

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JUNE 30,
2025 AT 4:00 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 via 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

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Hinson called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and led into invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

Commissioner Simpkins appeared online via zoom.

Commissioner Holt appeared at 4:04 p.m.

4. Amendments to the Agenda

Chair Hinson asked if item 7.c and 7.d was properly advertised.

Commissioner Green stated he was going to request to pull those items as he has not had an opportunity to review them. It was his first time seeing the items.

Mr. Morris stated he was going to request to add them as amendments to the agenda.

Attorney Baptiste recommended to add those items at a later time.

Commissioner Holt asked if it was time sensitive. Chair Hinson stated item 7.c is and Mr. Morris stated 7.d is also time sensitive.

Attorney Baptiste recommended to pull item 7.c.

Attorney Baptiste recommended them to approve item 7.d.

**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 WOOD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

6. **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.

Genesis Jones/ Dorothy Thomas, 112 S Duval St

Ms. Jones appeared before the board regarding organizing a town hall meeting in Gretna.

Regina Davis, 315 W Washington St. Quincy, FL

Ms. Davis appeared before the board and stated she was not suggesting that seniors should not be funded. She stated her questions from her public records request were all non-responsive.

Chair Hinson asked Mr. Morris why they were not able to answer her public records request. Mr. Morris stated some questions were regarding a private entity and they could not answer her questions as they did not have record.

Attorney Baptiste stated the request he received focused on Gadsden senior services. Ms. Davis stated she was addressing senior citizen foundation. Attorney Baptiste stated they must respond to what exactly is being requested and can't make assumptions of what citizens are needing.

Marcella Blocker, 144 Brangus Lane Quincy, FL

Mrs. Blocker appeared with a concern about the lack of notice of the agenda items to the public.

Commissioner Holt asked attorney Baptiste to pull ordinance that requires advertisement and put that on their page. Ordinance needs to come back if changes are needed.

Chair Hinson stated special meetings do not need 7-day notice advertisement; some items were not advertised so he requested to pull it.

Commissioner Green stated special meetings do not have to be advertised on social media, that is a courtesy.

7. General Business

7.a. Presentation of the Audit Report for fiscal year ending September 30, 2024

This agenda item is presented to the Board by Purvis and Gray for review of the Gadsden County Audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

Ryan Tucker with Purvis Gray appeared before the board to present the results for the audit fiscal year that ended September 30, 2024.

Mr. Tucker presented a summary of the audit report with a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Tucker presented the financial highlights with a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Holt asked if Purvis Gray spoke with the clerk and Sheriff about discrepancies; Mr. Tucker stated yes, they had.

Chair Hinson asked about increasing expenditures; Mr. Tucker stated it was based on different grant requirements, meeting deadlines, spending ARPA and CARES money, and growth within the community.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO RECEIVE THE 2024 AUDIT REPORT AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

7.b. Approval of modified Florida Department of Management Agreements to accept the State-Funded Agreements for GIS and NextGen 911 Core Services PSAP Upgrades

Attorney Baptiste presented the above item. This agreement had an incorrect date on it, but it has the corrected date now. This agenda item seeks the board's approval on the modified Florida Department of Management Services (DMS) agreements for the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Upgrade, totaling \$392,065.57. These funds will support the implementation of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Core Services with INdigital and the Geographic Information System (GIS) Repository with DataMark.

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

~~7.c. Approval of Agreement Between Gadsden County and Browning Medical and Wellness, LLC for Healthcare Services Funding Support~~

Item pulled.

7.d. Approval of Submission of FL Department of Transportation Service Development Grant Application

Mr. Morris presented the above item. This agenda item is presented to the Board for Chair approval to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in requesting Service Development funds for capital improvements to bus stop infrastructure.

Mr. Morris gave a brief overview.

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

Attorney Baptiste stated he read ordinance regarding audit and the audit report did not need a motion to approve. Chair Hinson stated they would motion to approve of receiving the audit as they had voted in the past.

7.e. Boys & Girls Club Discussion

Mr. Morris provided a PowerPoint presentation of multiple location options.

Commissioner Green stated to be more detailed with locations; they were not on the same page with going back and forth with the city, and it was okay.

Mr. Morris presented South Stewart Street location as a potential site for the club.

Mr. Morris presented 2426 Pat Thomas Parkway as a potential site for the club.

Mr. Morris presented 2139 Fantana Trail as a potential site for the club.

Mr. Morris presented Strong Road as a potential site for the club.

Mr. Morris presented 122 N Graves Street as a potential site for the club.

Commissioner Green stated they should discuss each site along with the pros and cons.

Mr. Morris mentioned the original site was Martin Luther King.

Commissioner Green stated Stewart Street did not work for him as there was no room for growth there. Pat Thomas Parkway and Fantana Trail both did not work for him as well; it was not suitable travel wise. He was for Strong Road, as he felt like it met several qualifications.

Commissioner Wood stated this was his first-time hearing of Strong Road. He stated he wanted to motion to ask the city of Quincy for the property next to Joe Ferolito center/ Hinson.

Commissioner Holt thought Fantana Trail was too far out; The site needs to be in city limits, and she was in favor of Strong Road.

Commissioner Holt stepped out at 5:22 p.m.

Chair Hinson mentioned needing to do an environmental review of the land.

Commissioner Holt returned at 5:24 p.m.

Commissioner Simpkins mentioned having a conversation with the city of Quincy on property.
She stated she was in favor of Fantana Trail.

Commissioner Wood stepped out at 5:32 p.m.

Commissioner Wood returned at 5:33 p.m.

Commissioner Green asked attorney Baptiste to share info on the City of Quincy property.

Attorney Baptiste talked about Joe Ferolito area and the field next to it all being one lot and they would have to divide the land.

Commissioner Holt stated the property would have to be divided out.

Attorney Baptiste asked to clarify the motion.

COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE A MOTION TO GIVE THE ATTORNEY PERMISSION TO ASK CITY OF QUINCY ABOUT PROPERTY NEXT TO THE JOE FERULITO CENTER AND CHAIR HINSON MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER HOLT AND COMMISSIONER GREEN OPPOSED.

Carey Throw, Chair of Boys & Girls Club, appeared.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION FOR THE ATTORNEY TO LOOK INTO STRONG ROAD AS A POSSIBLE LOCATION AS WELL AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER HOLT WITHDREW HER MOTION AND COMMISSIONER GREEN WITHDREW HIS SECOND.

Commissioner Green suggested that the next time they meet, they are leaving with a vote on location.

7.f. Requesting Permission to participate in Governor DeSantis's proposed day off for the weekend of the July 4th.

COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 7.F. AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

Attorney Baptiste stated he would like a motion giving him permission to respond to the email from the Clerk regarding items passed under TDC.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO GIVE THE INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY PERMISSION TO RESPOND TO THE CLERK’S EMAIL REGARDING TDC ITEMS. COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND AND THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

8. Motion to Adjourn

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HINSON DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:19 PM.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk