

**AT A PRE-BOCC MEETING WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR
GADSDEN COUNTY ON JANUARY 5, 2021 AT 4:30 P.M.,
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4
Dr. Anthony “Dr. V” Viegbesie, Vice Chair, District 2 – arrived late
Eric Hinson, District 1 – appeared remotely
Kimblin NeSmith, District 3
Ronterious “Ron” Green, District 5
Edward J. Dixon, County Administrator
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Clayton Knowles, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt thanked everyone for attending the workshop and explained the purpose behind it. She then asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Dixon asked to amend the Agenda to include discussion of their legislative agenda. He said they would not do it at the 6:00 meeting but this was for the workshop. He explained on January 21st, the local representatives, Senator Lorann Ausley and Rep. Ramon Alexander would be present.

Leslie Steele appeared and stated she had reached out to the Commissioners to find out what their legislative requests were and also met with the City Managers. She gave a report to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Nesmith asked for clarification of when their lists were due. Ms. Steele explained they needed to have their lists submitted to the Administrator and explained the process.

Commissioner NeSmith expressed the need for a workshop to complete a strategic plan that showed their priorities for down the road.

Mr. Dixon said he expected every department to bring funding opportunities that were specific to their area.

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 and anticipate receiving a response within 48 hours.

Mr. Dixon read aloud the COVID statement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing-Adoption of Ordinance No. 2018-003, An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida adopting Chapter 66, Article III of the Gadsden County Code of Ordinances, the Gadsden County Emergency Repair Program; providing for repeal, severability, inclusion in the Gadsden County Code of Ordinances, modifications that may arise from considering at a Public Hearing, and correction of Scrivener's errors; and providing for an effective date.

Mr. Dixon explained this item was requested by Commissioner Hinson. He asked that this be discussed tonight to make sure this was the route the Commissioners wanted to go.

Chair Holt said they had discussed this before and asked how they could make this impartial. Mr. Dixon said it would be handled through the SHIP Program and the applicants would have to meet certain qualifications.

Commissioner Green asked where money would come from. Mr. Dixon said this was their money and they would find a line item to fund it if they wanted to go forward with it.

Chair Holt said this should be impartial and the Commissioners should not be involved in how the money was spent and where it went.

Commissioner Hinson wanted to add they had discretionary funds that each Commissioner could receive so they could choose what they wanted to do. He added they needed to make sure they had the right people there in the Housing Department. With discretionary funds, the Commissioner could use the money as they choose.

2. Public Hearing – Legislative- Adoption of Ordinance 2020-006, Jett Large Scale Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment (LSPA 2020-01)

Diane Quigley, Growth Management Director, appeared to discuss the Jett Comp Plan and tonight was for the final adoption.

GENERAL BUSINESS

3. Public Officials Bond Review

This item was not discussed.

4. Approval of Use of the Language Line Solutions service through the State of Florida Contract Number 90121702-20-ACS

Tomeka Rollins, Probation Division Manager, appeared to explain the Language Line Solutions service and how the service was needed to break the barriers.

Hinson asked if that was probation and stated it was hard to hear. He asked how could they stay there, was it safe because the office was so small.

5. Public Works Roof Replacement Change-Order Number One

Allan Meeks, Facilities Manager, appeared before the Board to explain this item.

Chair Holt said she would not recommend this at all. Mr. Dixon said the work has been completed.

Mr. Knowles pointed out this was damage from the hurricane and there was insurance money in the coffers to pay for this.

6. Ralph Strong Road Sidewalk Project FDOT LAP Agreement

Curtis Young, Interim Public Works Director, appeared before the Board to explain this item.

He explained the sidewalk will run from US 90 to Crossroads Academy.

7. Florida Department of Health, Bureau of EMS Matching Grant

Chief Maddox, GCES Chief, appeared remotely. He explained this was a matching grant in which the County would be responsible for 25%. They had funded in the budget \$18,000 because of some uncertainty as to what would be needed.

8. St. Hebron Walk and Bike for Life Trail Change Order Number One

Allan Meeks re-appeared before the Board regarding this item. He said they were re-allocating funds with this project and explained it.

9. Bid Award for the Massey Building Roof and Structural Repair

Item will be tabled tonight.

10. Terms and Conditions Agreement between Butterfly Network, Inc. and Gadsden County Emergency Services

Chief Maddox re-appeared remotely and explained this item.

11. FCI Contract

Mr. Dixon appeared to explain this item. He said he spoke with FCI and FCI has given a start date and they agreed to buy-back any unused devices. They have agreed to a closing date of February 21, 2022.

He said they emailed the document out to the Commissioners.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE WORKSHOP ENDED AT 5:55 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk