

**AT A WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON APRIL 16, 2024 AT 4:00 P.M.,
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Ronterious Green, Chairman, District 5
Alonzetta Simpkins, Vice-Chair, District 2
Eric Hinson, District 1, Appeared through Zoom
Kimblin NeSmith, District 3
Brenda Holt, District 4
Edward J. Dixon, County Administrator
Clayton Knowles, County Attorney
Adriana Quijada, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Green called the workshop to order at 4 p.m. Chair Green led into the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and the Invocation.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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@gadscdencountyfl.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.

Chair Green read aloud the above statement.

General Business

1. Discussion and direction regarding the Construction of the Emergency Operations Center

Mr. Dixon presented the above item.

Ms. Whaley appeared before the Board and stated the purpose of this workshop was to present to them the final design of the EOC.

Joel Sampson, Architect, appeared before the Board. He stated that the EOC design was submitted in December and FDEM approved it.

Commissioner NeSmith stated he heard Mr. Sampson state it was hurricane rated and mentioned there are five categories. Commissioner NeSmith stated he wanted this to be built for the future.

Commissioner Holt asked about outside ventilation going into the building. Mr. Sampson stated the buildings are all required to have outside air, those are systems that are protected. There is a dedicated air unit towards the top.

Mr. Dixon stated he did not think they thought enough about I.T. That was something to consider and they might need to entertain that. Commissioner Holt stated she spoke with Kimbrew and wanted to make sure they are where they need to be on the I.T. part.

Commissioner Simpkins asked if they have the space for I.T. Mr. Dixon stated they have a room dedicated to I.T. but he did not think the thought was the county's I.T.

Chair Green stated they need to consider some adequate space at some point for a consolidated dispatch center.

Motion to Adjourn

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, VICE-CHAIR SIMPKINS
DECLARED THE WORKSHOP ADJOURNED AT 4:26 PM.**

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

**Ronterious Green, Chair
Board of County Commissioners**

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk