian Lasley had requested to speak. She appeared on screen on Zoom but there were technical difficulties with her being able to be heard.

Commissioner Holt asked to hear from the representative of the property owners.

Mary Margaret Farris, Melvin Engineering, 4428 Lafayette Street, Marianna, FL, was sworn in by the Deputy Clerk.

Commissioner Holt asked if the proposed owners were local and she said yes. She asked if there was a reason there was no outside dining and Ms. Farris explained they chose not to do it

at this time, the capacity of the parking lot was based on seats and they meet the capacity inside the building at this point. Commissioner Holt said currently with the concern of the virus, outdoor dining was recommended and thought that might be something they wanted to consider. Ms. Farris explained that in Jackson County where she resides, local restaurants had placed outside tents that took up some of the parking spaces and was how they were achieving their 50% capacity. Commissioner Holt asked if there was a reason for the time of service and Ms. Farris said that was the time they chose to start out with. Commissioner Holt said there was quite bit of traffic at that location, especially with that hill coming up. Ms. Farris said they have gotten comments from DOT and the permit was pending at this point for the driveway connection and a traffic analysis was done. The project itself along with the existing traffic on the road did not warrant any type of signal or turn lane. Commissioner Holt said she represented that District and was for economic development and restaurants were needed, just wanted to be careful about it.

Commissioner Holt then asked Ms. Jeglie for that facility, had there been any other questions about alcohol use in the County and Ms. Jeglie said not recently. Commissioner Holt said she would like to see something addressed as far as commercial in alcohol use in the future so something would be in place and it would not be so difficult.

Chair Viegbesie asked if Ms. Lasley was able to join in yet and she was not.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER HOLT SUGGESTED THEY TEXT MS. LASLEY.

CHAIR VIEGBESIE CALLED FOR THE ROLL CALL VOTE.

COMMISSIONER HINSON	YES
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR	YES
COMMISSIONER HOLT	YES
COMMISSIONER MORGAN	YES
CHAIR VIEGBESIE	YES

MOTION PASSED 5-0

13. Public Hearing-(Quasi-Judicial)-Hot Rods Steakhouse Conceptual/Preliminary Site Plan (SP 2020-01)

Dr. Grant introduced the above item and stated this was for consideration of an application to approve a Conceptual/Preliminary Site Plan for the proposed Hot Rods Steakhouse (SP 2020-01).

Chair Viegbesie asked if there were any public comments regarding this matter and there were none.

Commissioner Holt asked if there were any comments or questions on the site plan and asked if there were any from the Planning Commission and Ms. Jeglie went over the conditions and options.

Commissioner Holt said the representative for the owners said with outdoor dining there was a limit on parking, did they include outdoor dining, was there property available for increased parking or was the wetlands not allowing that?

Ms. Jeglie said the Representative indicated when they had the discussion in the Planning Commission briefly, there was an indication that the site was fairly maxed out as far as they could take parking and this was pre-Covid. Commissioner Holt asked the size of the parking spaces and Ms. Jeglie said it was 35, including two for handicap. Ms. Farris said if they were to expand, they would have to acquire land to the west of them.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

COMMISSIONER HINSON	YES
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR	YES
COMMISSIONER HOLT	YES
COMMISSIONER MORGAN	YES
CHAIR VIEGBESIE	YES

MOTION PASSED 5-0

14a Approval of the Proposal of Contract for Repairs for Little River Bridge

Dr. Grant introduced the above item and stated it was for Board approval of the proposed contract for the repairs for Little River Bridge (BR# 500045-CR 268 over Little River). Dr. Grant explained Anderson Columbia Co., Inc. submitted a proposal for \$748,795.70 to complete the necessary repairs of the bridge. Gadsden County was awarded \$2,272,345.00 from the Department of Economic Opportunity for bridge repairs for the Hutchinson Ferry Bridge and the Little River Bridge. The total cost to complete the Hutchinson Ferry Bridge is \$1,612,943.00; the remaining balance is \$659,4.2.00. Anderson Columbia submitted a proposal to complete the Little River Bridge repairs for a cost of \$748,795.70. The remaining balance is \$89,393.70. Staff is requesting the balance to be paid from the Public Works Right of Way Fund-112-0126-54400.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. CHAIR VIEGBIESIE CALLED FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE.

COMMISSIONER HINSON	YES
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR	YES
COMMISSIONER HOLT	YES
COMMISSIONER MORGAN	YES
CHAIR VIEGBESIE	YES

MOTION PASSED 5-0

GENERAL BUSINESS

14. Approval to Sell Surplus Equipment/Vehicles at Auction

Dr. Grant introduced the above item and stated it was for approval to sell surplus equipment, which was replaced or is no longer in service.

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

Commissioner Holt said she has brought this to the Board before, we were in a recession and headed into a depression and was a great idea to get rid of the equipment that was needed to be gotten rid of. She said they needed to look at the inventory closely and look at a 5-year lease/buy options. She said they would have to maintain the equipment and rotation and would not be bothered that much with lease/buy options. She asked where the vehicles would be auctioned at and hoped local citizens were notified and they would have a good chance at purchasing some of the equipment themselves.

CHAIR VIEGBESIE CALLED FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE.

COMMISSIONER HINSON	YES
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR	YES
COMMISSIONER HOLT	YES
COMMISSIONER MORGAN	YES
CHAIR VIEGBESIE	YES

MOTION PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Taylor asked where the funds would go from the sale of the surplus equipment and Dr. Grant said the funds would be subdivided and returned to General Funds and Public Works Fund.

15. Motorola Solutions Change Order Number 5

Dr. Grant introduced the above item and said it was presented for approval of the Motorola Solutions Change Order Number Four (**NOTE: Should be Number 5**) for materials, labor and services associated with civil work required at Prime (Jail), Midway (American Tower) and Peavy (SBA) sites. This is to include site work, fence, grounding, slab for shelter (provided by County) and/or the Generator (provided by County), electrical, telco, grubbing and rock, where required, ice bridge and crane. He added the fiscal impact total would be \$444,451.00 with an annual payment of \$66,566.00 starting November 15, 2020. He said the funding would be from General Funds and paid through the Towers and Rentals account.

Chair Viegbesie said this was just short of One Half Million Dollar change order and asked how this happened that it was so under estimated.

Allan Meeks, Facilities Manager, appeared remotely and said Debbie Giles should be on and could answer the questions.

Debbie Giles, Mobile Communications, appeared remotely to answer questions the Commissioners had regarding the Change Order. She said with the initial contract all tower and civil work was, at the request of staff at that time, to be conducted by County employees. Things have changed since then and one tower site was damaged from the hurricane and would

not hold the weight of the new equipment; that was the first change order requiring the new tower and the Dispatch Center equipment. This change order was to cover three of the sites that currently need site work to place the shelter, run electrical to it to bring it up. These were things that were pulled out of the original contract by Staff at that time that was going to be done by Gadsden County employees.

Commissioner Holt said she understood they had social distancing and could not have a room full of people, but felt this was one they needed to discuss a little. She said they need to schedule a workshop next week on this.

Chair Viegbesie said he would support that. He asked the Administrator to work with the Clerk's office to retrieve the Meeting minutes to have them available so they could review them and what conditions they were awarded under along with the Change Orders.

Commissioner Taylor said that was her summation as well. She added if there were some intentions that some of this be done in-house, they needed to look at that as well.

Commissioner Morgan said he would refrain the topic a little bit and advise the Board to reconsider some of the conversation. He said they knew from the beginning of this project, because they were solving a 30+ year old problem, not only for the Sheriff's Office but for the volunteer firefighters, EMT's and so many others who were responsible for the health, safety and well-being of the community, they could not communicate from one end of the County to the other, this was a project that . He further stated that this was a project that from 2016 to present, they knew they would have different moving parts and pieces even before having the challenges of Hurricane Michael, major changes in staffing and so many other obstacles on this project. He said the implication that this was not being done properly he did not see that in the least at all. He said they did not have the capability of County Staff to do some of the things that at one time thought they could do. He said they were 5-6/8ths of the way through the project to solve the problem and had so much invested into it, it was not a matter of whether or not they were going to finish it, it was how they were going to finish it. He said if there was going to be discussion, he had no problem with that, but felt they needed to approach it with the understanding that they have a major issue that they have been trying to solve the past 31/2 years. He said they need to schedule a timely workshop to get that done he did not have a problem but it was something they absolutely needed to do and was of the utmost importance and hadn't been for the past three years outside of how they were addressing the effect of Hurricane Michael and the situation with Covid-19.

Chair Viegbesie said the One-half Million-dollar change order was his concern. He could not recall that conversation.

Commissioner Holt said they could schedule a special meeting.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE REGARDING THIS MATTER AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE THE SECOND. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN.

COMMISSIONER HINSON	NO
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR	YES
COMMISSIONER HOLT	YES

COMMISSIONER MORGAN YES
CHAIR VIEGBESIE YES
MOTION PASSED 4-1 COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED

16. ~~Approval of Gov Easy Software CGA Proposal No. 20-3786 Agreement~~
Item Pulled

17. Approval and Execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Gadsden County School Board for Sheltering

Dr. Grant introduced the above item and stated it was for approval to execute an Interlocal Agreement for public schools and post-secondary education facilities for use as public hurricane evacuation shelters.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN.

COMMISSIONER HINSON YES
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR YES
COMMISSIONER HOLT YES
COMMISSIONER MORGAN YES
CHAIR VIEGBESIE YES

MOTION PASSED 5-0

CLERK OF COURT

18. Updates

Mr. Thomas was present and said they have discovered some issues that the Commissioners need to resolve. He said complete funding was not provided in this year's budget for items. First, for the Ag Center, it has funding from multiple sources, 1) \$1 Million appropriation from the State and have drawn down over \$900,000 ; 2) There is supposed to be a \$350,000 cash match to be provided by the County but was inadvertently omitted from the budget; 3) a \$707,000 loan that the County has with BB&T, which will subsequently get converted to a USDA loan; and then 4) there is a \$199,000 grant from USDA which will cover the costs of the Food Market/Farmers' Market. He said overall, a \$2.2 Million project that is missing from budget and was not appropriated was \$350,000 cash match, USDA required that the County spend it's required funding before they convert over to a USDA loan and before receiving the grant. He said he mentioned this at an earlier meeting that it appeared that way to give staff a chance to review and tell (Finance) if the money was somewhere else in the budget but it appeared the final answer was it was inadvertently omitted from the budget. He added this needed to be addressed quickly as they were well into the project; have commitments from the State and the Federal Government, which they have obligated themselves and for some reason was not included in the budget.

Commissioner Taylor recommended they tag that item with a special meeting and direct staff between now and then to identify where the funds are to come from so they can keep the project moving and to give the Clerk what he is looking for as far as direction in identifying the money.

Commissioner Holt asked if that was a motion.

Chair Viegbesie said to give direction to the County Administrator to work with the Clerk and Mr. Price to see how they could creatively come up with what they have committed to with consideration of what they have in the budget. Commissioner Taylor said to put that on the agenda and he said yes.

Mr. Thomas said the second problem was with the Shuttle Program. They have agreements with Big Bend Transit, City of Tallahassee and Havana. Both Havana and City of Tallahassee is providing money for the program and the County was provided an expense line item of \$200,000 but in the transfer from the General Fund was only \$100,000 transfer and was short \$100,000 in their obligation to the program as it was budgeted. He said they have already received from Star Metro and Havana nearly \$100,000 and they have fulfilled their obligation and it appeared the County had an obligation and did not provide all the money needed for it.

Chair Viegbesie asked if he was hearing him say right now the County was committed to \$450,000 that was not accounted for in the budget. Mr. Thomas said it appeared the County was committed to \$200,000 but only provided a transfer of \$100,000.

Chair Viegbesie said they were short \$100,000 plus the monies for the Ag Center and that was a total of about \$450,000.

Commissioner Holt asked if that item could be added to the Agenda as well.

Chair Viegbesie said they had to resolve the fiscal responsibilities and commitments that they have dug themselves into and need to find a way to dig themselves out of. Especially when it comes to the Shuttle when the other participants have met their end of it and the County was the originator of it, it behooved them to at least meet their end of what they have committed themselves to. Yes, it needed to be added to that discussion on the next Emergency Meeting and schedule the emergency meeting for 6:00 as soon as possible. Dr. Grant asked for a date and Commissioner Holt said the next Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Holt said they needed to really look at the Budget Department because items such as this should not be missed.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

19. Updates

Dr. Grant said they all should have a revised, updated budget calendar, they changed the special meetings to workshops.

He said the position on the County Administrator was advertised for thirty days and twelve applications were received and seven met the minimum requirements. Staff asked direction on how the Commissioners wished to move forward with the interviewing phase of the recruitment process.

Chair Viegbesie said his opinion was, since there were seven applicants, whatever the Commission wanted to do, did not see why all seven should not be called for an interview and the top three brought before the Board for an interview.

Commissioner Taylor said she concurred to interview all seven applicants since they met the minimum qualifications and preferred the top five.

Commissioner Holt said she would like to see all seven, they have had so many problems, she wanted to see all of them. She said they could take four one day and three another. She said they needed to do something and this was not working. She said she really wanted to see all the applications, whether they qualified or not and requested same. She wanted to see all seven because they really needed to sit down and work on this item.

Commissioner Hinson said he concurred with Chair Viegbesie to look at the top three.

Commissioner Morgan said to send out the information on the seven that were deemed qualified, let the Commissioner review the information and rank them independently and take the top three and do interviews.

Chair Viegbesie said if all seven was brought before them, he was fine with that; for all the information to be given to the Commissioners, let them to the selection and interviewing of the selected. He added he wondered why they had a HR department and was his opinion. He said whichever way it went, was fine with him.

Commissioner Taylor said she was willing to interview all seven and go with Commissioner Holt. Chair Viegbesie said he was flexible with that also.

Chair Viegbesie asked Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner Hinson if they were in agreement with all seven being interviewed, Commissioner Morgan was ok with it.

Chair Viegbesie said for them to make all seven applications available to the Commissioners; all seven be made available for interviews, to be split into two days; four one day and three the other day.

Commissioner Morgan said he did not see how this could be effectively be done by Zoom. They needed to have the meeting in a location where they all could fit due to the virus.

Commissioner Holt said they could have offices set up where the applicant met with the Commissioners individually. He asked the Administrator and HR to work out the logistics.

Commissioner Taylor said she had a call for concern about Atlanta Street and Highway 90 for a traffic light. She said if they were to do a survey in the area, there had been a vast number of accidents that have occurred at that corner to the point that make it would be looked at for a traffic light. She knew one had been asked for at Crawford and Pat Thomas Parkway and there had been no movement. She asked the Chair, since he represented them at CRTPA, if there was anything the Board needed to send along with him asking for more consideration or what they needed to do for a light.

Chair Viegbesie said he would be one to represent the Board at CRTPA and would work with the Interim Administrator and Public Works Director to work with CRTPA and FDOT to see what requirements they must have in order for that to be considered. Commissioner Taylor said they have some advantages because they have a Sheriff that is very close with the Governor and may need to tap into that and maybe put a formal letter together. She added for them to agenda that item and name the three roads that they wanted to be considered in the very near future to have the lights: Crawford at Pat Thomas Parkway in front of Walgreens; Atlanta Street and Highway 90 and, Pt. Milligan and State Road 12.

Commissioner Hinson asked to have two additional roads added-MLK in Midway and Highway 90 and MLK and Brickyard Road.

Chair Viegbesie asked the Administrator to take note of the roads mentioned and they will meet along with the Director of Public Works and put together some documentation and he can take that to CRTPA and FDOT. He then asked the Commissioners if they had any roads, they felt needed any traffic restraint devices, to give the list to the Administrator and he would work with CRTPA and FDOT to see what could be done to rectify the problems.

Commissioner Taylor said she has a guy that calls her once week and asked is the park open? Mr. Knowles said no, that was nothing they voted on, it was in the Resolution, they could address it. The Resolution specifically kept parks closed. Commissioner Taylor asked if there was a reason why, was this something the Governor was holding back on, because they had pretty much followed his recommendation as to how to re-open Florida. Mr. Knowles said he was unsure; things change every day with the Governor and he would look it up and get back with then. Commissioner Taylor asked if they could look at that on Friday.

Commissioner Taylor said with regard to the Public Hearings, they had two of them tonight; it was kind of mundane for the Chair to ask if there was anyone that had any input (when the public not having access due to the Covid-19 virus) and asked if it was legal the way it was handled because the public was limited. Mr. Knowles said the physical presence was not required so they were within the law.

Commissioner Taylor said she noticed they have two PIO's (Public Information Officers) and Dr. Grant said yes, at this time, they had a 30-day overlap and should be ending this week. She said they have had this vote several times and did not want to dive into the day-to-day...

Chair Viegbesie interrupted and said they had an overlap because of the technology between the permanent and the contracted. She asked if the position was advertised and was told yes. Commissioner Taylor said she was looking at the transition, hearing all this, people got raises galore and hoping when they select someone to come aboard, moving forward, whomever comes aboard will probably have to interview everyone all over again or would be her suggestion, because going out, some of these Administrators gave out lavish raises. She said she felt for Dr. Grant having to find \$450,000 without touching reserves because of the salaries and it was outrageous.

Commissioner Hinson said he echoed this last Friday, he asked the date of completion on the project in Midway off Brickyard Road. Dr. Grant asked if he was talking about State Road 268 and said it should be completed by the end of June.

He thanked him for addressing citizens on broadband issues and said a lot of people were staying home working and did not have access to the internet. He wanted to have a meeting on that infrastructure.

He said he also asked last week as they were focused on physical health, that they focus on mental health; May was Mental Health month and he wanted to have Dr. Cooksey with the Health Department to share information as it related to the community.

He asked for a workshop on EMS in Midway. He said the Board made a bold move to bring EMS into Midway and Staff decided upon themselves to remove the EMS from Midway without Board approval. He asked what happened to the money, did it go back into budget?

Commissioner Taylor said not sure if this comment was to the County Administrator, the Commissioners, the Health Department or the Sheriff's Department, she thought the way they set up and implemented the testing site was done very professional and ran very smoothly. She said the only thing she heard people were asking was how people could get test results in writing and Dr. Cooksey did a miraculous job in answering.

Commissioner Taylor asked they do recommendations for the Sheriff Department and the Health Department in the very near future.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

20. Updates

Mr. Knowles said he had no comments and was available for questions if there were any.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

21. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Eric Hinson, District 1

Commissioner Hinson thanked all the students that graduated this weekend and the parents and teachers and the community as a whole.

He said he had a student, Tony Bunion, Jr, that wrote a book, "Breaking the Cycle" and could not wait to receive it and read it.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said he had no comments.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Vice Chair, District 4

Commissioner Holt said FDOT has grants they give out, some for beautification and safety, and asked Dr. Grant to look into it.

There was a gentleman in one of the meetings regarding on one of the towers in Havana she thought, and the felt they needed to look into these things quickly.

She asked for a presentation or some data regarding a lease/buy options with FDOT and vehicles and Road and Bridge to look at savings and in-house servicing on vehicles should be mandatory. She said for regular services like oil changes, etc., but for specialty items they could send out.

She said with the shelter at the hospital, there was one item that was brought up, they need to look at any renovation monies out there, it should be in the form of a hospital and hopefully they would not renovate something for an open areas and then decide to put beds in later and have to re-renovate that area.

Initial contract on tower-if Motorola has that, they need a copy to look at that to compare what they are going to say the other one-half Million dollars will be for compared to what they were doing under the original contract.

Library-she asked if there was a metal roof on it currently and said she could not remember. She said this company was going to do shingles. She said metal roofs were supposed to be an improvement.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor had nothing to report on.

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

Chair Viegbesie echoed the comment from Commissioner Hinson on wishing the graduates of Gadsden County well.

He said to the citizens of the County to please fill out their 2020 Census or go to the website and complete it. He said that was one of the ways the County received money from the State and Federal government as it was based on population, so he asked that the citizens to that so they could have access to more money to be able to take care of some of the problems what there was no money for.

He asked that everyone, individually and family, to prepare for hurricane season while the County did the same thing.

Receipt and File

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
June 11, 2020-Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR VIEGBESIE DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:29 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FL

**ANTHONY VIEGBESIE, Chair
Board of County Commissioners**

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk