

**AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON SEPTEMBER
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
 Brenda A. Holt, District 4
 Shawn Wood, District 3
 Reginald James, Interim County Administrator
 Louis Baptiste, Interim County Attorney
 Adriana Quijada, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Hinson called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. Commissioner Green led into invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amendments to the Agenda

No amendments.

Approval of Agenda

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

Citizens Requesting to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items (3-minutes 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.

General Business

7.a. Approval of PEEMT Letter of Agreement with Gadsden County Emergency Medical Services and Agency for Healthcare Administration

Mr. James stated this item seeks Board approval of the agreement between Gadsden County Emergency Medical Services and AHCA for reimbursement of the Public Emergency Medical Transport. AHCA will reimburse the County up to \$1,916,694 if they participate.

Commissioner Wood appeared at 5:08 p.m.

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

7.b. Approval of Site Selection for Boys & Girls Club & Community Center

Chair Hinson called on citizens requesting to be heard on this item.

Richele Robinson, 318 Stanley St. Quincy, FL

Ms. Robinson appeared to discuss sites for the Boys & Girls Club. She stated their choice of Graves Street as a location lacks comradery and it was insensitive due to the current financial status of the City of Quincy. She was in opposition of a land transfer and was in favor of building on county property.

Derrick Elias, 2171 PO Box Quincy, FL

Mr. Elias appeared and stated he thought this was a done deal already and he was not sure why they are speaking on this tonight.

Carolyn Ford, 526 Key St. Quincy, FL

Ms. Ford appeared and asked why has this taken so long to find a proper site for the Boys & Girls Club. They need to look at a place that was accessible. She was in favor of the site on Strong Road.

Alma Venisee, 155 Martin St. Quincy, FL

Ms. Venisee appeared to discuss the Boys & Girls Club site.

Tracey Stallworth, P.O. Box 1339 Quincy, FL

Mr. Stallworth appeared and asked if the commissioners have reached out to constituents regarding the site selection. He asked about transportation for Fontana Trail and stated he was for the Strong Road site because they own that property.

Lori Bouie, 816 Hardin St. Quincy, FL

Ms. Bouie appeared to encourage them to come to a resolution on this. She was in favor of placing the Boys & Girls Club on Strong Road.

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Mr. Baptiste stated a couple months ago, the board voted to have him travel to City of Quincy and inquire about the land at 122 N Graves Street. He made a presentation the board of city commissioners and the board voted to authorize the city attorney to work with Mr. Baptiste to come up with a plan to transfer the land to the county. At the last county commission meeting, the board voted to place the Boys & Girls Club on the lot adjacent to the Joe Ferulito center at 122 N Graves Street. He recommended to the board that the county incur all the costs and he got with the building official on costs associated with dividing the lot.

Mr. Baptiste stated he got with the city attorney and they have drafted a comprehensive agreement that he believed covered anything that could come up. He stated there was a motion made by a city commissioner to remove the item from amended agenda and it was passed.

Commissioner Green stated they voted on something that did not belong to them. This was time sensitive and they do not have time to go back and forth. He stated Fontana Trail was an inconvenience to citizens and was in favor of Strong Road.

Chair Hinson stepped out at 5:39 p.m.

Commissioner Holt stated this board has messed the process up with the City of Quincy. The back and forth with this was not working.

Chair Hinson returned at 5:41 p.m.

Mr. Baptiste stated at no point did the county operate in bad faith with the City of Quincy. A central issue became that the City of Quincy wanted a pool and the county was under the impression that the building would be broken down into 4 phases. The pool would be coming in phase 2, because the reality was that there was not enough money to build a pool. The city of Quincy was wanting a pool now, instead of waiting for phase 2. Prior to April, there was no final agreement that was transmitted to the City of Quincy.

Motion to Adjourn

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HINSON DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:00 PM.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Eric F. Hinson, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk