

**AT AN EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER 19, 2020
AT 6:00 P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS
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Present: Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4
Dr. Anthony Viegbesie, Vice-Chair, District 2
Eric Hinson, District 1- appeared remotely
Kimblin NeSmith, District 3
Ronterious Green, District 5
Dr. Henry G. Grant, Interim County Administrator
Clayton Knowles, County Attorney
Beth Bruner, Deputy Clerk

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

At 6:00 p.m. Chair Holt welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked for a moment of silence for prayer, followed by leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S Flag.

Awards, Presentations and Appearances

**1. CARES Act Funding Update
(Frederica Hamilton, The Integrity Group)**

Frederica Hamilton from The Integrity Group appeared before the Board and gave an update on the CARES Act Program. Handout showed a list of checks to small business applicants and resident applicants from 10/16-11/10. Ms. Hamilton stated that checks typically go out twice a week since October 16, 2020.

Chair Holt asked if the Businesses were separated from individuals. Ms. Hamilton answered no that everything is combined into one list and is in order by the date on the checks that have been issued.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if there were citizens requesting to be heard.

Citizens requesting to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items (3-Minute Limit)

Anyone wishing to speak on agenda items or non-Agenda items should schedule or notify the County Administrator's Office before Attending the meeting and will be asked to follow the Gadsden County Public Meetings Citizens Access Guidelines. Also, Public comment for Commission meetings can be submitted via email to citizenstobeheard@gadsdencountyfl.gov until 12:00 p.m., Thursday November 19, 2020. Comments submitted after the deadline but prior to the meeting will be added to the official record, but the County cannot guarantee that Commissioners and staff will have adequate time to review comments prior to the meeting.

Chair Holt read the above statement aloud and asked Bishop Green to come before the Board.

Bishop Willie Green is a citizen who appeared before the board. Dr. Green said he was concerned about the Countywide Broadband and wondered why it was not settled yet. Dr. Green understood it was advertised twice and was concerned why it had not been resolved.

Chair Holt stated that they had invited the vendor to come on Monday to settle that issue. Chair Holt asked Dr. Grant if that meeting would be an emergency meeting to which he answered that it would be Emergency Special Meeting. Dr. Green wanted to know if it was a matter of contract, vendor, or law. Chair Holt stated that since information was going back and forth through email the board had Mr. Knowles negotiate for that contract.

Bishop Green asked about the County Administrator and he said the County had been through this process before over the years. He heard good things about one applicant. The County was behind the eight ball already in preparing for the upcoming legislative session and the County may miss things that are needed. Why was the Board taking their time in choosing? Better to have someone who understood the County and could work with the Commissioners. What needed to happen to speed up the process? Citizens were counting on the Commissioners to do what was right.

Chair Holt stated that the procedure for the County Administrator was an at will position and that three Commissioners could decide who they wanted at any time to fill that position. Chair Holt stated that there was no reason the Commission had not chosen. She also stated that Dr. Green was right about the Legislative Session moving slow and that they usually start in July by pulling everyone together in the County to see what the Agenda was going to be then when the Legislative delegation came, the County would be ready. The County has not yet done that because Senators and representatives received their community assignments Monday, November 16 and now they know what Boards, Commissions and Communities they would be serving. They have received feedback from their districts and were getting ready to ask for money for people in their district and Gadsden County had not done that yet. The Commission has not organized that, they must have the information completed, and someone working the Legislature. She said each Commissioner had a job and she was not going to do it by herself.

Commissioner Green asked why wasn't the Interim County Administrator being proactive for some things that were on a time constraint. He also asked was the County in trouble and could not afford to lose anything since there was no time to waste.

Dr. Grant stated he had not been contacted by any of the Legislators but staff talked about what Commissioners wanted to put down as priorities.

Commissioner Green asked Dr. Grant did he have conversations with the Commissioners to see what their priorities were. Dr. Grant answered that they had yet to ask the commissioners.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked Chair Holt if they will discuss the position of the County Administrator in item #4. Then regarding the Special Legislative session, before COVID there were three meetings that he attended that was with the County Administrator, Mayors of all municipalities, City Manager, Sheriff, School Board Chair and Superintendent had all locked in specs so they did not go against each other on the Legislative Agenda and since then no meetings were held.

Chair Holt stated that they could discuss Item 4 now because they did not have to vote on the agenda.

Chair Holt stated that the Senators that are in the seats now were having trouble because everyone did not follow the script for two years but supporting documentation was needed that was not there. She said this was why Gadsden County needed a manager to work the hill over

there every day and a lobbyist. The County Administrator would be the one to get the lobbyist that information.

Commissioner Hinson stated they had a retreat a few years ago to figure out this issue. Schedule a retreat again since there are two new Commissioners so they can get the information so that all of the Commissioners have one vision out there, move forward, and after the retreat the other groups could be brought in.

Chair Holt stated that now they have to get organized and make sure to get out there in time. To make sure that the board has time in case they need a project, design, engineering, and other things that take planning.

Commissioner Green stated the Interim County Administrator needed to be more proactive. Commissioner Green asked Dr. Grant what his plans were to make sure the County was represented.

Dr. Grant stated to seek out what the Commissioners' priorities were and move forward. Since Chair Holt and Commissioner Viegbesie have projects of interest, and he was not sure about Commissioner Hinson. Dr. Grant stated that he will look at what was presented last year and proceed at Board direction.

Dr. Green urged the board to quit procrastinating. He stated that for the sake of the citizens, move the County to the top of the categories and that he does not really hear a plan for the future.

Commissioner NeSmith suggested that the board follow the Agenda in reference to the issues involving item number four (4).

Frederica Hamilton re-appeared before the Board to finish Item 1.

Ms. Hamilton asked if there were questions on the check register list which began in October until the previous week in November.

Chair Holt asked if they could get copies every so often. To which Ms. Hamilton said yes, she would make sure the Commissioners got them as they received them from the finance department.

Chair Holt stated that she wanted to see which were businesses and which were individuals to see how the payments were shifting out.

Ms. Hamilton replied that small business will say small business assistance. Also, if one was to scroll down, they would see a name, which may be a landlord.

Commissioner Green noticed that some small businesses were getting different amounts of money and asked how they determined the amount that went to each individual.

Ms. Hamilton stated that \$7,500 was distributed to brick-and-mortar business and \$2,000 was distributed to a home-based business.

Ms. Hamilton answered Chair Holt's question about the total of money that had been paid out to small businesses, by stating that it will be addressed in an upcoming statement. Ms. Hamilton

stated that the Residents and Small business reports are compressed. She read and explained the reports.

Chair Holt asked if those have an issue with “need supporting documents” received a call?

Ms. Hamilton stated that they have attempted multiple times either through email or the phone number provided. All online applications submitted through November 4th have been reviewed and they were getting the older paper applications reviewed as well. The goal was to have every application reviewed at least once before Wednesday of next week (11/25/2020). Small business reviewer is caught up and will move over to the Resident Assistance program to help review.

They were up-to-date on the amount the County has issued in payments is \$178,403.25 in the Residence Assistance Program. Ms. Hamilton stated that there is \$73,000 in recommended amounts, which meant they have gone through step 1 review and the reviewer has recommended payment. Then they must go through Step 2 to make sure everything was there.

Chair Holt informed the board that she was hearing Residents say they were not being contacted. She asked Dr. Grant if the Health Council still had \$50,000 set aside and asked if that was still on track. To which Dr. Grant answered that he didn't really know.

Ms. Hamilton stated that based on the most recent spend plan that was used as a guide, it was directed to another line item, however if it was the will of the Board, after discussing with partners of Integrity it would be an added bonus if 2-3 individuals were able to communicate to the applicant to have outstanding support documentation. Ms. Hamilton said that their role was to ensure that the County met US Treasury guidelines, but if the will of the Board, CARES Funds could fund that endeavor. Integrity would provide a list of names, addresses, email, phone number and what documentation was missing. Then the Reviewers could constantly reach out to citizens/applicants to request supporting documentation. Then she reminded them the application process closes on November 28 at midnight.

Chair Holt stated that the Board voted before for that money go to the health council and they need to put that money back so they could get people to contact individuals, whether businesses or individuals, so they could get help.

Chair Holt stated they need a motion to move money back to the Health Council to help call residents and get documentation in and that they need to beat the deadline.

Commissioner Green asked why did they need to vote again when it had already been voted on. Chair Holt stated she did not know why it was moved and instead of going back, digging it up, because they also they thought the deadline was December 31st but now know is November 28th. So, the board needed to take action right away.

COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE MOTION TO MOVE FUNDS (\$50,000) BACK TO THE HEALTH COUNCIL TO HELP COLLECT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FROM CITIZENS. COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE THE SECOND. CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR A VOTE.

MOTION PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Viegbesie stated that they should move money back to GCDC so they can do the work with Integrity to process the money that goes to the small business.

Commissioner NeSmith asked what was left in the funding for this category.

Ms. Hamilton answered around \$458,000 or maybe \$500,000 for resident assistance.

Commissioner NeSmith also asked what was the total applications pending.

Ms. Hamilton stated that the entire resident grant program was \$1.4 Million. She did not know the answer for total he was asking for since some are waiting in the system right now but will provide that number to the Commissioners at a later date.

Commissioner NeSmith stated that \$200,000 had not been used and there is not a lot of time with the current dead line.

Commissioner Viegbesie stated that Leon County increased the amount they gave so nothing would go back to the Government. He suggested that Gadsden may need to do that..

Chair Holt wanted to set aside funding and see what Tallahassee did. She has the name and number for someone to help. Chair Holt did not know if they would help us yet she wants to investigate it since they do not want let a penny of that money go back.

Commissioner Viegbesie stated the CARES money can be all drawn down and the Board can consider later where it goes.

Chair Holt asked if it needed to be spent by December 31st.

Ms. Hamilton read the Business Grant handout. She stated that there were no anticipated issues in getting through the Small Business Assistance Grant Applications by next week and was hopeful that they would be able to get the full \$1.2 Million out the door in December. Also, that only one business in Gadsden county would qualify for a \$25,000 payment if the board would allow the program to pay out to the business with 25+ employees, which would help push the County to the goal.

Ms. Hamilton stated that the County had been awarded \$7.9 Million, which has been divided into three (3) pots. The first and second pot were provided in advance which was 45% and the last 55% must be done by requested reimbursement like FEMA Assistance program. The County had drawn down the first pot of 25% which is \$1,991,829 and the second 20% which was \$1,593,463 for a total of \$3,585,292. All of those funds came to the county on November 6th. All funds for those first two pots had to have all documentation provided to the state by November 16th and that goal was met on November 12th. To date, the request for advance dollars of \$3,585,292 had been received and paid to the County. The request for reimbursement in the amount of \$2,240,170.87 that was part of the request for reimbursement of the 55% had been submitted and in que to be processed. The balance of the request for reimbursement that the County had to request to draw down is \$2,141,854.43. Ms. Hamilton stated how it would be disbursed: \$400,000 left to process for the municipal passthrough.

\$408,000 to process for the 2 ambulances.

\$188,000 from the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office for salary of sworn officers.

\$3,031,144 of salary for County staff from March 1-October 31 that may be considered for COVID related expenses.

All items mentioned have been validated by Ms. Hamilton except for the salaries. She also received from the jails \$19,900 for zoom stations and booths at the jail for remote court.

Chair Holt asked when that was done, going back to residents who need documentation, can they still get it if in after December 31st.

Ms. Hamilton answered no, because the money has to be drawn down before December 3rd.

Chair Holt stated that 140 people applied that needed to have more documentation and asked if they do not get qualified before December 31st, could they still get the money.

Ms. Hamilton answered yes, if the Board wished. Once the County met the requirement to draw down all the money, the county met the requirements of the US Treasury to draw down CARES Funds. Then it is at the discretion of the County how they want to proceed using the dollars.

Chair Holt asked can they still get money in February.

Ms. Hamilton answered once the money came down it would be at the discretion of the Board.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked upon drawing down did it become a part of county operational and can it be part of the Fiscal Year expenditure.

Dr. Grant answered that once it was drawn down, it was up to the county how it was spent with no deadline.

Ms. Hamilton stated that any item that required a deliverable, must be received in house by December 30th. This was for all deliverables that was coming in from the Federal Government.

Commissioner Green asked if they had started the process of the draw down and can the funds be used in this Fiscal Year.

Ms. Hamilton answered yes, and it had been amended in the County Budget.

Commissioner Green stated that he wanted make sure to allocate the necessary funds since COVID was not finished.

Commissioner NeSmith asked the Chair can they draw down and reallocate the money. Chair Holt answered yes, any way the board decided. Commissioner NeSmith asked could they draw down the balance of the money and meet the requirements. Commissioner NeSmith stated since those were permissible, was is there anything else to discuss and to draw down the balance of the money.


Chair Holt stated the concern was that they have to do this and to tell the residents. They need to hear about the balance of money and not to be afraid if they were not helped since they did not have the right documentation the first time.

COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE A MOTION TO ENCUMBER THE BALANCE OF THE \$7.9 MILLION YET TO BE ENCUMBERED FOR THE DRAW DOWN FOR THE COMMISSION FOR THE CARES ACT FUNDS TO DISBURSE THE FUNDS. COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR A VOTE.

MOTION PASSED 5-0

Public Hearing:

**2. PUBLIC HEARING: CDBG-DR Application Public Comment and Approval
(Daryl Cox, The Integrity Group)**

 Dr. Grant introduced the above item. He said this agenda item sought Board approval for submissions of (4) CDBG-DR Infrastructure applications as amended with final edits and Documentation requirements to DEO by The Integrity Group. This Public Hearing was also required as part of the Citizen Participation Plan in the CDBG-DR Infrastructure Program Guide. Projects included: Multi-Purpose Complex, EMS Facilities, Hospital, and Radio Towers.

Chair Holt said this item was for the CDBG applications for the Federal Government to get funding for the items listed. She asked if there was any public comment because this was a Public Hearing, no comments were had.

Commissioner Viegbesie speaking on the Multi-Complex said that there was no park or recreation facility in Gadsden County. The leading cause of death is obesity and diabetes. This ranked Gadsden County at 67 out of 67 counties for health factors. Studies showed that 92% of Florida residents have access to exercise opportunities yet only 59% of residents have those opportunities in Gadsden County. Chair Holt asked what was included. Commissioner Viegbesie stated that there would be a Youth basketball court outside and had been funded already (Phase 1).

Included in this project:

Adult basketball court

Volleyball court

Gazebo.

Walk/bike trail- is funded and was started.

Indoor basketball.

Future Aquatic Center.

Indoor arena to seat 200 people.

Tournaments for kids.

Exercise facility

Computer facility.

Game room.

Shelter for emergencies and this is where to get the funding.

Chair Holt stated that she would vote for it if it was by a city. She stated that this is because far from town and will need a lot of protection and workers.

Commissioner Viegbesie stated that with economic growth it will someday be in the heart of the city.

Commissioner Green asked why is so far out in the country and once built where will the funding come from for employees?

Commissioner Viegbesie answered that it will be between Havana and Quincy and eventually wants one for West Gadsden. Commissioner Viegbesie stated it is to attract business and the county needs recreation facilities for the children.

Chair Holt stated that the distance was the issue. She stated that it was worth a try for CDBG, yet she just wanted it closer to maintain and watch. If it works it works yet they need to be able to keep an eye on it.

Commissioner Hinson stated his concern was to be responsible during COVID-19. They did a survey and people did not agree for it be so far out since the citizens were worried about human trafficking. Why not bring it in to St. Hebrew or to the heart of a city. Since 250,000 people have died from COVID the county needs to do what is right for the kids. Let's not talk about parks when people are dying

Commissioner Viegbesie stated that the 25.5 acres was already purchased. He also stated that the community found the land, spoke on behalf of the project and was elated for it. He stated that he did not know which community that Commissioner Hinson was talking about.

Commissioner Green stated that the energy was not becoming and seemed negative. They should not take so long to look at a project that has already been voted on. He asked what phase the was project in and there should be no personal attacks.

Chair Holt stated that Commissioner Viegbesie wanted a park. The county received the FRDAP Grant for that complex yet when aquatic park came up, she was not in favor. If it would be a complex, she wanted it closer. The facilities need to be guarded since other parks have problems. If no agreement was going to be had, go for the parks that the County could get.

Commissioner Viegbesie stated that the application had been in phases.

Phase 1:

Done already is: Driveway poured, sidewalks poured, solar powered security lights are there, Walk and bike trail, boardwalk constructed, trail head kiosk built, and parking area poured.

Phase 2 was why the County was asking for funding, and the last phase was the aquatic center. Commissioner Viegbesie had thought about liability and yet it was not part of the application.

Chair Holt stated that Phases were already approved and another phase was before the board now.

Commissioner Green stated that they cannot move the park if things had already been started. He asked how will it be maintained.

Commissioner Viegbesie stated that they have 2 more phases. The park was not completed and the main concern was the aquatic center.

Commissioner Hinson stated that they have to look at safety first and this was very bad timing since bridges collapsed in Gadsden County and also there are some that were in need of repair. Also, that the board needed to narrow the focus on what was needed to save lives and save the parks for in the future. Commissioner Hinson asked what was the funding source to employ people for the complex.

Commissioner Viegbesie stepped out at 7:42 p.m.

Daryl Cox wanted to remind the commission that CDBG-DR must be an element of disaster tieback for DEO to approve. It was a dual use for a shelter as well.

Chair Holt stated that Stevens school was supposed to be done as a shelter. Also, that the Park was voted on and the complex was not voted on. She asked how was a shelter so far out of town.

Commissioner Viegbesie returned at 7:44 p.m.

Commissioner Green stated that he did not know it was a shelter as well and it was in a bad place for that. He also stated that COVID won't be forever and cannot hold it back for years that this needs to move forward.

Commissioner Hinson stated that they need a meeting to let the new commissioners know more. The bridges were bad and they need better infrastructure to bring business in. Their priorities should be looked at. They need to look at other spots for shelters. Havana North Side High School has 20 acres and they could renovate that property. He also stated that \$600,000 has been set aside for Stevens School.

Commissioner NeSmith asked was the CDBG-DR to fund just one Phase.

Commissioner Viegbesie answered no it was the whole amount. Information was given to Integrity and rather than taking Phase 2 by itself, they took Phase 2 and Phase 3 and applied for that amount. There were individual applications for each project and this should just be Phase 2.

Commissioner NeSmith asked if it would cost Gadsden County and was there a Budget for the County.

Commissioner Viegbesie answered no and during disasters the shelters were ran by current staff along with the Emergency Management Department.

Commissioner NeSmith asked once built would there be a cost for staff and maintenance?

Commissioner Viegbesie answered yes and this would be an employment opportunity for Gadsden County.

Commissioner NeSmith asked had there been a budget for it planned.

Commissioner Viegbesie answered no because there is no building yet.

Chair Holt asked could the project application be added or taken away from.

Mr. Cox answered that the application was due on November 30th. They could apply for less but needed to wait for the next round if they wanted to add.

Chair Holt stated that they don't know how to fund the staff at this time.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE WITH ADJUSTMENT TO FUNDING REQUEST TO REMOVE PHASE 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$193,874 FOR POOL AND SUPPORT FACILITIES. COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND. CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR A VOTE

COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED.

THE MOTION PASSED 4-1

**3. COVID-19 resolution 2020-071
(Dr. Henry Grant, Interim County Administrator)**

Mr. Knowles stated that there is still no curfew, it was the same as before with the gatherings of 50, and the mask mandate was still in place.

Commissioner Viegbesie stated that the Governor stated that there would be no enforcement with fines.

Mr. Knowles stated that they could fine a business, but not individuals.

Commissioner Hinson asked about the curfew since there was spike in the world. The curfew does not harm people moving just people hanging out in one spot. He asked did the Board think there was a need for a curfew?

Chair Holt asked each commissioner.

Commissioner Green said no curfew

Commissioner NeSmith stated that he was good with no curfew

Commissioner Viegbesie stated that he was good with no curfew.

Chair Holt stated that she was fine with no curfew yet they need to be better about staying out of the crowd.

Commissioner Hinson stated that there will be parties during Thanksgiving and were people in clubs with no mask at maximum capacity.

**COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE MOTION TO RENEW THE COVID RESOLUTION.
COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE THE SECOND. CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR A VOTE.**

COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED

THE MOTION PASSED 4-1

**4. Discussion and Approval of the Recruiting and Hiring Procedure for the County Administrator
(Dr. Henry Grant, Interim County Administrator/Lonyell Butler, HR Manager)**

Commissioner Viegbesie asked for Human Resources (HR) Manager to give restrictions based on labor laws to get an Administrator and what would be the time limit.

Ms. Lonyell Butler appeared before the board she said the position was appointed and the individual could be appointed with a motion. She provided a guideline that she followed when posting for an Administrator

Chair Holt left the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Ms. Butler asked what labor law questioned.

Commissioner Viegbesie stated the question was about the requirement to advertise and opportunities given to all who are interested.

Chair Holt returned to the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Ms. Butler stated that there was no violation in the labor law if no recruitment process was adopted and there was not. There was a discussion about adopting a precedence on how the process was done before.

Commissioner Green stated that he was concerned and that he received an email asking for closure. He wants to close the case before moving forward with this matter.

Commissioner NeSmith asked Ms. Butler if the County Administrator position was advertised and what was the ending process.

Ms. Butler stated the position was advertised four (4) times. There were interviews and ranking but no one was selected from those rankings.

Commissioner Hinson stated that the only person selected was Derek Elias and he was approved.

Commissioner Hinson stated that there was an email from Mr. Elias and Commissioner Hinson read the email out loud for the board. Mr. Elias wanted to be the person for the job.

Mr. Knowles stated that the position was offered, an offer was made and Mr. Elias countered. This was brought back to the board and the board ratified the offer. Once it went back to Mr. Elias, there was no response. That the Board would not accept \$105,000 per year but he would continue to negotiate terms.

Chair Holt stated that the board voted no and will again. That this put the board in a bind.

**COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE NEGOTIATION WITH ELIAS.
COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE THE SECOND.**

Commissioner Hinson stated that a counter offer had not been given to the Board and there is no letter or response from Mr. Elias.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR A VOTE.

COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED.

THE MOTION PASSED 4-1

Chair Holt passed the gavel to Vice Chair Viegbesie.

**CHAIR HOLT MOTIONED TO HIRE ED DIXON AS MANAGER.
COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND WITH CONVERSATION
CHAIR HOLT SAID MOVE FORWARD.**

CHAIR HOLT	YES
COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE	YES
COMMISSIONER HINSON	NO RESPONSE
COMMISSIONER NESMITH	YES
COMMISSIONER GREEN	YES

MOTION PASSED 4-0

Chair Holt stated that they offered the same contract as Mr. Elias.

Ms. Butler stated that she wanted to have direction on how to move forward.

Mr. Knowles stated the he wanted the same form of direction to make sure the contract was correct.

Commissioner Viegbesie stated that there needed to be a performance evaluation as well.

Chair Holt stated that it is to have a salary of \$105,000 for 5 years, an annual evaluation, with set goals and objectives. Mr. Dixon is to be given two weeks to respond.

Mr. Knowles stated can the Board bring it back on Monday.

Commissioner Viegbesie stated that they need to put together a discussion and will discuss on Monday what is brought to the Commission.

Commissioner Green stated that he thought they had agreed to the term already in place and that they just need a time for him to respond.

Commissioner NeSmith stated that they did not have an opportunity to look at terms and that he wanted to look over the weekend and come back Monday


Chair Holt stated that it could be emailed to everyone. If he did not accept, the Board would move on.

Commissioner Viegbesie stated that on Monday there will be a draft and if it was agreed on it would be presented and even though the contract says 5 years but it could be ended at any time.

Commissioner Green asked could a meeting be called with him for Monday and could the contract be for three (3) years.

Mr. Knowles read from the contract and said he would email it to all commissioners with changes that would be discussed on Monday

The gavel was given back to Chair Holt.

 Chair Holt stated that the City of Quincy wanted money for “Stop the Violence”. She also stated that she wants to do more workshops before regular meetings such as Health council funding.

Dr. Grant asked to make sure that everyone heard about the workshops before each regular meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie stated that 4 p.m. was not always the best times since it did not always work for everyone.

Chair Holt stated that housing money approval was having a hard time by Finance and that they need to get with finance.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:55 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk