

AT A DISASTER RECOVERY WORKSHOP OF
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY,
FLORIDA ON JULY 29, 2020 AT 1:00 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
Dr. Henry Grant, Interim County Administrator
Clayton Knowles, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Viegbesie welcomed everyone to the workshop and called it to order at 1:06 p.m. He asked for a moment of silence and then led in 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@gadscencountyfl.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. Viegbesie read the COVID-19 statement aloud.

There were no emails to be addressed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Final Comments on Overall Spending Plan Contents

Gary Yates, from Integrity, appeared before the Board. He said there were a couple of changes to mention. He said one was loans for businesses and not only providing them a grant opportunity, also consult with them on ways to fortify, grow their business and become more solid in the community. He said Integrity did a couple of things, they were adding information to the portal along with links and information geared towards helping small businesses in Gadsden County. He said they added \$150,000 for the Gadsden County Development Council to start taking applications being received in the portal or manual submissions that would be collected, start working with the applicants and providing them advice on how to better fortify their business. He said the other change was already in the plan. He said it was the Workforce Training Program. He stated there was a possibility for FEMA reimbursement down the road and there were other projects that would be eligible for HUD funding.

Chair Viegbesie asked if any Commissioners had any questions.

Commissioner Holt asked to go through the changes one by one to see what had been done. with CARES Act.

Mr. Yates said the first item was Small Business Assistance Program Grants. He said the portal was built and the application was ready to go, to start receiving those grants. He said Frederica would work with some people, and the Commission assigning two people per district and the City of Quincy would have two people to be the outreach group to get the applications out. He said the first project was \$1.2 Million and would be for small businesses.

Commissioner Holt asked if that was if the person that was affected was a tenant that brought in the paperwork and Mr. Yates said it was written to be for a landlord to convey to the County, they had delinquent accounts, (tenants that had not paid rent) and money would be provided to the landlord to cover their losses.

Commissioner Holt she was asking about the Mom's and Pop's thing. If they were renting out a relative's house, were there minimum requirements, and stated the requirement deadline to apply should be in the application. She said there was a no eviction mandate and if they did not meet the qualifications, there would be a possible eviction sitting at the courthouse.

Mr. Yates said they would need to identify specific criteria for landlord and renter issues. He said the Mortgage Assistance Program was in addition to and was specifically for those with a late mortgage or rent payments and would be where the tenant would apply. He said a landlord could tell a tenant they were delinquent in rent and there was a grant program they could apply for to get rent money.

Commissioner Holt said she had a phone call from a landlord and they said the tenant was already moving and had not applied and they could not get their money. Mr. Yates said that was why Integrity liked the idea of having a duplicate application and they would make sure there were no duplicate payments but wanted it worked from both angles. Commissioner Holt said she thought the amount should be up to at least \$5,000.

Chair Viegbesie wanted to make sure there were safeguards in place so tenants could apply for late payments and landlord could apply for delinquent payments so there were no duplicate payments. Mr. Yates said that protocol would be in place so there were no duplicate grant awards.

Dr. Grant asked, when the application said, up to \$5,000 or \$3,000, was that per tenant, and Mr. Yates said yes, it would have to be per location.

Mr. Knowles said a scenario would be, there was a 3-bedroom house, all tenants were on the lease, how would Integrity prevent all from trying to collect.

Commissioner Holt said however the lease was stated was how much the landlord lost and was based on the delinquency of the lease.

Mr. Knowles asked if the word household should be used instead. Commissioner Holt said if there was no lease agreement, they would not get paid.

Fredricka Hamilton appeared before the Board and suggested the particular item be directed toward the physical location with a number and street and that should remedy any issue. She stated if there needed to be a spot check done, that would be the easiest way. Mr. Yates said that if there was no lease, they would not be eligible for the grant.

Commissioner Holt said some people had an oral lease and Mr. Yates said that would require an attestation.

Commissioner Taylor said School Board had a program similar to this and money was always paid directly to the vendor for better tracking. She wanted to make it part of the language. She thought the checks should be made payable to whomever was owed and did not think tenants should be getting the checks.

Chair Viegbesie commended that train of thought. He said he thought that would be the fairest tracking for checks and balances in case of an audit.

Commissioner Holt said there was nothing she saw that said rent or utility money would go to a tenant, and she thought it had to go to the person it was owed to.

Chair Viegbesie said he thought it was something that needed to be conveyed to the applicant.

Ms. Hamilton re-appeared before the Board and said it could be the Counties checks and balances also, if there was an application from a landlord and a tenant from the same address to confirm the money was owed.

Mr. Yates confirmed they would never cut a check to just the tenant, it would go to the person who had been damaged. Commissioner Holt said things that were not allowed should be in bold print. She said she was more concerned about the other side of things. She said if a landlord had to rely on a tenant to apply in order to get rent money, that would not work and the landlord needed a way to go after their own funding.

Commissioner Holt said she was now looking at the Residence Assistance Program. She said it was at \$2.3 Million and asked what day it would go back to. Mr. Yates said it went back to March 1, 2020. She said a household of 5 or less would be eligible for \$3,000 and 6 or more \$5,000. Mr. Yates said those amounts were up to the Board and they could be modified. Commissioner Holt wanted it looked at, because \$600.00 a month for 5 people concerned her. Mr. Yates said the amounts were fairly consistent with other Counties, State-wide.

Chair Viegbesie said he thought \$3,000 for 5 or less and \$5,000 for 6 or more was reasonable.

Commissioner Holt asked if a large number of people were affected, because the Commission did not see them. She further questioned if they lost their job, were they reporting to the unemployment office. She said forms could still be filled out to get utilities taken care of.

Mr. Yates said they were trying to get away from people using the money for things other than paying utilities. Commissioner Holt said if a majority of the money would be going to utilities for 6-months, that would not leave much for food and other things and it may need to be increased.

Mr. Yates asked if every applicant received \$5,000, how many applicants would that take care of, and Ms. Hamilton said 460 applicants.

Chair Viegbesie said the more that was added to the \$2.3 Million, was less the County would have for other aspects and projects they wanted to cover.

Commissioner Holt said she disagreed on the fact that if the applicant was given \$3,000 and took out \$250-\$300 a month for an electric bill, they could turn around and say they still did not have a job. She thought money should be moved around.

Mr. Yates said on the utility issue, he was thinking a governmental entity and the priority should be for the Municipalities or Counties, not for Talquin.

Commissioner said she agreed, because the larger companies had ways of going after their own money on the Federal level and did not need part of this Counties money. She said she was trying to figure out how to help as many people as possible. She thought having a sworn statement added was needed and Mr. Yates said it would be.

Mr. Yates said what the Board was proposing was about the same as other counties were doing.

Commissioner Taylor had questions on the first 3 items. She said the first was Small Business Assistance. She said there was delinquent rent payment up to \$3,000, and the third project had mortgage and rent assistance and it was the same thing in two different places. Mr. Yates said the difference was the first was landlords with delinquent rent payments, and it came out of the County appropriation for CARES Act and the second one she mentioned was coming from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. He said a tenant could apply in the second one she mentioned and they would make sure there were no duplicate payments being made and the landlord could apply under the first one she mentioned.

Commissioner Taylor said that was confusing because all the categories were under the CARES Act, but with the mortgage and rent he was identifying a different program for the funding. She asked if the County was expecting that to come from a different pot or if it was coming out of the CARES Act.

Dr. Grant said \$240,000 did come from CARES but not the CARES Act Funding that was being discussed. He said it was money the County received out of the SHIP Program. He said it was there so there was no duplication. Commissioner Taylor said it was still part of the \$8 Million.

Mr. Yates said the total was \$8.3 Million and that included the \$240,000 from Florida Housing.

Commissioner Taylor asked if there were different criteria to access those dollars. She asked if the tenant that was delinquent said who the landlord or mortgage holder was before they applied for the funding because the problem of the individual receiving the funds. She thought the tenant should initiate the process but when it came to distribution, it should be given differently.

Mr. Yates said Integrity agreed with that and it was for getting caught up on a mortgage or rent.

Chair Viegbesie said his understanding was the \$240,768 was what SHIP would be handling and Mr. Yates said that was correct. He said SHIP would be a player in that and

he thought the Board could modify those because they money was allocated to Gadsden County SHIP.

Chair Viegbesie asked Mr. Yates to find out for sure and email that answer to the Commissioners and the Administrator.

Commissioner Taylor said, concerning the Resident Assistant Grant, she was not sure what it was covering. She said she knew it was supposed to be for utilities, food, and she asked if there were any other programs that had already happened to implement. She asked how to verify that particular things were done and she also asked what the Board was talking about paying out of the grant dollars besides utilities and food. She wondered if there was a conflict, because a lot of Federal programs were offering food stamps and rental assistance.

Commissioner Holt said with \$3,000, utilities would come out and the balance left, would be to make up for some of the things they lost while unemployed and it would be up to that person to make the choice.

Commissioner Taylor asked how to make sure people did what they should have with the money and if it needed to be documented.

Mr. Yates said the County did not need to document and each applicant was not going to be audited. The intent was to provide funding to households that were impacted by COVID-19.

Commissioner Taylor said she wanted to see that in writing because she heard on numerous occasions the County would be audited if the money was not spent correctly.

Mr. Yates stated the audit would look at the criteria and the protocol used. He said they would not be talking to the individuals who applied to verify where the money was spent.

Commissioner Taylor said she reduced Small Business to \$1 Million and said the Resident Assistance Program was a great program but she wished there was something that could be put into place regarding what could be purchased with this money. She thought it was too loose for her.

Commissioner Morgan joined the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

Commissioner Holt said she was not sure the Board could enforce any criteria. The Board could say it was for living expenses but it was not money generated by the County.

Mr. Yates said the County may need to articulate to the applicants the purpose of the grant was to provide for their family to pay household expenses but he did not think it was enforceable. He thought communication of the intent would be a good idea.

Chair Viegbesie stepped out at 2:09 p.m.

Mr. Yates said he was not sure if the County should ask them to sign something attesting that they were only spending it for those purposes, because it could get hairy.

Chair Viegbesie returned at 2:10 p.m.

Dr. Grant said in connection with what was being discussed, could it not be part of the application process what the intended use of the funds were for, and the Commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Holt said she was looking to get the hospital buildout done to cover the County with telemedicine and hopefully get help from the School Board as well. She said she did not know if the \$950,000 was enough to get everything started with hotspots. Mr. Yates said the \$950,000 was the County's portion and the school Superintendent had expressed interest in working with the Board. He thought the additional funding for Phase 1, may have participation from them.

Commissioner Holt said she would like to see Phase 1 put in place even if the School Board did not help. Mr. Yates said the CARES Act piece could be supplemented with some FEMA funding and he thought the County could get to the \$1 Million mark, if not, more.

Commissioner Morgan said the Board could not control how the individual spent money sent to them. He said The Integrity Group was hired to ensure the funds were properly disbursed. He said it was no different from the stimulus checks sent out by the U.S. Treasury.

Commissioner Holt stepped out at 2:16 p.m.

Commissioner Morgan said he had a question on the first page of the project list, concerning the Business Program, he understood there were funds to be disbursed to GCDC to assist with the Small Business Program at \$150,000. He asked if those funds would be listed on the first page.

Mr. Yates said the \$150,000 was on the first page under the Mortgage and Rental Assistance Program. He said it would be not only helping businesses but helping business that were impacted financially, but they would also get consultation on registration and things they needed to do to improve their standing in the community as a business. He said the idea would be that council would provide that service to go out to applicants and consult with them on ideas about improving businesses.

Commissioner Holt returned at 2:18 p.m.

Commissioner Morgan said there was previous discussion that money would go to GCDC and the Gadsden Chamber and the Big Bend Chamber, he thought it was \$100,000 to each organization.

Mr. Yates said that number was modified to a total of \$150,000 for them to split at \$50,000 each.

Commissioner Morgan thought there was an additional \$150,00 for GCDC. Mr. Yates said the \$150,000 was the total going to GCDC and the additional funding they were speaking of was funding the County could utilize for each district to have two individuals that would do outreach to residents to get applications.

Commissioner Morgan said the total of \$150,000, three organizations were getting \$50,000 each and Mr. Yates said that was correct.

Commissioner Hinson said the big needs were broadband because the kids were about to start school and parents were still working from home. He said there were immediate needs like the hospital. He said those needed to be address and then the Board could address the small stuff. He stated the County just purchased two EMS ambulances and hoped they could address two more in the future.

Chair Viegbesie said he did not know if Commissioner Hinson had access to the spreadsheet, and Commissioner Hinson said he did. Chair Viegbesie said CARES was COVID-19 related and had to be spent immediately and the other long-term programs like bridges and roads were spread out between HUD and FEMA.

Commissioner Hinson said he did not understand why Chair Viegbesie was talking about bridges and roads and did not know if Chair understood what broadband was. He said people were working from home and kids were starting school and the Board needed to address broadband now. He further stated the Board should have had a meeting before this meeting.

Commissioner Taylor wanted to address something Commissioner Morgan said. She said intent was only to let them know what funding was for, not where to spend it. Commissioner Taylor said she was looking at few things. She said GCDC looked like they were doing Integrity's job with regards to processing applications and boots on the ground. She said if they were responsible for hands-on with the applicants, it seemed Integrity's only job was to build portals so people could put applications in online. She asked what Integrity would be doing for \$800,000 if they were subcontracting some of their responsibilities. She asked what the Big Bend Minority Chamber was. Mr. Knowles said he thought Antonio Jefferson was part of that organization and Chair Viegbesie said he thought Mr. Jefferson was part of GCDC he thought the Minority Business Enterprise was not in Gadsden County but had a presence in Leon County. He thought the chamber had a minority for small business and it was part of the chamber.

Commissioner Holt said the County did not have a minority chamber and nothing to do with the regular chamber that was minority. She said every time the word minority was brought up; people were afraid to vote for it.

Commissioner Taylor said she was not in favor of giving \$150,000. She said the County had given GCDC and Chamber money to do outreach into the community. She said she was concerned with spending money and no-one could tell her about Big Bend Minority Chamber in this County, but the Board was getting ready to give them \$50,000. She was told Antonio Jefferson was part of it, but he was also part of GCDC, and asked if that was a conflict. She stated whatever help was given should come out of Integrity's fees because it was part of the process they were hired for.

Mr. Yates said GCDC would have no part in the application process or payment. He said the concept would be GCDC would take over communicating with businesses that applied and work with them on how the business could be shown up with the right state entity, insurance issues and those kinds of things that would not be part of the CARES Act or FEMA. He said it would be additional services that could be provided and it was suggested that group may be in a position to do that. He said Integrity was not advocating that to be critical or not, they were just bringing it to the Boards attention.

Commissioner Taylor said if it was not part of the CARES Act, where was the \$150,000 coming from to pay them.

Mr. Yates said the CARES Act could pay for that but it was not part of the spreadsheet.

Commissioner Holt asked where it was listed on the spreadsheet. Mr. Yates said it was added that morning and was an additional \$150,000 on page one, above broadband.

Commissioner Holt said she wanted to propose something to the Board. She said there was the Health Department doing testing and Gadsden County Community Health Council. She said she went to both on the Saturdays they were testing people and they needed funding because they had been doing it for weeks. She stated if she was going to put any money out, it would be on the people already working. She agreed with Commissioner Hinson on the hospital issue. She said the County had to have an Architect and a Project Manager that built hospitals. She said ACHA would inspect each stage of the development and would definitely need to be in phases.

Mr. Knowles said Commissioner Hinson could not hear the workshop and Commissioner Morgan... Chair Viegbesie interrupted and asked Dr. Grant where IT was in getting the communication working. Dr. Grant said they were working on it.

Mr. Knowles said there was a question from Commissioner Morgan concerning broadband, and he asked how could Broadband Phase II be implemented by December 31, 2020 to qualify for the CARES Act.

Chair Viegbesie said broadband was in Phase I, Phase II and III were funded by HUD and FEMA. Commissioner Morgan said the \$950,000 would be spent for just Phase I. He said while the Board was on Broadband, the Board needed to be thinking of initial investment dollars and IT needed to be brought into the conversation.

Commissioner Holt said she was concerned if the initial stage was enough and wanted to make sure the County covered that. She said they could come back and adjust the numbers.

Yates said \$950,000 was CARES Act money and would hopefully cover Phase I, but if it did not, the Board could also bring in FEMA money in to facilitate. He stated The Integrity Group needed to be writing projects now for FEMA and also applying for HUD.

Commissioner Holt said she was worried about medical and the communication side.

Commissioner Hinson said the Board need to figure out their top 2-3 projects they needed to hit. His thought was 1) Broadband 2) Hospital 3) homeless issue. He said the Board needed to have someone come in to discuss the cost of broadband. He said it was hard for students who were given a computer but had no internet services, or an Aunt working from home and had no services. He said the Board did not need to talk about HUD or FEMA anymore because it was confusing residents and the Board needed to stay focused on CARES Act.

Chair Viegbesie said when looking at the Agenda, it said they would focus on the CARES Act column.

Commissioner Taylor told Ms. Hamilton what concerned her the most. She said she was good with the Small Business Assistant program of \$1.2 Million, and wanted the language to say no money would go to the individual but instead to the landlord or the mortgage company. She said she was good with the Resident Assistance Program and she thought the mortgage and rent program needed to go back over to SHIP because it had its own specific criteria. She said she was okay with broadband and agreed with Commissioner Hinson that it was a priority.

Commissioner Taylor said on page 3 of 9, there was Gadsden Non-Profit Organization Mobilization Program for \$120,000. She did not know who was going to be mobilizing, and saw there were two staff members with a possibility of hiring some people and she was okay with that but thought HR needed to look at it.

Commissioner Taylor said, with regards to the Hospital buildout, she was glad it went up from \$200,000 to \$500,000. She wanted \$800,000 for the item for equipment as well as the buildout. She said she talked with the Health Department and Emergency Management and something was needed now for the event that shelter was needed. She stated the rest of that page she was good with. She said on page 4 of 9, food banks had produced around the County and were not slowing down. She did not think food distribution was needed on the CARES Act. She said she liked the recovery efforts. She asked if the \$775,000 was to recoup some of the costs the County accrued starting in March and going to December.

Mr. Yates said the \$775,000 was for Integrity.

Chair Viegbesie said he did not think that was the question. He thought Commissioner Taylor was asking if all of the expenditures the County had accrued during the COVID-19 Emergency since March would be reimbursed but Commissioner Taylor said Mr. Yates answered her question.

Commissioner Taylor asked the attorney concerning Integrity, if there was a way to renegotiate the fee because \$800,000 was a lot. She said there was talk about HUD and FEMA, but Integrity wanted all of their dollars out of the CARES Act. She asked for that to be looked at and stated she would like an answer reported to her. She said she saw money for disinfectant equipment listed many times.

Mr. Yates said the City of Quincy made that request to the County for \$173,000 from CARES and more from FEMA. Mr. Yates said FEMA money was available and a lot of the things the City asked for were perfect for FEMA funding and thought the CARES money should be saved if FEMA could be used.

Commissioner Taylor said if the County got a grant for \$300,000, and it was to take care of a certain areas, and the money was distributed. She asked how it could be brought back and asked for reimbursement on a grant.

Mr. Yates said if the money came from the Federal Government or State, there would not be a reimbursement, but if the City of Quincy issued the grants because of COVID-19, that would be reimbursable.

Commissioner Taylor said Integrity put the \$300,000 in and said they were very reliable, refundable items and now said the origin of the \$200,000 needed to be looked at first. Ms. Hamilton said in regards to the Quincy cost, their cost related to COVID was anywhere from \$660,000-\$770,000. She said the line items captured the specific items and some items could be funded under FEMA versus the CARES Act, or they may be

interchangeable and were presented for presentation purposes on behalf of the City of Quincy.

Chair Viegbesie asked if some of the request from Quincy were grants the city was funded, why was the Board reimbursing Quincy for an expenditure that was covered by a grant.

Jack McLean said the \$350,000 was not grant money, it was city dollars.

Commissioner Taylor said she would yield.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at 3:09 p.m.

Commissioner Holt asked if the County was looking at extra legal expenses for the attorney and Mr. Yates said they were concerned there would be additional fees related to COVID-19 and it was an eligible CARES expense and the only thing CARES would not pay for were settlements, but anything related to COVID-19 was covered. He thought the request was to provide a cushion.

Commissioner Holt asked, concerning the Sheriff's Department communications, was that not covered under Motorola. Mr. Yates said he understood there would be additional requirements for the communication tools as well as a reconfiguration of the Dispatch Center, to provide social distancing and technology to facilitate that. Commissioner Holt said that needed to be outlined and Dr. Grant said as they went through projects there would be greater detail provided. He said they had all come out of wish lists.

Commissioner Holt asked, concerning Child Care Assistance Program on page 3, was it what was being done under any of the other grant programs and what was the breakdown of that \$50,000 and if it was not needed, it could be under Small Business. Commissioner Holt asked if the fogger was for the Board because she saw it said it was for the courts and she requested one for the buildings and she did not see one for that.

Commissioner Taylor returned at 3:12 p.m.

Dr. Grant said it was a request from the Court and the Board would be under a different category.

Commissioner Holt asked where the fogger was listed. Mr. Yates said it was on page 3. She said the County needed theirs now and arrangements should be made to get it. She stated it was on page 4, and that was where the fogger would come from.

Commissioner Hinson said the Board needed to increase the amount when talking about the homeless to about \$100,000, maybe more.

Mr. Yates said the Board would decide the numbers and the money had to be spent by December 30, 2020. He said the Board could continue to do some programs with FEMA funding after the first of the year.

Chair Viegbesie asked to have a mark put on that and when the final document was presented for discussion, make sure the numbers were looked at and would reflect \$100,000 for homeless.

Commissioner Taylor asked about \$300,000 for Quincy. She said she found the funding source and it was CRA. She said it was part County and part City money and she wanted to make sure there was no conflict. She said \$775,000 coming out of the CARES money to pay Integrity was not how it should be done. She said if there were three different pots

of money, it should be divided out between all three and it would free up money in CARES. She said she did not have a problem with the Gadsden Community Health Council but had a problem with the explanation of what they were using it for. She closed by asking the Commissioners to consider raising the bottom line for the hospital build out.

Jack McLean re-appeared before the Board remotely. He said yes, the dollars were local CRA dollars and when the grant was received, it would be returned to the CRA.

Commissioner Taylor told Mr. McLean it was an expenditure that Quincy chose to do and she commended it, but to look for reimbursement from the entity that paid it out to the City initially was overreaching. She did not question the legality of it, she questioned the perception.

Commissioner Taylor left the workshop at 3:30 p.m.

Commissioner Holt said Counties did not win against CRA's because they came through the Legislature for the designations. She said that would have to be fought with lobbies. She was concerned there was nothing in the plan designated if a hurricane hit, where people would go. She said there was a large amount of mobile homes in the area and they would have to go somewhere.

Chair Viegbesie said if the County could spend CARES money, and look into getting a contractor and getting a design really quick, would be a good idea.

Commissioner Holt said to let them look at that and see what the possibilities were. She said there was a new population of people that would have to be housed somewhere and she did not see that on the spreadsheet. She said a certain amount of marketing dollars that had not been spent, could be used telling people to have an evacuation and sheltering plan. She said the County needed a plan, something in place where there were choices in case someone was sick and to keep the elderly safe and separate from positive cases. She said they needed to make sure the County could cover people in nursing homes. She stated the County needed in-house testing and quick turnaround testing for County employees.

Mr. Yates said those were excellent points. He said there was money in the grant for two people from each district and the City of Quincy, to go out with information. He thought the tough one was figuring out the three sites and how they could become operational ASAP. He said his opinion was the hospital buildout would not be able to be done by December 30, 2020, but there may be things with the \$600,000 to get the building equipped to be a possible temporary shelter.

Commissioner Holt said the Eye Associates was on the right-hand side of hospital but during a hurricane, they would be closed, and there was still some space in there.

Chair Viegbesie said the Administrator and Mr. Meeks and the Architect had a walk-through with Emergency Management at the hospital. Commissioner Holt said that was not the same thing, there needed to be an architect that specialized in hospitals.

Dr. Grant said the Chair was talking about something temporary for the shelter and what Commissioner Holt was referring to would not be a shelter this year.

3. Final Comments on Resident and Business Grant Eligibility Standards

a. **Consensus on Grant Eligibility Standards**

4. Next Steps

a. **CARES Plan to be finalized by The Integrity Group**

b. **BOCC to formally approve plan at the July 31st Emergency Meeting**

c. **County to submit plan to FDEM by August 4, 2020**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

With no further discussion to be heard, Chair Viegbesie adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

**ANTHONY O. VIEGBESIE, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners**

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk