

**AT A WORKSHOP HELD FOR LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JANUARY 30, 2025 AT
5:00 P.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 Boards

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Hinson called the workshop to order at 5:12 p.m. Chair Hinson led into the Pledge of Allegiance and everyone introduced themselves.

3. Amendments to the Agenda

No amendments.

4. Approval of Agenda

5. General Business

5.a Discussion and Direction on Legislative Priorities

Chair Hinson stated Town of Havana was not able to attend this workshop.

Rob Nixon, City of Quincy, stated their priorities. Infrastructure was a number one priority and also mentioned waste water treatment. He asked if this was due tomorrow. Al Lawson stated it was really due on the 14th.

Angela Sapp stated they have prioritized infrastructure projects.

Antonio Jefferson, Gretna, stated his priority. He mentioned Springfield resource center and plans of improving it; it would be a 2-million-dollar request.

Congressman Lawson stated if they are not on the priority list this year, they will be on it next year. He asked Commissioner Holt about Stevens School and Commissioner Holt stated they are finally out there working.

Congressman Lawson asked if they have a grant writer. Mr. Morris stated no, they are advertising. Mr. Jefferson stated they need to focus on jobs in this community and prioritize economic development.

Commissioner Simpkins stated infrastructure does need to be a top priority; she asked Mr. Lawson what happens next. Mr. Lawson stated the county needed to ask for what they want.

Commissioner Wood mentioned being simplistic on what they ask for – water and sewage. Mr. Nixon stated it would need to be a long-term plan in regards to water and sewage. Mayor Bass-Prieto stated they need to get with economic development; they need to decide what their plan is. Commissioner Holt asked if they could look at sewer lines.

Commissioner Wood stepped out at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Wood returned at 6:32 p.m.

Rob Nixon stepped out at 6:32 p.m.

Chair Hinson stated everyone had to submit their top 2 priorities.

6. Motion to Adjourn

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HINSON DECLARED THE WORKSHOP ADJOURNED AT 6:52 PM.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk