

AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JUNE 12, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M., THE
FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:

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

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Holt called the meeting to Order at 1:07 p.m., asked for a moment of silence and then asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD (3-Minute Limit)

Due to COVID-19 and the efforts of the 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.

The Board of County Commissioners would like to thank everyone for their patience and flexibility during this time.

Dr. Grant read aloud the COVID-19 statement for the public.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. COVID-19 Resolution 2020-28 Update

Mr. Knowles stated the only change was on the date and changed the curfew time to 11:59 instead of 12 Midnight to off-sway confusion.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO CHANGE THE MANDATORY MASKS TO STRONGLY RECOMMEND AND MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AND VICE CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND.

VICE CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE.

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| COMMISSIONER TAYLOR | YES |
| COMMISSIONER HINSON | YES |
| COMMISSIONER MORGAN | NO |
| VICE CHAIR HOLT | YES |

CHAIR VIEGBESIE NOT PRESENT

MOTION PASSED 3-1

Commissioner Taylor said they were to discuss the insurance issue whether they could use that today and was not sure if they were ready for that and they were to briefly discuss if they were ready to open the meetings to the public.

Vice Chair Holt said the last item was to be discussed the next Friday.

Mr. Knowles said he has done some research after consulting with Dr. Grant and the carrier, and the information was on a thumb drive it was so large, but they were under the impression they should not use those insurance funds to cover shortfalls, in addition to the fact that that construction that the funds came from was still ongoing, if they expended those funds and do not finish the project, the money not properly budgeted and something else happened to the building, the insurance carrier may not cover any future damages. He did not believe it would be prudent to use those funds for that particular purpose and should keep those funds where they were and try to find another funding source if the Board so chose to do so.

Vice Chair Holt said that was why she was asking for a report on all facilities dealing with insurance because they have to know what was there, what was left and what they could still use. She asked the attorney that it was his opinion that they should wait on those funds and not look at using them for other uses and he stated he did not believe they should use those insurance funds for this purpose (for the \$350,000 for the AG Center). He said it could pre-create too many problems down the line for the County; insurance issues, liability issues, the funds were still encumbered and the County did not have the full \$350,000 from the insurance money, it would be only a portion, if they were to use those funds. He did think it was prudent for the Budget Director, the County Administrator and himself or whomever to get together and present alternative options for the Commissioners to decide where to draw the funds from.

Commissioner Taylor concurred with the attorney; the Budget Director needed to find other funding sources so they could meet their obligation. Commissioner Morgan said he would second that along with Vice Chair Holt.

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| COMMISSIONER TAYLOR | YES |
| COMMISSIONER HINSON | YES |
| COMMISSIONER MORGAN | YES |
| VICE CHAIR HOLT | YES |
| CHAIR VIEGBESIE | NOT PRESENT |

MOTION PASSED 4-0

Commissioner Hinson said one thing he wanted to address was broadband and infrastructure. He brought this up four years ago and now with people working from home, broadband needed to be addressed.

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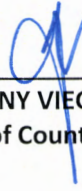
Vice Chair Holt said she could barely hear him and asked if he had spoken with the Manager regarding this. He said he had along with his constituents.

Vice Chair Holt said for him to get with the Manager and have this placed on the agenda.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, VICE CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:18 P.M.

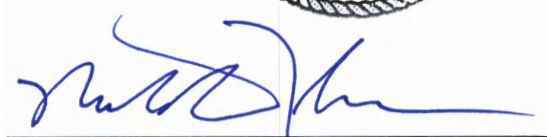
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ANTHONY VIEGBESIE, Chair
Board of County Commissioners



ATTEST:



NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk