

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JUNE 17,
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, Appeared on Zoom
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. and led into invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Hinson stated Commissioner Simpkins was online.

4. **Amendments to the Agenda**

Mr. Morris stated the below amendments:

Request to add under General Business:

Item 11.n. Approval of Opioid Settlement Funds for First Responder Operational Readiness Training

Item 11.o. Approval of Safe Street Roads Grant

Pull item 11.j. and item 11.m. from the agenda.

COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE AMENDMENTS AND
COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

5. **Approval of Agenda**

COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED AND
COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

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

6.a Proclamation for Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week

Chair Hinson presented proclamation.

6.b Proclamation for Fair Housing Month

Chair presented the proclamation to Ms. Burns.

6.c Presentation updating the Gadsden Vulnerability Assessment Project

Davina Lade appeared to provide update on Gadsden vulnerability assessment project.

7. Consent

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

Chair Hinson asked if item 7.c. affects the budget. Mr. Baptiste stated it was approved at the last meeting and they were putting it here to satisfy time requirements.

7.a Ratification Memo

7.b BOCC Meeting/Workshop Minutes

1. May 27, 2025, Regular BOCC Meeting

7.c Approval of Dogtown Road – State Funded Grant Agreement

7.d Approval for Satisfaction of Special Assessment Lien

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.

Chair Hinson read aloud the above statement.

Pastor Willie Gaines, 5775 Ben Bostick Rd

Pastor Gaines appeared to discuss being thankful on sidewalks. He proposed that they have trash round-up involving all districts.

Jessica Rivas, 325 Frank Jackson Rd Quincy, FL 32351

Ms. Rivas appeared before the board to discuss the friendship community and street lights. She stated Friendship Park has not had much progression. She mentioned sidewalks needed on Ben Bostick Road and speed bumps on Frank Jackson Road. She stated there needs to be a building inspection on Frank Jackson Road.

Michael Brown, 588 Charles Brown St

Mr. Brown appeared to discuss Friendship Park. He stated the park has gotten one water fountain and swing set in the past 2 years.

Sean Donaldson,

Mr. Donaldson appeared to also discuss friendship park.

Commissioner Holt mentioned a schedule of parks. Mr. Morris stated there is a committee now and there will be a county wide board meeting and it will be advertised.

Regina Davis, 315 W Washington Dr. Quincy, FL

Ms. Davis appeared and asked about the timeline for public records request.

Mr. Morris stated they will get information out as quickly as they can. Attorney Baptiste stated it just has to be in a reasonable time.

10. Public Hearings

10.a. Public Hearing: Approval of Budget Amendments for FY 2024-2025

Mr. Morris presented the above item.

Derrick Elias, P.O. Box 2171 Quincy, FL

Mr. Elias appeared and asked if this amendment was solely for the transfer for TDC or if they look at the overall budget. Mr. Morris stated it was just for this specific item.

Chair Hinson stated he thought that TDC was paying for it and it was not coming from general funds. Commissioner Simpkins stated she was also under the impression that TDC had funds for this.

Ms. Raynak appeared and stated it was not included in the 2024-2025 budget. They removed money from reserve into TDC and it was not coming from general funds.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

11. General Business

11.a. Appointment to the Value Adjustment Board

Mr. Morris presented.

Chair Hinson stated he did not mind serving again and recommended Commissioner Simpkins to replace Mr. NeSmith.

CHAIR HINSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

11.b. Approval of Providence Road – State Funded Grant Agreement

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

Mr. Morris provided an overview on this item.

11.c. Approval of EOR Services for the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized (Sun) Trail Network Program

Mr. Morris presented.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

11.d. Approval of Contract Extension with AECOM, Inc.

Mr. Morris presented the above item.

COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

11.e. Approval of CEI Services for Ben Bostick Road

Mr. Morris presented the above item.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

11.f. Approval of the Mosquito Control Detailed Work Plan Budget for FY 25-26

Mr. Morris presented.

Commissioner Holt asked for another person be certified as well, not just one.

Commissioner Wood asked if they have any city contracts with them. Mr. Morris stated they do not have any interlocal agreements with a city now. Commissioner Wood stated that could decrease the cost.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

11.g. Approval of the Security Force Southeast LLC Contract

Mr. Baptiste needed to make a slight amendment to this item. This item needs to be active upon signature and not be retroactive from the previous expiration date of May 31, 2024.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM WITH THE ABOVE AMENDMENT AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

11.h. 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

Mr. Morris presented the above item.

COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

11.i. Appointment to the Planning Commission

Mr. Morris presented the above item.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

~~11.j. Approval of Carver Heights Lease Agreement~~

Item pulled.

11.k. Approval of Fire Contract for 2023-2024

Mr. Baptiste presented the above item. He stated there were 2 payments never given to Quincy from 2023-2024.

Mr. Baptiste mentioned an amendment done on paragraph 12, under payment of funds.

Commissioner Wood stepped out at 7:14 p.m.

COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE.

11.l. Approval of Fire Contract for 2024-2025

Mr. Baptiste presented item. He stated there was added language in paragraph 3.

Commissioner Wood returned at 7:16 p.m.

COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND CHAIR HINSON MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

11.m. Boys & Girls Club

Item pulled.

11.n. Approval of Opioid Settlement Funds for First Responder Operational Readiness Training - Practical Strategies for Addressing Opioid Use Disorder and Co-occurring Conditions

Mr. Morris presented the above item.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

11.o. Approval of Safe Streets and Roads Grant Application

Mr. Morris presented the above item.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

12. Clerk of Court

No updates.

13. Interim County Attorney

Mr. Baptiste stated he spoke to Ms. Raynak regarding bonds. They need to reach out to a higher bond council and they need a workshop regarding this.

COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE A MOTION FOR A SPECIAL MEETING ON BONDS AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

Mr. Baptiste stated he will get with commissioners regarding surplus opportunities.

14. Interim County Administrator

Mr. Morris requested a proclamation for 186th celebration of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Quincy.

COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE A MOTION FOR A PROCLAMATION FOR 186TH CELEBRATION FOR ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

Mr. Morris stated county offices will be closed on June 19 in celebration of Juneteenth.

COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE A MOTION TO CANCEL THE JULY 1ST REGULAR MEETING AND THE JULY 15TH REGULAR MEETING. COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND AND THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

Mr. Morris mentioned the organizational chart and re-organizing it.

Commissioner Simpkins stated she had concerns regarding that chart.

15. Discussion Items by Commissioners

15.a. Commissioner Alonzetta Simpkins, District 2

Commissioner Simpkins thanked everyone for the seniors Father's Day celebration event.

15.b. Commissioner Shawn Wood, District 3

Commissioner Wood stated that organizational charts were always tough.

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

Commissioner Holt mentioned a manufacturing company and recruiting people.

Commissioner Holt mentioned that the St. Johns Park has no building nor bathroom.

15.d. Commissioner Ronterious Green, District 5

COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE A MOTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ROBERT F. MONROE DUAL-ENROLLED STUDENTS AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

Commissioner Green thanked the housing staff for workshops in the area.

Commissioner Green asked about summer youth program. Mr. Morris stated getting students acclimated to their jobs right now.

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

Chair Hinson mentioned Father's Day.

Commissioner Green asked for an update on Stevens School. Mr. Morris stated they are close to finishing the project; next week or so the grant can be closed out.

Commissioner Holt mentioned housing coalition and they recommended the COMP plan.

16. **Motion to Adjourn**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HINSON
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:09 PM.**

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk