

AT A VAB MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON OCTOBER 14, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:

**Present:**       ERIC HINSON, County Commissioner  
                  CATHY JOHNSON, School Board Representative  
                  CHRISSY SHORTER-ARNOLD, Real Property Representative  
                  LARRY K. WHITE, VAB Attorney  
                  ADRIANA QUIJADA, Deputy Clerk

**Call to Order**

Chair Hinson called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

- a. October 7, 2025, VAB Hearing

**CATHY JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 7 VAB HEARING MINUTES AND MS. SHORTER MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 TO APPROVE.**

**Discussion and Direction of Petition Hearings**

**David Wesolowski (2025-19)**

Attorney White stated they have the petition for David Wesolowski. He did not present any physical evidence and just gave a verbal presentation of what he had done to improve the property. He stated they should go with the eight factors they have with the Property Appraiser. The amount was \$406,566.

Ms. Shorter stated there was no legal justification for this petition. She did not think this board could do for the petitioner what they cannot do for other citizens.

**CHRISSY SHORTER-ARNOLD MADE A MOTION TO DENY PETITION 2025-19 AND CATHY JOHNSON MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 TO APPROVE.**

**Walmart (2025-12)**

Attorney White stated the Property Appraiser came and gave a justifiable appraisal of the property of \$5,799,027. There was no representative from Walmart and the Property Appraiser went through all the required factors.

**CHRISSY SHORTER-ARNOLD MADE A MOTION TO DENY PETITION 2025-12 AND CATHY JOHNSON MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 TO APPROVE.**

**Discussion of Attorney Fees**

Chair Hinson asked if they wanted to keep the same amount as last year. Ms. Shorter stated yes. Deputy Clerk stated last year, it was at \$20,000 flat rate and the year before that was at \$10,000.

**CATHY JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ATTORNEY FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 AND CHRISSY SHORTER-ARNOLD MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 TO APPROVE.**

**Motion to Adjourn**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HINSON DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15 A.M.**

**GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk**