AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON OCTOBER 7, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:

Present: **Eric F. Hinson, Chair, District 1**
Alonzetta Simpkins, District 2
Shawn Wood, District 3
Brenda A. Holt, District 4
Reginald James, Interim County Administrator
Louis Baptiste, Interim County Attorney
Adriana Quijada, Deputy Clerk

Absent: **Ronterious Green, Vice-Chair, District 5**

1. <u>Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance</u>

Chair Hinson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Commissioner Simpkins led into the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Holt appeared at 6:03 p.m.

4. <u>Amendments to the Agenda</u>

Mr. James stated the below amendments.
7d moved to 11.o. under general business

- Request to PULL under Awards, Presentations, and Appearances:

Item 6.b. Recognition of Ms. Dorothy Gunn Wood
Item 7.c. Approval to use Opioid Settlement Funds for Gadsden County's Drug Take Back Day
Item 7.d. Approval of the Finance Office to process payment for Holiday Outdoor Decor at the Courthouse
Item 7.h. Approval and Ratification of Recognition Honoring Ms. Dorothy Gunn Wood

Request to PULL under General Business:
Item 11.c. Municipal Inter-Local Agreement for Animal Control Services – Greensboro
Item 11.i. Approval for the Clerk to process payment to Gadsden County School Board for the available balance in the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act Fund
Item 11.k. Approval of Amendments to Gadsden County Procurement Policy

Request to ADD under the Consent Agenda:
7.i. Approval of Request for Corrections Software Solutions Contract

Request to ADD under General Business:

Item 11.L. Approval of Resolution 2025-034 Grant Budget Amendment for FY2025
Item 11.m Approval of FY 2025-26 Small County Consolidate Waste Grant
Item 11.n. Approval of Resolution 2026-001 Grant Budget Amendment for FY2026
Item 11.o. Approval of the Finance Office to process payment for Holiday Outdoor Decor at the Courthouse

Commissioner Holt asked why inter-local agreements were pulled, and Mr. James stated there were disagreements with them.

Attorney Baptiste asked to pull item 11.j. Approval of the Agreement for Geographical Information System (GIS) Services with the Apalachicola Regional Planning Council (ARPC); He stated the cost was increased and it was not in the budget.

5. Approval of Agenda

COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED AND COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

6. Awards, Presentations, and Appearances

6.a. Broadband Update

Kassandra McGlonn, BOCC grants director, appeared to provide a presentation on Broadband.

She stated there are 3 project listings: Chattahoochee Multi-Purpose Community Facility, Havana Multi-Purpose Community Facility, Quincy Multi-Purpose Community Facility.

~~6.b. Recognition of Ms. Dorothy Gunn Wood~~

7. Consent

Chair Hinson asked about 7.i. and if the Clerk was okay with it; Attorney Baptiste stated the Clerk had issue with item 7.d. which has been removed, but they can move 7.i. to general business as item 11.p.

COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE A MOTION TO MOVE ITEM 7.I. TO GENERAL BUSINESS AS ITEM 11.P. AND COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AND COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

7.a Ratification Memo

7.b BOCC Meeting/Workshop Minutes
1. September 15, 2025, Budget Public Hearing
2. September 16 2025, BOCC Meeting

3. September 22, 2025, Workshop
4. September 30, 2025, Budget Public Hearing

~~Item 7.c. Approval to use Opioid Settlement Funds for Gadsden County's Drug Take Back Day~~

~~Item 7.d. Approval of the Finance Office to process payment for Holiday Outdoor Décor at the Courthouse~~

Item 7.e. Approval and Signatures for Satisfaction of Special Assessment Lien and Record Corrected Lien

Item 7.f. Release of incorrectly described Special Assessment Lien and Record Correct Lien

Item 7.g. Approval and Signature(s) for Satisfaction of Special Assessment Lien

~~Item 7.h. Approval and Ratification of Recognition Honoring Ms. Dorothy Gunn Wood~~

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.

Linda Barkley, 530 Dusty House Road, Quincy, FL

Ms. Barkley appeared to discuss the need to have a fire department in the county. She also stated there are issues with the wait times and funding for SHIP.

10. Public Hearing

11. General Business

11.a. Municipal Inter-Local Agreement for Animal Control Services – Havana

Mr. James presented the above item. This agenda item is presented to the board for approval of a one-year Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Havana for animal control services, effective October 1, 2025, and expiring September 30, 2026.

COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE ITEM AND COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

11.b. Municipal Inter-Local Agreement for Animal Control Services – Chattahoochee

Mr. James presented the above item. This agenda item is presented to the board for approval of a one-year Interlocal Agreement with the City of Chattahoochee for animal control services, effective October 1, 2025, and expiring September 30, 2026.

COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE ITEM AND COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

~~**11.c. Municipal Inter-Local Agreement for Animal Control Services – Greensboro**~~

11.d. Municipal Inter-Local Agreement for Animal Control Services – Quincy

Mr. James presented the above item. This agenda item is presented to the board for approval of a one-year Interlocal Agreement with the City of Quincy for animal control services, effective October 1, 2025, and expiring September 30, 2026.

COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE ITEM AND COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

11.e. Municipal Inter-Local Agreement for Animal Control Services – Gretna

Mr. James presented the above item. This agenda item is presented to the board for approval of a one-year Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gretna for animal control services, effective October 1, 2025, and expiring September 30, 2026.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE ITEM AND COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

11.f. Municipal Inter-Local Agreement for Animal Control Services – Midway

Mr. James presented the above item. This agenda item is presented to the board for approval of a one-year Interlocal Agreement with the City of Midway for animal control services, effective October 1, 2025, and expiring September 30, 2026.

COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE ITEM AND COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

11.g. <u>Approval of the Judicial Inquiry System (JIS) Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) – Access Certification Statement</u>

Mr. James presented the above item. This agenda item seeks board approval and signature by the Chairperson for the renewal of the attached Judicial Inquiry System (JIS) Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) – Access Certification Statement.

Chair Hinson asked if this item could be expounded on; Attorney Baptiste expounded on this item.

COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE ITEM AND COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

11.h. <u>Approval of Resolution 2025-052</u>

Attorney Baptiste stated he was going to pull this item, but he wanted to discuss it, and get board direction. He stated The Florida Legislator recently passed Senate Bill 180, which is a bill that restricts the ability of local governments to have zoning ordinances. It restricts a county from passing any ordinance relating to land development code or comprehensive plan that a citizen could deem restrictive. If a change was made, SB-180 gives the citizen a right to sue the county for a violation. There was no resolution attached to this item because he wanted board direction.

Attorney Baptiste mentioned that they have seen counties adopt resolutions against SB-180 and there are 2 counties and 9 cities currently that have initiated litigation. They did not need to vote on it tonight, but he just wanted to bring it to their attention. He stated he could draft a resolution if the board directed him to do so.

Commissioner Holt stated she knows several Commissioners who have a problem with SB-180 for several reasons.

~~11.i.~~ <u>~~Approval for the Clerk to process payment to Gadsden County School Board for the available balance in the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act Fund~~</u>

11.j. <u>Approval of the Agreement for Geographical Information System (GIS) Services with the Apalachicola Regional Planning Council (ARPC)</u>

Attorney Baptiste stated he thought this item was pulled due to needing to do more research on the contract and made a request for a Commissioner to make a motion to table the item.

Commissioner Holt asked why this was not in the budget; Ms. Raynak came forward and stated they were only informed on the price increase after the budget year.

Commissioner Holt stated she was not comfortable with voting on budget items until they go back and see the changes that were made at the last meeting.

COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE ITEM AND COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

~~11.k. Approval of Amendments to Gadsden County Procurement Policy~~

11.l. Approval of Resolution 2025-034 Grant Budget Amendment for FY2025

Mr. James presented the above item. This agenda item is presented to the Board for approval of Resolution 2025-034 and for the County Administrator and Finance Director to complete and execute all budget amendments necessary to maintain a balanced budget for Fiscal year 2025 BOCC budget.

COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE ITEM AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

11.m. Approval of FY 2025-26 Small County Consolidate Waste Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Mr. James presented the above item. This agenda item seeks the Boards approval of a funding agreement between Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the Solid Waste Program.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE ITEM AND COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

11.n. Approval of Resolution 2026-001 Grant Budget Amendment for FY2026

Mr. James presented the above item. This agenda item seeks the Boards approval to add revenue budgets that were missed to the Interfund Transfer Expenditure Budget.

Ms. Raynak appeared and stated in the process of doing the budgeting and submitting it to the Clerk’s office they were informed by the Clerk’s office that the template they used and submitted to the Clerk’s office was not all inclusive of what should have been included so they missed it in their work. The clerk’s office asked them to fix this so they can start spending their money now.

COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE ITEM AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

11.o. Approval of the Finance Office to process payment for Holiday Outdoor Décor at the Courthouse

Mr. James presented the above item. This agenda item seeks the Boards approval to process payment for Holiday Décor at the courthouse.

Mr. James stated he wanted board input on this, usually an administrator just signs off on it.

Chair Hinson stated they can table item, but Commissioner Holt stated she was not in favor of tabling the item.

COMMISSIONER WOOD MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE ITEM AND COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

11.p. Approval of Request for Corrections Software Solutions Contract

Attorney Baptiste presented the above item. This agenda item seeks Board approval of request for Corrections Software Solutions Contract.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE ITEM AND COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

12. Clerk of Court

No updates.

13. County Attorney

No updates.

14. County Administrator

Mr. James

15. Discussion Items by Commissioners

15.a. Commissioner Alonzetta Simpkins, District 2

Commissioner Simpkins mentioned the National Hookup of Black Women will be hosting a domestic violence walk event on Saturday beginning at 9:00. She stated Octoberfest will be taking place in Havana also on Saturday.

Commissioner Simpkins stated the mobile health unit will be at St. Hebron AME from 10-12 along with St. Hebron's health ministry, and herself.

15.b. Commissioner Shawn Wood, District 3

Commissioner Wood asked Attorney Baptiste for an update on the hospital renovations.

Attorney Baptiste stated the Board voted to give HCA a lease agreement related to the hospital, and that lease agreement is really strong. Stated he is working with others to form a working relationship with HCA.

Commissioner Wood stated Ms. Young-Roberts is putting on for the 2nd year in a row a Halloween get together at Saw Dust Park.

Commissioner Simpkins asked Mr. James what is going on with the 53 acres that was presented to the board.

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

Commissioner Holt asked for an update on Woodberry Road.

Attorney Baptiste stated he reached out to the previous people that worked on this project, and he was told the records related to Woodberry Road are in possession of a 3rd party employee and the County is trying to reclaim possession of said documents. Attorney Baptiste also stated without the documents they can't move forward.

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

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

Chair Hinson mentioned information being sent out regarding property tax misinformation.

16. Motion to Adjourn

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HINSON DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:25 PM.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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ERIC F. HINSON, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk