

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR  
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON MAY 27,  
2025 AT 6:00 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 A. Holt, District 4  
Roosevelt Morris, Interim County Administrator  
Louis Baptiste, Interim 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 6 p.m. Chair Hinson led into invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Commissioner Simpkins arrived at 6:01 p.m.*

4. **Amendments to the Agenda**

Mr. Morris requested to pull item 6.c. from the agenda and add item 11.c, Approval of Local Agency (LAP) contract for South Adams Street Sidewalk Project under General Business.

Commissioner Simpkins requested to add EMS to the agenda for discussion. Mr. Morris stated they could add that as item 11.d.

5. **Approval of Agenda**

**COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED AND  
COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE.**

6. **Awards, Presentations, and Appearances**

**6.a Proclamation Honoring EMS Week**

Vice-Chair Green presented the proclamation to EMS.

**6.b Proclamation Honoring Public Works Week**

Commissioner Wood presented the proclamation to Public Works.

**6.c Presentation regarding Apalachee Regional Resilience Collaborative: Launch & Overview  
(Divina Lade)**

**7. Consent**

Attorney Baptiste asked that item 7.h, Approval of Consulting Contract with ARPC, be pulled and moved to item 11.e. under general business.

**COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 7.H. AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE.**

**7.a Ratification Memo**

**7.b BOCC Meeting/Workshop Minutes**

7.b.1. April 15, 2025, BOCC Regular Meeting

7.b.2. April 21, 2025, Special Meeting

**7.c Approval of the 2025 Florida Council on Aging Partnership Memorandum of Understanding with Gadsden County Elderly Affairs**

**7.d Approval of the Florida Department of Commerce, Capital Projects Digital Connectivity Technology Program Award Agreement BB238, providing \$355,200.00 to expand the Library's Current IT Device Loan Program**

**7.e Approval and Signature(s) for Satisfaction of Special Assessment Liens**

**7.f Approval and Signatures for SHIP First-time Homebuyer Programs Lien(s)**

**7.g Approval of Policy 2025-002: Employee of the Month Policy and Guidelines**

**7.h Approval of Consulting Contract with ARPC**

**7.i Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Advanced/Basic Life Support Partnership Between Gadsden County and the City of Midway**

**7.j Approval of Business Agreement for the Opioid Settlement V0136 Amendment #01**

**7.k Approval of Animal Adoption Fees**

**8. Items Pulled for Discussion**

**9. 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 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).

Vice-Chair Green read aloud the citizens to be heard sent via email.

**10. Public Hearings**

**11. General Business**

**11.a Approval of Funding Request for Stallworth & Associates Global**

Mr. Morris presented the above item.

Dr. Stallworth appeared before the board and stated he put in a request for \$10,000 to be able to continue helping under-deserved people in the communities.

Commissioner Holt stated there was no policy and procedure in place before, and wanted to know if there was a reason not to fund this item.

Commissioner Green stated he would like a workshop on non-profits. He could not support this due to no policy and procedures in place.

Commissioner Simpkins stated they truly appreciate the work that Dr. Stallworth does in the community and it does not go unnoticed. She stated they do not have this budgeted and they do need to look at policy and procedure first before she could support funding this.

Commissioner Holt asked if Dr. Stallworth would be ok with tabling this. Dr. Stallworth stated he would be fine with that if they need policy and procedure in place first.

**COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. THE MOTION DIED DUE TO A LACK OF SECOND.**

**COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.**

**11.b Discussion and Approval of PAMS Program, Gadsden County Health Council Mobile Unit, and Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners Employee Raises**

Commissioner Holt stated PAMS was approved before by the board and wanted to discuss this.

Mr. Baptiste stated he did a historical review on PAMS on whether or not it was funded by Gadsden County. He did not believe it was clearly funded. Historically, the board did fund PAMS through the Department of Health in the amount of \$266,000. The initial request was made by the Gadsden Community Health Council but the funds were not sent to them, they were sent to the Health Department. In 2010, \$281,120 was given to fund PAMS directly. Mr. Baptiste recommended to table PAMS.

Commissioner Wood stated he would like to see deliverables on this.

Commissioner Simpkins stated she is in support of PAMS. There were several overlapping factors at play. There are rules that they need to follow and they need to be accountable on how they are spending funds.

Reverend Hannah stated he has appeared 6 times already before the board.

Mr. Baptiste stated he has had conversations with Rev. Hannah on this and has requested information on it. He has requested information on the current board for the Community Health Council and did not receive it. The board has not met in a while. This board needs to know if the Health Council has an active board since that is required.

Commissioner Hinson appeared on Zoom and wanted Mr. Baptiste to let them know what exactly what was said between him and Rev. Hannah.

Mr. Baptiste stated the conversations with Rev. Hannah were not isolated. He called commissioners immediately to let them know of the information he received.

Commissioner Green stated they were all in support of this, they just need to make sure a process is in place.

Mr. Baptiste stated Rev. Hannah submitted a written request of how he would use funding; funds need to be detailed for the Clerk.

Rev. Hannah stated they did not have an active board and are replacing some of them.

Commissioner Holt asked Mr. Baptiste to go over his information on the bus. Mr. Baptiste stated he has the contract of the bus and read through some of the pages.

*Commissioner Wood stepped out at 7:00 p.m.*

Mr. Baptiste stated the county would need to set deliverables.

*Commissioner Wood returned at 7:01 p.m.*

Commissioner Simpkins mentioned that it is not the board's responsibility to staff bus.

Commissioner Holt brought up employee raises. Chair Hinson stated they should have a budget workshop first.

**11.c Approval of Local Agency (LAP) contract for South Adams Street Sidewalk Project, Interlocal Agreement between the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Quincy**

Mr. Morris presented the above item.

Commissioner Holt asked if the city has received this before. Mr. Baptiste stated it was on their agenda as well.

**COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 11.C. AND COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.**

**11.d Discussion of EMS**

Commissioner Simpkins asked if this would be on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Morris stated yes.

Mr. Ford, EMS Director, appeared. Commissioner Simpkins asked if they provided the proposal to the attorney. Mr. Ford stated yes. Mr. Baptiste stated it will be ready June 3.

Mr. Ford stated they have a critical shortage of staff and he submitted an agenda item for a \$5k sign on bonus.

**11.e Approval of Consulting Contract with ARPC**

Mr. Morris presented the above item.

Commissioner Hinson thought they should table this.

**COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER WOOD AND COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED.**

**12. Clerk of Court**

No updates.

**13. Interim County Attorney**

No updates.

**14. Interim County Administrator**

Mr. Morris requested a proclamation for Parole.

**COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION FOR A PROCLAMATION FOR PAROLE AND COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.**

Mr. Morris stated Stephens School is near completion; June 1 is the completion date.

Commissioner Green asked about other properties for the Boys & Girls Club. Mr. Morris named a few other properties.

**15. Discussion Items by Commissioners**

**15.a. Commissioner Alonzetta Simpkins, District 2**

Commissioner Simpkins requested information on the process of road issues and policy of taking vehicles home.

Commissioner Simpkins mentioned animosity and it standing in the way.

**15.b. Commissioner Shawn Wood, District 3**

Commissioner Wood mentioned Cane Creek Road.

**15.c. Commissioner Brenda A. Holt, District 4**

Commissioner Holt mentioned ARPC and training for Planning Commission.

**15.d. Commissioner Ronterious Green, District 5**

Commissioner Green mentioned easements at Lake Talquin.

Commissioner Green congratulated all seniors and also provided a green light moment.

**15.e. Commissioner Eric F. Hinson, District 1**

Commissioner Hinson mentioned EMS taking people from Concord and sending them to Quincy instead of Tallahassee and he was not sure why.

Chair Hinson mentioned public works and asked status of road in Midway. Mr. Morris stated public works has done an assessment; may request funding for Dover Road.

**16. Motion to Adjourn**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, VICE-CHAIR GREEN DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:08 PM.**

**GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**ERIC F. HINSON, Chair**  
**Board of County Commissioners**

**ATTEST:**

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**NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk**