

**AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND  
FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JANUARY  
21, 2025 AT 11:00 A.M., THE FOLLOWING  
PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:**

**Present:**        **Eric F. Hinson, Chair, District 1**  
                     **Ronterious Green, Vice-Chair, District 5**  
                     **Alonzetta Simpkins, District 2**  
                     **Shawn Wood, District 3**  
                     **Brenda Holt, District 4**  
                     **Roosevelt Morris, Interim County Administrator**  
                     **Thornton Williams, County Attorney**  
                     **Adriana Quijada, Deputy Clerk**  
                     **Leann Jinks, Clerk Secretary to the Board**

**1.    Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Hinson called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.

**2.    Amendments to the Agenda**

No amendments

**3.    Approval of Agenda**

**4.    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.gov](mailto:CitizensToBeHeard@gadsdencountyfl.gov) 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 on the County's website at [www.gadsdencountyfl.gov](http://www.gadsdencountyfl.gov).

**5.    General Business**

**5a.   Approval of Resolution 2025-019, Declaring a State of Emergency**

Mr. Morris presented the above item. Chair Hinson stated the county attorney was not present and but was on Zoom. Commissioner Simpkins and Commissioner Holt also appeared on Zoom.

Chair Hinson read through the resolution. He mentioned buildings that the county leases/ owns and asked how they could approve Havana and Chattahoochee into this for shelter.

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Ms. Steele stated that the Attorney stated everything was already covered in that resolution.

**COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AND  
COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.**

Commissioner Wood stated he would like for Public Information to work with Commissioner Green in regards to shelter; they need to be prepared for electricity to be out with this weather.

Commissioner Green stated the emergency shelter has been running and was asking for it to be open tomorrow; requesting manpower from EMS.

Mr. Morris stated county offices are closed at 12 today and will be closed tomorrow. Commissioner Green asked about road closures and Mr. Morris stated EOC will put out an announcement.

**6. Motion to Adjourn**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HINSON  
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:26 AM.**

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**Eric F. Hinson, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners**

**ATTEST:**

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**NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk**