

AT A FINAL BUDGET HEARING OF THE BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 AT 6:00  
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  
Sara Green, Deputy Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., asked for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag. And

**AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GREEN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

*Commissioner Hinson appeared at 6:02 p.m.*

**CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD (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](mailto:CitizensToBeHeard@gadsdencountyfl.gov) until 11:00 a.m. August 17, 2021. 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.*

Commissioner Green read the above statement.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**1. Budget Overview and Discussion**

Mr. Dixon announced this was the second final Public Hearing for the FY 2021/2022 budget.

Georgette Daniels, Assistant County Administrator, appeared before the Board.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**2. Final Budget Public Hearing for Adoption of Countywide Milage Rate**

Ms. Daniels stated this was the second final public hearing for the 2021/2022 budget for the County and adoption of the Countywide budget for the fiscal year.

**COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND.**

Commissioner Viegbesie asked about the millage rate.

Ms. Daniels read aloud the Resolution for the Millage rate.

Chair Holt announced this was a public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak and there was no one.

**CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION. COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED.**

**3. Final Budget Public Hearing for Adoption of FY2021/2022 Countywide Budget**

Ms. Daniels read aloud the Resolution

Chair Holt announced this was a public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak and there was no-one.

Chair Holt asked for a motion.

Commissioner Viegbesie said there were some items before them and asked for them to be explained and displayed on the monitor. While waiting for it to be displayed, chair Holt asked Commissioner Viegbesie if he wanted to go ahead and ask his questions. He said he asked for it to be displayed for transparency for the public.

Ms. Daniels explained the Revenue Summary.

Commissioner Viegbesie had questions regarding the courthouse security and why it had decreased and fire control. Ms. Daniels explained that most of the decreases was a one-time expenditure.

Commissioner NeSmith asked on the second page for Court Services, there was no budgeted amount. Ms. Daniels explained it was a reallocation of funds.

**COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:28 P.M.**

**GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**ANTHONY VIEGB3ESIE, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners**

**ATTEST:**

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**NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk**