

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON SEPTEMBER 15, 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 welcomed everyone and called it to order at 6:02 p.m.; asked everyone to bow their heads in a moment of silence and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

**AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Dr. Grant asked to pull Item 7 as the information was incomplete and Items 12 and 13 as DOT sent in more requirements that needed to be fulfilled before the bids could be issued.

*Commissioner Taylor arrived at 6:04 p.m.*

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

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

**CONSENT**

**COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND AND ASKED TO PULL ITEMS 3 AND 4 FOR DISCUSSION. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

1. **Approval of the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Annual Report**
2. **Approval and Signature(s) for Satisfaction of Special Assessment Lien State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Housing Rehabilitation Program or Emergency (ER) Program**
3. **~~Appointment to the Circuit 2 Alliance Community Action Team (Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla)~~**  
Pulled for Discussion
4. **~~Commission Appointment/Reappointment to the Inmate Commissary and Welfare Funds Committee~~**  
Pulled for Discussion

**5. Gadsden County Public Works Department Warehouse Bid Award**

**ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**3. Appointment to the Circuit 2 Alliance Community Action Team (Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla)**

Commissioner Morgan said they needed to be specific on who they were approving for the appointment or re-appointment.

**COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER HINSON AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.**

**4. Commission Appointment/Reappointment to the Inmate Commissary and Welfare Funds Committee**

**COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER HINSON 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](mailto:CitizensToBeHeard@gadsdencountyfl.gov) and anticipate receiving a response within 48 hours.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**6. Public Hearing-Quasi-Judicial-Antietam Wireless Services, LLC, SR 12, Havana Highway Communications Tower Conceptual/Preliminary Site Plan (SP-2020-04) with two Deviations**

Dr. Grant introduced the above item and said it was presented to the Board for consideration of a request for approval of a 250' tall, self-supporting communication tower requesting 2 deviations from setback requirements of Section 5800 Communication Towers of the Land Development Code.

**Diane Quigley, Growth Management Director**, appeared before the Board and was sworn in by the Deputy Clerk. She then gave a brief description of the agenda item.

Chair Viegbesie then said he had emails from citizens requesting to be heard that were in favor of the tower and proceeded to read each one out loud.

**Dana Oaks**

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE approve the construction of a new Verizon tower. I cannot sit in my living room and get good reception on my Verizon iPhone. I have to go out on our back deck.

**Kelly Russell**

I am in favor of the proposed Verizon tower on Hwy 12. I live at Lake Tallavana and cannot get a reliable signal from any carrier. I require an internet booster to use my cellphone. When the power goes out I do not have any service which is a safety issue. I hope you approve this vital link to our area. Thank you.

**Dale Fuller, Realtor**

I am writing to request your approval of the Antietam/Verizon tower on SR 12. I moved to Lake Tallavana in 2012 and service was good but is no longer.

I am a realtor and not being able to say that there is good cell service is a detriment to selling real estate in this area of Havana.

**Bill Wert**

Please vote for the new cell tower. The service in the Reston subdivision is terrible. We are lucky to get one bar. Vote yes.

**Judy Ashley**

I have lived in the Lake Tallavana area for the past year. The cell coverage in this area is pitiful! While I'm not sure what the variances entail, having better cell coverage would be greatly appreciated. Verizon usually has the best coverage anywhere in the country, but around here...I'm lucky to see one bar on my phone. Dropped calls can be extremely annoying, too.

**Sandra Hopkins**

Please consider voting in favor of the new cell tower on SR 12. We are in great need of reliable internet service and with the increase usage of the existing system a new tower would be a great help.

Thank you for your service and please help us get some assistance.

**Don Stewart**

"Honorable Commissioners,  
I'm sure that all of you are aware that the residents in rural Gadsden County are very much subject to the Digital Divide. We have poor or no High Speed Internet (HIS) and less than stellar cellular service. The COVID-19 pandemic stay at home/work from home requirements has served to emphasize our Digital poverty.

If we want to have more business and the capability for adults and students to work from home we must address this issue. Gadsden County deserves and businesses want quality HIS and cellular service.

I have followed closely the application for 3 cellular towers this year and have concluded that Gadsden County's Communication Tower Ordinance is likely a deterrent to Cellular companies expanding in the county. It at very least slows progress. It needs to be revised and has not even reviewed since 2014.

From talking to industry representatives I've learned that it may very well be the most restrictive ordinance in the State and presents unnecessary challenges to any cellular company

that wants to put more towers in Gadsden County. I have compared it to our Big Sister County of Leon and Gadsden County's ordinance is much more restrictive and cumbersome. The Fifth Generation (5G) of Cellular technology that the companies are filling the airways with ads about now will eventually make it to Gadsden County. 5G will require more towers closer together and our current ordinance is inadequate to deal with that.

I have heard members of this commission many times express the desire to attract business to Gadsden County and I know from your recent actions you desire to be better prepared for the next pandemic or hurricane. To these ends I request that you direct the Planning Department and the Planning Commission to hold one or more Workshop/s seeking input from Cellular Tower providers, their representatives and subcontractors, the business community, environmentalists and other interested citizens to create a Communications Tower Ordinance for Gadsden County for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.  
Sincerely,"

**Lelani Osmin**

"Dear County Commissioners:

Gadsden County First Responders are in need of assistance.

Over 3 years ago Gadsden County started down the path of upgrading our Public Safety Radio System. This is a very important project that should have taken no more than a year to put everything into place and have the system up and running.

Firefighters and other first responders from across the county are in desperate need of this new radio system to be completed and put online.

Our County needs this new radio system built out completely and put online. It will greatly benefit our first responders if they could communicate with County Dispatch and with other first responders more effectively as they respond to calls for service across Gadsden County.

This has to be a priority to get completed. Thank you in advance for your support on this very important matter.

Sincerely"

**COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION OF THE ITEM AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED BY ROLL CALL.**

<b>COMMISSIONER HINSON</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER TAYLOR</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER HOLT</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER MORGAN</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>CHAIR VIEGBESIE</b>	<b>YES</b>

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7. ~~Request to Sell the Property at 36 Dezell Street~~**

Item pulled

**8. Approval of Contractual Agreement between CenturyLink and Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners**

Dr. Grant introduced the above item and said it was for approval for the contractual agreement between CenturyLink and the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners. He further explained this was an ongoing contract that was renewed yearly and funded by grant funds for the E911 system and covers 1-year CenturyLink Centurion Maintenance for Primary and Backup PSAP Sites and Portable Workstations.

Commissioner Holt asked if they had received the contract. Dr. Grant said they received it that afternoon and it was emailed to all Commissioners. Commissioner Holt said they need to have contracts to review and approve.

**COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO TABLE UNTIL FRIDAY AND CHAIR VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND.**

Commissioner Hinson said he and Commissioner Morgan would not be able to see information if it was put on-screen. He said based on prior history a couple of years ago, they approved something and should not have and maybe should bring this item back. Commissioner Morgan agreed with Commissioner Hinson and Commissioner Holt to bring it back Friday.

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

**9. Approval for the North Florida Rural Health Corp to Utilize the Chattahoochee Massey Building**

Dr. Grant introduced the above item and said it was for approval for the North Florida Rural Health Corp to utilize the Chattahoochee Massey Building located at 600 Maple Street in Chattahoochee.

Commissioner Morgan said he had no problem with the item, at right time would move to approve and include in the lease, square footage for the senior citizens.

**COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND TO INCLUDE IN THE LEASE THAT THE SQUARE FOOTAGE CURRENTLY PROVIDED FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS WOULD REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR THE TERM OF THE LEASE AND CHAIR VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND.**

Commissioner Holt asked if they were on Zoom and was told yes. She asked if there was a response and the representative said they had no problem, they planned on leaving the current area the Seniors were using.

Commissioner Hinson said he visited the space a couple of years ago and asked if the seniors were still using the building and was told yes. He said it was heavily damaged by Hurricane

Michael and didn't know it was being used. Commissioner Morgan said they were using it up and until the hurricane and will resume once the building was repaired.

Chair Viegbesie said they were using the backside and one other room. Commissioner Hinson said in January, where were they located in that building. Commissioner Morgan clarified the situation. Commissioner Hinson said healthcare helps seniors as well and would be great to have a conversation and if they have additional space, that would be helpful.

Commissioner Morgan said he had a lengthy conversation with people involved. There was a lot of services they will be providing that will be a benefit to the seniors and will have plenty of space for both to utilize.

Commissioner Holt wanted to move the item. She added the reason they needed to go ahead and get them in, she did not want to lose them to another location. She said they still have to have restrictions and needed to look at that when it comes to renovations.

Mr. Knowles said the lease they pay the State now may be zero, and 10% of zero was zero. Commissioner Hinson said to charge them \$1000.

Commissioner Taylor asked if they were going to allow an agency to utilize a county facility without any agreement in place, no requirement, no hold harmless...Commissioner Holt said it would be coming back to them.

Mr. Knowles said when he brings the lease back for approval, it will have a hold harmless, etc. in place and if there were changes that they want to make, they could do so at that time.

Commissioner Taylor said it was asinine to have an agreement without charging anything; they were moving too fast, too quick. She felt they needed to bring it back. She added for them to entertain this on Friday.

Commissioner Holt asked if Commissioner Morgan could amend his motion to say "contingent upon lease agreement". Commissioner Morgan said he appreciated the conversation. He added they were approving that they could utilize the building in partnership with North Florida Rural Health and approving to move forward to bring the lease back.

Commissioner Hinson said he thought he had an opportunity to talk to the group and wanted to disclose it in case he did so.

**CHAIR VIEGBESIE CALLED FOR THE VOTE.**

<b>COMMISSIONER HINSON</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER TAYLOR</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER HOLT</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER MORGAN</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>CHAIR VIEGBESIE</b>	<b>YES</b>

**MOTION PASSED 4-1**

**10. Approval of the Annual Contract between the Gadsden County BOCC and the Florida Department of Health for the Operations of the Gadsden County Health Department**

Dr. Grant introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the annual contract between the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and the Florida Department of Health for the operation of the Gadsden County Health Department for the contract year 2020-2021.

**COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER HOLT 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**

**11. Release of Sublease Number 3517-01**

Dr. Grant introduced the above item and said it was for approval to release the Sublease number 3517-07 as it would need to be released before a new lease agreement could be executed.

**COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER HOLT 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**

**~~12. Iron Bridge Road Safety Improvements Bid Award~~**

Pulled

**~~13. Scotland Dover Road Safety Improvements Bid Award~~**

Pulled

**14. Temporary Relocation of Havana EMS Crew**

Dr. Grant introduced the above item and said it was presented to the Board for approval to temporarily relocate the Havana EMS quarters to the Green Shade Volunteer Fire Department. The current quarters for the response zone was in unacceptable condition.

Commissioner Holt asked to hear from the Chief. She asked who owned the mobile home and was told the County. She said if it was known that it was in such bad shape, it could have taken care of it. She asked about moving to the fire station. He said it was the most sound and

logistical move they could come up with and was a good option. Commissioner Holt said she did not have a problem with it as long as it gave them access to Tallahassee. She said the next time, this needs to come to the Board so it can be taken care of; they need to know about this and could budget better.

Commissioner Hinson said they talked about this a couple of weeks ago and they all said they were not moving. He added he heard rumblings about this in February. If staff had known about this and Board was responsible, staff did not come to the Board about the issue. Then it was said last week they were not moving. He said it sounded like insubordination. He added it would take staff less than a couple of days to find a modular home to put in place. He further stated they could use CARES Act money and do this. To him, it was putting the Town of Havana at risk. He added they could have easily bought a modular home and that could save peoples' lives.

Chair Viegbesie said he was also leaning on the side of Commissioner Hinson. He wanted it on record to find a way to keep Havana EMS within the City of Havana. They needed to resolve this problem. Chair Viegbesie asked how much longer the Chief thought he could convince staff to continue using the location and asked if less than 90 days to give them a chance to come up with a plan? He added they needed to find a way to have organizational harmony with regards to this matter.

Commissioner Holt said the solution may be to look at a 6-month rental in Havana that would suffice and find property that could be built on that would be a permanent place, not a modular home that would tear up.

Commissioner Morgan said he understood the comments and his understanding was if they move to Dogtown, they were adding at least 8 minutes to each response call time. He said he's had several conversations with the Town of Havana, Chief Maddox, the Police Chief, and several others and everyone was concerned about the wellbeing of the EMS folks. All have looked to try to find an appropriate location and have found nothing. He said he thought if they could move in a new mobile home for a minimal amount of money for the time being, and Havana was in the process of building a new facility, and will have quarters built to house the EMS staff, the problem will resolve itself. He asked to hear from the EMS director.

Chair Viegbesie asked Chief Maddox what they could do, what direction they could give to staff and how long he could work with his staff until they found a permanent solution.

Chief Maddox said he worked with the City Manager in Havana in looking for rental property and could not find anything. Commissioner Holt said she would help them look.

Commissioner Hinson said he has tried to give staff, did not want that recommendation at all, and what he was willing to do, that's what they do, they find spots and will make sure it is quick and fast. Staff apparently will not do it. He added they had CARES money and could buy a modular home instead of leasing and move that onto the property until they get ready to build. He further stated if they were going to invest \$200,000, the County should own the property.

Chair Viegbesie said no matter what, staff would be doing it. They would work on finding a place and suggested they table this item for now.



Commissioner Holt said mobile homes depreciate the value of property, they need to look at long term. She added she was willing to help look; put something there that will be permanent and not something that will fall apart in 10-15 years. She added they needed someplace to move now.

Commissioner Morgan said he did not disagree but they need today “a microwave solution to a crockpot problem”. The Town of Havana actively looked along with several others and there was nowhere to house them; why not replace the trailer there, then go forward and build a new facility.

Commissioner Hinson said that was where he was moving to as well. Give staff direction to purchase a modular home or rent, but purchase would be great and also, thought this was why communication was so important. When Howard McKinnon was there, he always talked to Commissioner Hinson first; made sure Commissioner Hinson knew and they fought together for Havana.

**COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE A MOBILE HOME AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND.**

Commissioner Holt asked if they could please say modular home.

Commissioner Morgan asked they put a dollar amount on it, like up to \$75,000 and Commissioner Taylor said so moved.

Dr. Grant asked where would they put it and Commissioner Morgan said to put it where it is now. Dr. Grant said they would have to move in a couple of months because that was the spot where they were putting the new police station.

Commissioner Holt said they had not addressed where to put it. Chair Viegbesie said they could buy a home and buy property.

Commissioner Taylor called the question.

Commissioner Morgan said he just spoke with the Town of Havana and they were good with putting it behind the library.

<b>COMMISSIONER HINSON</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER TAYLOR</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER HOLT</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER MORGAN</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>CHAIR VIEGBESIE</b>	<b>YES</b>

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

Commissioner Holt said to ask staff to take care of this as soon as possible.

**CLERK OF COURT**

**15. Updates**

Mr. Thomas said he did not have a specific report but was available for questions.

Commissioner Taylor asked about the remainder of CARES Act money and he reported they have not received any more.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**16. Updates**

Dr. Grant said he hoped all had received the letter from Sheriff Young; they need to move the Social Security Office from the WA Woodham Justice Center by October 30th. He said they have been able to locate a facility in Gretna into part of the Post Office and the City was willing to enter into an agreement.

Commissioner Holt said when she read the memo and spoke to one of the staff, she thought they should see if space was available at the Senior Citizens Center because they use the Social Security Office more than anyone else.

Dr. Grant said that was the first place they looked and with the space they were utilizing, there was no space the County saw they could use. He said they did not want to run into a situation again where they were in someone's building and then someone wanted them out of there.

Commissioner Holt said she wanted to look at it.

Commissioner Taylor said it should have never gone to the Sheriff's Office because the original move was supposed to have been the Health Department. She said the Sheriff's building and Health Department belong to the County along with the Senior Citizens building. They need space where there could be adequate space for the services being rendered; a waiting area, a place where private conversations could be held and where the receptionist could sit.

Chair Viegbesie said he was hearing staff needed to be aggressive in looking at places for it to go.

Commissioner Taylor asked for it to come back once it was explored and be no later than the second meeting in October.

Commissioner Hinson said there was a sense of urgency, the Health Department was the ideal location; thought about the Senior Citizens Center but was told that would not work.

**COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO PLACE THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA AFTER HAVING TIME TO ADVERTISE AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND.**

Commissioner Morgan suggested they could direct staff to have this on the next agenda, they could not vote on this since it was not an agendaed item.

Mr. Knowles said they could just direct staff to place it on the next agenda.

**COMMISSIONER TAYLOR WITHDREW HER MOTION AND COMMISSIONER HINSON WITHDREW HIS SECOND.**

Dr. Grant informed them September 28<sup>th</sup> - October 29<sup>th</sup> was the bulky items pick-up and the schedule will be printed in newspapers.

He said they should have received an email from the insurance company on the remaining insurance funds.

He reminded them the last budget public hearing will be Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

He said the County Administrator Interviews will be held Wednesday and Thursday starting at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the Emergency meeting scheduled for Friday was still at 1:00 p.m. and if the hospital and broadband was on there and was told yes.

Commissioner Morgan said he noticed the excitement in Dr. Grant's voice about the interview announcement.

Commissioner Holt said at the last meeting, she asked Mr. Meeks about the evaluation of the Massey building in Chattahoochee and the comment was made that the company was one of the ones they have an in-house contract with. She asked to see that because she noticed they were paying quite a bit of money out and the contracts were not being bid.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**17. Updates**

Mr. Knowles said Major Wood contacted Dr. Grant and he regarding the State of Emergency being put in place because of Hurricane Sally. He said if they were going to declare their own independent State of Emergency, which was what Major Wood requested, they would need to put a Resolution in place. He said he realized it was not an agendaed item, but in an emergency such as this, they might need to look into it and certainly something the Commission needed to address. He asked for direction on how the Board wanted him to proceed with that.

He asked with the Shade meeting on the two cases that was pending, they originally tried to set it for the 25<sup>th</sup> and the Chair could not be there. He said all board members needed to be there. He said they were looking at the first or second meeting in October, the sooner the better if they were not going to schedule a separate time for it.

Commissioner Holt asked if that was the only day they could look at and Mr. Knowles said the direction he was given previously was they did not want to have a separate shade meeting outside of the regular meeting and he did not look at other dates.

Commissioner Taylor asked if there were two cases and could it be heard the same day and Mr. Knowles said yes, it was the same counsel. The Board asked how much time and Mr. Knowles said if expeditious, one hour. Commissioner Taylor said they should schedule 2 hours then.

Chair Viegbesie said they could schedule it for October 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Knowles asked if they wanted to expand on the Governor’s State of Emergency? Commissioner Holt asked if they would need to advertise. Mr. Knowles stated they were already in a state of emergency and had some lee-way in this circumstance. Chair Viegbesie asked if possible, to make an amendment to the current Resolution and add a paragraph. Mr. Knowles said it would be cleaner to have a separate Resolution, especially for FEMA and federal assistance later, if needed.

Commissioner Taylor agreed with what everyone was saying, the language should be done in consultation with the Emergency Management Director so they would have the correct narrative and was in agreement with moving forward. Mr. Knowles said he would email it to everyone and they could ratify it on Friday.

Commissioner Holt said she received a text from Major Woods and was asked for them to vote on the Resolution tonight. Commissioner Morgan said he had no problem with moving in that direction if the attorney was ok.

**COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION REGARDING HURRICANE SALLY AND FOR THE ATTORNEY TO MEET WITH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE THE SECOND.**

Commissioner Morgan said he could not hear the attorney’s response and Mr. Knowles said it could be drafted tonight.

<b>COMMISSIONER HINSON</b>	<b>NOT ON THE LINE</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER TAYLOR</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER HOLT</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>COMMISSIONER MORGAN</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>CHAIR VIEGBESIE</b>	<b>YES</b>

**MOTION PASSED 4-0**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**

**18. Report and Discussion of Public Issues**

**Commissioner Eric Hinson, District 1**

**Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3**

Commissioner Morgan said he had one item regarding the relocation of the Confederate Monument that was moved from the Courthouse. When it was removed, there was a 6-month window and that gives them until December 11<sup>th</sup> to comply and asked for an update.

Dr. Grant said he followed up on what Commissioner Taylor asked; he contacted the City of Quincy about relocating in the Eastern Cemetery and they refused to give them anything in writing.

Commissioner Taylor said there were portions of the cemetery that belonged to either the Eastern Cemetery or the County and asked them to look into that to see if there were portions that belonged to someone other than the City and then contact them and see if they were willing to have the statue placed there.

Chair Viegbesie said since Commissioner Taylor seemed to know more about the cemetery, for Dr. Grant to contact her and work with her to find out what they could do and she said she was more than willing to help.

Commissioner Holt said she mentioned before she was going to make statements, they need to have someone locally to help when Dr. Grant was gone.

**COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO HIRE ED DIXON AS COUNTY MANAGER AND MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND.**

Commissioner Taylor asked if they have reached out to Integrity or whomever was holding the 75% of the CARES funds. Dr. Grant said they would be here Friday.

Commissioner Holt said to Dr. Grant, before start looking at what they were going to take off that, to ask the young lady to bring what was required on the applications so they could look at them side by side and make sure they were on the right track of what was required by the Federal Government.

**Commissioner Brenda Holt, District 4**

**Commissioner Sherrie Taylor Vice-Chair, District 5**

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

Chair Viegbesie suggested they cancel the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting because of the election.

**COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO CANCEL THE NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING AND SECOND WAS MADE BY CHAIR VIEGBESIE. THE BOARD VOTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.**

COMMISSIONER HINSON	WAS NOT IN THE MEETING
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR	YES
COMMISSIONER HOLT	YES
COMMISSIONER MORGAN	WAS NOT IN THE MEETING
CHAIR VIEGBESIE	YES

**MOTION PASSED 3-0**

**Receipt and File**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners  
September 15, 2020 – Regular Meeting

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR VIEGBESIE DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:11 P.M.**

**GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk**

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NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk