

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JUNE 6, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:

Present: Kimblin NeSmith, Chair, District 3
Eric Hinson, Vice-Chair, District 1
Alonzetta Simpkins, District 2
Brenda Holt, District 4
Ronterious "Ron" Green, District 5
Edward J. Dixon, County Administrator
Clayton Knowles, County Attorney
Adriana Quijada, Secretary to the Boards

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair NeSmith called the meeting to Order at 6:00pm. Commissioner Green provided invocation. Chair NeSmith led into the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Daniels stated they did not have any amendments to the agenda.

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

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, AND APPEARANCES

1. Recognition of Bostick Temple Christian Center, Inc.

Ms. Daniels presented the above item.

Commissioner Green stated there was no one there yet, so they will move it along.

CONSENT

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

2. Ratification Memo

3. BOCC Meeting/ Workshop Minutes:

- a. May 2, 2023 @ 4:30pm Regular Workshop/Meeting
- b. May 10, 2023 @ 4:30pm Special Meeting
- c. May 16, 2023 @ 6:00pm Regular Meeting
- d. April 12, 2023 @ 5:00PM Bicentennial Workshop

4. **Approval of the Revised Judicial Inquiry System (JIS) Inter-Agency Agreement provided through the Office of the State Courts**
5. **Approval of the Security Force Southeast, LLC Agreement**
6. **Medical Director Services Agreement**
7. **Public Official Bond Review**
8. **Approval of the Elderly Affairs Department to purchase the MySeniorCenter software, accept Xavus Solutions, LLC Purchase and License Terms agreement the annual maintenance and support fee**
9. **Approval to transfer Vendor Agreements from Gadsden Senior Services to Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners**

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (3-MINUTE LIMIT)

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners welcomes and encourages public participation at all meetings of the Board. Citizens are free to speak for up to three (3) minutes on non-agenda items. Public comments and participation are also encouraged for items on the agenda. Additionally, if you are unable to attend a meeting in person, comments from the Public can also be submitted via email to CitizensToBeHeard@gadsdencountyfl.org until noon on the date of the meeting. 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. Citizens are further encouraged to participate via Zoom using the credentials on the County's website. The Board's meetings are also broadcast live on the Board's Facebook page.

Chair NeSmith read aloud the above statement.

Mike Watson, 2793 Sycamore Rd

Mike Watson appeared before the Board to discuss Sycamore Rd and how bad it needs paving.

Michael Brown, 588 Charles Brown Lane

Michael Brown appeared before the Board to discuss about the improvements needed at Parks in Friendship area. He wanted attention brought to them.

Commissioner Holt stated that was in her district and she has spoken with Mr. Brown about this. She stated she informed the County Administrator to evaluate all parks. They were looking at hiring someone for Parks right now.

Commissioner Hinson appeared at 6:14 pm.

Commissioner Green stated Parks and Recreation was one of the things they were already working on.

Commissioner Hinson stated they needed to have a meeting on Parks and Recreation. He stated they could maybe use COVID money on this.

Kacy Dennis, CEO Boys and Girls Club

Mr. Dennis appeared before the Board on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club and thanked the BOCC for the funding. He stated they were there to ask for an increase to \$1.25 Million to purchase a facility.

Shawona Moore, Boys and Girls Club

Ms. Moore appeared before the Board to discuss more in detail about the facility.

Ms. Becca Pustejovsky, Boys and Girls Club

Ms. Pustejovsky appeared before the Board to discuss the Club. She stated she created a committee of concerned citizens.

Emily Lee, 1251 Woodward Rd. Quincy, FL

Ms. Lee appeared before the Board. She stated she joined the committee to help the community.

Danielle Upton, 212 N Madison St, Quincy

Ms. Upton appeared before the Board to discuss about the Boys and Girls Club being a foundation for children.

Commissioner Simpkins stated she was a big advocate for their youth. She would like to have a conversation with Mr. Dennis one on one.

Commissioner Green stated he has met with Mr. Dennis before. He wanted to thank them for coming. He stated there will be a variety of questions now that they were asking for an increase.

Commissioner Hinson stated he proposed that they have a Community Center on the west end of Gadsden County as well as the east. He asked if they were planning on purchasing the facility and allowing people to lease.

Chair NeSmith stated he was not aware of the increase in the asking from the Boys and Girls Club. He stated they would probably have to workshop this.

Commissioner Hinson asked if they had a location already. Mr. Dennis stated yes, it was in the packet.

Commissioner Holt stated Mr. Dennis should contact each Commissioner. She stated they need to look at scheduling who else was going to request funding.

Commissioner Hinson stated he supported them but wanted to make sure resources go back to Gadsden County. Mr. Dennis stated all funds stay in Gadsden County.

Commissioner Green stated the recognition of Bostick Temple Christian Center will have to happen another day due to them not being able to make it.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. Approval of Resolution 2023-015 – Budget Amendments for FY 2021-2022

Ms. Daniels presented the above item. She stated this item seeks Board approval of Resolution 2023-015 and authorization for the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, and Finance Director to complete and execute all budget amendments necessary to maintain a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 BOCC budget.

COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

GENERAL BUSINESS

11. Voting Credentials – 2023 National Association of Counties (NACO) Annual Conference

Ms. Daniels presented the above item. This item was presented to designate a County Delegate and County Alternate to participate in the NACO annual election of officers and policy adoptions at the NACO Annual Conference.

Chair NeSmith asked Commissioner Hinson if he was planning to attend this. Commissioner Hinson stated yes.

COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE A MOTION TO DELEGATE THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

12. Approval of Area of Operation Resolution 2023-016 Concerning Financing of an Affordable Multifamily Residential Rental

Ms. Daniels presented the above item. This item was presented to the Board for approval of Resolution 2023-016, granting area of operation authority to the Escambia County Housing Finance Authority to issue Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds to finance an affordable residential rental apartment project located in Gadsden County, Florida.

Commissioner Hinson requested a brief synopsis so the community knows what's going on. Ms. Daniels read the background of this item.

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

13. Approval of Resolution 2023-017 – Budget Amendment for FY 2022-2023

Ms. Daniels presented the above item. She stated this item allocates the funding for items that have already been approved by the Board. The funding is coming from the General Fund Reserve for Contingency and any movement of funds from the Reserve for Contingency must be approved by the Board. She stated there was five items listed and item number 3 was an error and it should not be included so there are only four items. She stated the amount of this budget amendment does not include the \$300,000 for the Emergency Housing Repair Program; it would be coming to them separately from another pot of money.

Chair NeSmith verified that if they vote for that motion, that would automatically be excluded? Ms. Daniels stated yes.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE WITH THE CHANGE OF THE \$300,000 AND COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOTION.

Commissioner Green stated he had a family emergency and will reach out to the County Administrator for the comments that he had.

Commissioner Green stepped out at 6:48 pm.

CLERK OF COURT

14. Updates

No updates.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

15. Updates

No updates.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

16. Updates

No updates.

17. DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Alonzetta Simpkins, District 2

Commissioner Simpkins stated there was a second Town Hall meeting on June 8th. She also wanted to send condolences to the Figgers family due to the mother passing away.

Commissioner Hinson stated they gave Ms. Figgers a proclamation. He stated she was one of the sweetest ladies he has met and she will be missed in the community.

Ms. Daniels elaborated on the Housing event this weekend. She stated it was for celebrating Housing month. There is an event scheduled for this Saturday at 10:00 am. She stated there will be vendors and tiny house display.

Commissioner Simpkins wanted to thank the Zeta's for their recognition on Sunday for Women on The Move.

Commissioner Brenda A. Holt, District 4

Commissioner Holt stated for them to see what the community wants on parks. She stated they need to do something about the large items by the road. She stated there were a lot of people that did not want to see items by the road as it makes the whole neighborhood look bad.

Commissioner Simpkins stated she had a problem with individuals that are going into other communities to dump their stuff. She stated they need to make sure they are visual and love where

they live. She stated the County picks up only twice a year. They need cameras to catch who is doing the dumping.

Commissioner Ronterious Green, District 5

Commissioner Green left early.

Commissioner Eric F. Hinson, District 1

Commissioner Hinson mentioned people who have passed away. He stated they need to focus on lighting in the community; mentioned solar lighting.

Commissioner Simpkins stated she spoke with the County Administrator about the lighting. She stated she planned to ride her district to see where they need lighting.

Commissioner Hinson stated they also need to improve striping due to it starting to disappear in some areas. He also wanted to congratulate all the graduates.

Commissioner Hinson mentioned the Summer Youth Program. He asked if it was new that teachers have to sign. He stated there are kids with 3.9 or 4.0 GPA's and their grandparents call them asking why their child does not have a job. He stated now they need a notary to get a job. He stated there were too many restrictions on these kids.

Commissioner Simpkins stated report cards did not go out until after the 12th so they would not know if the student had a 2.0 GPA.

Commissioner Holt stated they do need to have some stipulations on an application otherwise it was not an application. She asked if they let the County Administrator know about the GPA problem. She stated they should have asked what the application looks like. Commissioner Holt asked if there was a notary in the building. Ms. Daniels stated yes, there is a notary in the building.

Chair NeSmith stated there was evidence on how he feels when it comes to the youth. He stated there are a lot of moving parts with the Youth program.

Commissioner Hinson mentioned back to school supplies. He stated One Gadsden Foundation will host a back-to-school supply drive on August 6th at the old Havana Northside High School.

Commissioner Hinson also mentioned ceilings. He stated in Hampton Heights there was a house that was refurbished by the County and less than 2 years later, the roof was leaking. They need to do what they can do as a Board to help them out.

Commissioner Hinson wanted to get the Board to approve an Alpha Kappa Alpha event he is hosting on June 17th at 10am to 2pm at the courthouse.

Commissioner Holt asked if there was anyone using the Courthouse that day. Commissioner Hinson said no.

Allan Meeks appeared before the Board. He stated if they have an event at the Courthouse, they have to have a million-dollar liability insurance. If it was a county event then it would be under the County policy.

COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

Commissioner Holt stated she had just received a text stating they were still accepting documents for the Summer Youth program.

Commissioner Holt stepped out at 7:49 pm.

Chairman Kimblin E. NeSmith, District 3

Ms. Daniels mentioned the Summer Youth Program still accepting documents. She stated the Senior Benevolence will be on June 7th at DOEA and the Employer Meeting for Summer Youth Program will also be on June 7th. She also mentioned that the County offices will be closed on June 19th.

Commissioner Holt returned at 7:54 pm.

Chair NeSmith mentioned the State of the County Address that will take place on Monday at 7pm. He also mentioned an email from Chief Hood about a Grant. He wanted to thank Chief Hood for going after funding for EMS.

Chair NeSmith stated they need to reschedule the workshop for Hospital/ Indigent Care.

Commissioner Hinson closed out the meeting by saying "Jesus is love."

MOTION TO ADJOURN

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR NESMITH ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:02 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

**KIMBLIN NESMITH, Chair
Board of County Commissioners**

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk