

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JULY 8,
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 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 meeting to order at 5 p.m. Chair Hinson led into the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

4. Amendments to the Agenda

Mr. Morris stated there are no amendments.

5. Approval of Agenda

COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE THE SECONDS. THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 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.

Tangela Chipman, 225 Sand Pine Cir.

Ms. Chipman appeared to discuss her driveway issues.

7. General Business

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

Mr. Morris presented the above item. This agenda item is presented to the board for approval of the agreement between Gadsden County and Browning medical and wellness. LLC for healthcare services funding support.

Lemonteh Horne, 4434 Gearhart Rd. Tallahassee, FL

Mr. Horne appeared before the board to oppose of this funding.

Commissioner Holt stated there is no process in place and they really need an RFQ.

Commissioner Green appeared at 5:31 p.m.

Commissioner Holt stated she was not questioning the need, but their job is policy and there is no policy in place.

Attorney Baptiste mentioned procurement policy. He stated Browning is not providing services to Gadsden County. He also stated it was operating more like a grant.

Commissioner Green stated they will get repercussions on this. Others will come in with expectation that they are a loan company.

Chair Hinson made a motion to approve this item and Commissioner Simpkins made the second. Motion did not pass due to discussion, and the question was not called for voting.

Commissioner Simpkins asked about bonds; Attorney Baptiste stated there are performance bonds.

Commissioner Holt stated she was interested in a surety bond for this agreement, and she also asked why it was 10% on the indigent patients as most doctors see higher numbers than that in Gadsden County.

Commissioner Green thought that 10% should be higher and is why he is not supporting it.

Commissioner Wood also thought 10% was low.

Attorney Baptiste stated they need to amend the motion from the 10% to 20%.

CHAIR HINSON AMENDED HIS MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEM AND MAKE IT 20% INSTEAD OF 10% AND COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER HOLT AND GREEN OPPOSED; THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 TO APPROVE.

7.b. Approval of Delegating an Appointment to NACo

COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINTMENT CHAIR HINSON AND
COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. 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 5:55 PM.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Eric F. Hinson, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk