

AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON DECEMBER 4, 2020 AT 4:15 P.M.,  
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:

Present: Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4  
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, Vice Chair, District 2  
Eric Hinson, District 1  
Kimblin NeSmith, District 3  
Ronterious "Ron" Green, District 5  
Edward J. Dixon, County Administrator  
Clayton Knowles, County Attorney  
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Holt welcomed everyone to the emergency special meeting at 4:15 p.m., asked for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

**Amendments and Approval of Agenda**

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN.

**Awards, Presentations and Appearances**

**CONSENT**

**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@gadscounttyfl.gov](mailto:CitizensToBeHeard@gadscounttyfl.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.*

Chair Holt read aloud the COVID-19 statement and there was no-one that wished to speak and no emails.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**1. Approve a Funding Shift of Resident Assistance Program Funds to the Small Business Assistance Program**

Mr. Dixon introduced the above item and stated it was for approval to adjust the Gadsden County CARES Program Spend Plan to shift \$320,000 from the Gadsden County BOCC CARES Resident Assistance Program to the Gadsden County BOCC CARES Business Program. He stated the portal

had closed for the Resident Assistance Program and found there was a surplus of funds there and wanted to continue to utilize them and wished to move to the Small Business Program.

**COMMISSIONER VIUEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE THE SECOND FOR DISCUSSION.**

Chair Holt asked for an explanation regarding this matter.

**Frederica Hamilton, The Integrity Group**, appeared before the Board to discuss this item. She stated the Small Business Program was allocated \$1.2 Million and currently had approximately \$180,000 remaining in that program and those funds will be exhausted based on packets that were in route and had already been sent to the Finance Department that would leave approximately \$300,000 and a need to shift funds totaling \$320,000 from the Resident Assistance Program to the Small Business Program.

Commissioner Hinson asked how many residents received less than \$4,000 from the Program and Ms. Hamilton said she would have to get that number to him later. He asked if it was possible that they increase anyone. He said if they could increase anyone that qualified up to \$4,000, how would that impact the influx of money.

Ms. Hamilton said currently the amount that has been paid was \$253,715.78; the amount sent to Finance to be paid was \$35,873.65; there were 100 applications that were in Step 1 review, Step 2 review and/or have been qualified and totaled approximately \$200,000.00 for a grand total of \$489,589.43. She said she did not know if that would be the right thing to do at this time, but how would they know that everyone would get the equal share. It would need to be workshopped to see if it were viable and cost efficient.

Commissioner Green asked the amount still available after the shift and was told \$590,410.60.

Commissioner NeSmith asked about balance, would that be a part of the drawdown if not utilized and was told yes.

Chair Holt asked that a notebook be made for the commissioners for the workshop.

**CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOTION.**

Mr. Dixon said they will look at all options on the table before the workshop.

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:33 P.M.**

**GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair**  
**Board of County Commissioners**

**ATTEST:**

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**NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk**