

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
JANUARY 7, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING L. WATSON, VICE-CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. Commissioner Holt led in pledging allegiance to the US Flag and Commissioner Watson led in a prayer.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended by removing Item 14a (FY 2003/04 Budget Calendar) and 14d(Appointments to ARPC) from the Consent Agenda and place them under the County Manager's Agenda for discussion.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - DECEMBER 3, 2001

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE STATED MEETING.

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

Mr. Richmond had nothing to report.

5. LORAIN ELDER, [BIG BEND CARES](#)

Ms. Loraine Elder addressed the Board. She told them that Big Bend Cares is a non-profit organization that serves eight

counties of which Gadsden is one. She said that they work to provide education and comprehensive support to people infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS. She outlined how the program works and gave statistical information supported in the attached information.

She then told the Board that Big Bend Cares has the opportunity to receive grant funds with the County being the conduit through which the funds are received. She said that they would like to work in partnership with Gadsden County to get those resources. She said that the grant would allow them to locate a fulltime permanent staff person in Gadsden County. That person would then be able to identify HIV/AIDS clients link them with the much needed services. She asked the Board for a letter of support and their blessings in their pursuit of the grant that would allow for a full time worker for Gadsden County. She also asked for their input and ideas for other ways they can work with the County to enhance and expand their services.

Discussion followed.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BIG BEND CARES IN THEIR PURSUIT OF GRANT FUNDS FOR HIV/AIDS SERVICES AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

6. DR. MAURINE JONES AND MRS. ARRIE BATTLES
GADSDEN WOMAN TO WOMAN

Dr. Maurine Jones and Ms. Arrie Battles appeared before the Board. Dr. Jones stated that Gadsden Woman to Woman is a federally funded project implemented throughout Gadsden County by the FSU Center for Health Equity. She said that they have two funding sources. The major source is the Human Resource Services Administration (HRSA) and Office of Minority Health (OMH). She said that their objective is to reduce the disparity in infant mortality among African American women in Gadsden County. She said that black babies die two to four times more often than white babies. She explained that Gadsden Woman to Woman is focused on eliminating the disparity.

Dr. Jones then stated that they contract with the Gadsden County Health Department to provide case management to pregnant women who are at risk for poor birth outcome. She outlined other services that are available. She listed the following

among other issues that are addressed through the program: maternal nutrition, maternal infection, stress, self esteem, self advocacy. They try to reach women and get them into the health care system. She said that they also coordinate with other agencies - Healthy Families, Early Head Start, Maternal Depression Project, Gadsden County Health Department.

Ms. Battles then introduced the facilitators who serve in the various communities. She asked for the Board's support in their efforts in reducing the infant mortality rate.

Through questions of Dr. Jones and Ms. Battles, the following facts were learned.

- The grant has been in Gadsden County for two years.
- The office is located at 215 West Jefferson St., Suite B.
- The project is funded through the year 2005 - a four-year grant.
- The grant was received by FSU and the FSU Office is in Tallahassee. Some of the grant goes to support the Tallahassee Office but 65% of the budget is expended in Gadsden County.
- The HRSA grant amounts to \$750,000 per year and the OMH grant amounts to \$150,000 per year. \$587,000 is actually expended in Gadsden County.
- The OMH grant is registered with ARPC, but it could not be determined for certain whether the HRSA grant is registered with them.
- It could not be determined how many FSU grants are registered in Gadsden County. (OMH and Maternal Depression and HRSA are through FSU, but they were the only ones that Dr. Jones was certain about.)
- Success of the program will be measured by the decrease of infant mortality rate among black babies. The disparity would be reduced. Interim outcomes will be used as measuring sticks until sufficient time has elapsed to effect the rate reduction.
- There are approximately 17 deaths per 1,000 black baby births. That rate has been as high as 20 per 1,000. The typical rate for white babies are 5 - 7 per 1,000 babies.
- The services are limited somewhat by funding. They expect to be able to serve 400 women a year.
- They expect to apply for more funds so that community health facilitators can be placed in the county and

identify other family health needs which currently exist in the communities.

Commissioner Holt stated that if their grants are not registered with ARPC, they should do so. She asked for copies of their previous two years of reports.

Commissioner Dixon asked Dr. Jones to furnish the Board with interim reports which reflect the number of women who are served, where they are served, what kinds of services are provided and it also gives interim outcome indicators. (What is the low birth weight rate? What is the infant mortality rate? What is the very low birth weight rate?)

Chair McGill asked that they provide quarterly information as to the number of women who are being served.

Commissioner Holt stated that some of her constituents have complained to her that these grants have been in the county for two years, but they were not aware of them. She stated that she was concerned about the lack of printed materials for the Hispanic population - written in their native language so that they can understand the material. She asked for greater public relations efforts from them so as to make the program more widely known and inform clients as to how they can access the services.

7. ANGELA MCKENZIE-JAKES - FAMU - GOAT INDUSTRY

Ms. Jakes addressed the Board. She said that she works for the Florida A & M University, College of Engineering and Science Technology in Agriculture. She said some of the difficulties confronting the small-scale goat producers in the southeast result from the lack of access to viable profitable markets. The farm families lack the necessary skills, knowledge and resources to adequately produce quality animals on a consistent basis to meet market demands.

Ms. Jakes stated that FAMU has developed training materials, conducted workshops, provided technical assistance, performed at-farm consultations to the goat producers. She said that there were several things learned from that direct assistance to farmers. Among others she learned that there is not a consistent market for the goat and lack of knowledge about herd healthiness.

In response to that awareness, she said that FAMU is now engaged in trying to find markets to facilitate the sale of the

animals. They are also trying to help the farmers to develop a network to solve common problems.

Ms. Jakes said that she is now writing a grant to the Southern Region Research and Education (SARE) program. She said that a letter of support from the Board of County Commissioners could greatly enhance the chances of getting the grant funded. She then said that she was partnering with Nancy Gee (Gadsden County Grants Coordinator) and Christopher Hodge (founder of Minority and Disabled Farmers in Gadsden County) to target minority producers in Gadsden County. She stated that the ultimate projected outcomes are: to increase the number of African-Americans and other minorities as goat farmers; train the farmers on pertinent issues; lend technical assistance; work to increase the income potential by implementing methods to increase the end products; establish a network among/between the farmers and the university.

Upon questioning the following facts were learned:

- There is an increase demand for goat meat as a nutritious gourmet food item. It is considered to be a healthy food alternative - it is low in fat, low in cholesterol, high in protein and high in iron content. It is a healthy alternative red meat.
- The effort to establish goat farms in Gadsden County have not been successful.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSISONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE GRANT DESCRIBED ABOVE.

8. DR. KIMBERLY JONES-RUDOLPH - BRIDGING THE GAP DENTAL SERVICE

Dr. Kimberly Jones-Rudolph, a dentist with the University of Florida College of Dentistry, addressed the Board. She said that she was asked by FL Representative Curtis Richardson to attempt to have an impact on the dental health disparity in Gadsden County. She said that there are a lot of Medicaid eligible children in the County whose needs are not being met.

Dr. Jones stated that there was a Medicaid provider dentist at the Gadsden Medical Center at one time but he has recently resigned. She said that U of F has proposed a time line of a plan for the year of 2002-2003 which began in November of 2002.

At that time, a dental team visited three elementary schools in the county and examined 1,000 students. Of those children seen, a quarter of them were in immediate need of a dentist for very large cavities or in need of extractions. The children who were in the greatest need were referred to the Gadsden Medical Center. However, they were not seen because the dentist has since resigned.

She said that they had intended to do a community survey but soon realized that there was no community baseline data which described the barriers to people receiving dental care; the things that prevent a person from actually seeing a dentist; how many residents actually see a dentist, etc. She was asked to put together a survey that could be used to compile the baseline data. She said that survey is complete and it is in the institutional review board at U of F for validation.

She reported that Mike Walsh from the Gadsden Community Hospital has agreed to put together a team of people who will actually conduct the survey in the County. She said that it will be a public survey - not door to door or via phone. They hope to catch people who are out and about in the community and attend churches. The full assessment should be complete by the end of May.

Dr. Jones then told the Board that U of F has partnered with the Florida Southern Baptist Convention to use their mobile dentist van to offer services in the County during the week of January 17 - 24. She said that the van would be at Thomas Memorial Baptist Church at 1001 West Washington St. in Quincy on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. It will then move to Metropolitan Cathedral of Truth in Havana on Thursday and Friday. She said they would be doing free dental care for adults who fall below 150% of the poverty level.

Dr. Jones said that they have not done a large press release but have depended on the local schools and churches to get the word out to the community.

Upon questioning the following facts were made known:

- The Baptist van will reoccur in June 2 - 6, 2003.
- Future school screenings will depend on funding and it is not likely in view of the state budget constraints.
- There are no liabilities because sovereign immunity covers the care given.

Commissioner Watson stated that Dr. Mary Clark was by his office and she told him of plans to set up a "Mayo" type clinic at which senior dental students would rotate through and render care to Gadsden County.

Dr. Jones replied that the original idea was to set up a clinic where the students could be rotated through giving services to the public but also experience to the students. They looked at the Gadsden Medical Center as a possibility. However, she said that there were barriers at that facility mainly because Gadsden Medical Center wanted to have complete control over the dentist on staff at the center. Since U of F would provide students, they would need to have a faculty member on staff that would oversee the students and make sure that the U of F mandates are upheld. She said there were hurdles to overcome with regards to affiliating with Gadsden Medical Center.

She then said that there was some talk of affiliating with Tallahassee Community College who would send students to the Baptist van to help.

Commissioner Watson asked "What can we do to help you and them to get together? Because that is what we need here. We need a "Mayo" set up in Gadsden County."

Dr. Jones said that there is a network of facilities where U of F has affiliation with community clinics which conform to U of F standards and then they (U of F) develops a rotation of students where they will spend two weeks at a time actually treating patients in those clinics. She said that negotiations are still underway with Gadsden Medical Center. She added that the County Commission could send a message to U of F and Gadsden Medical Center that this is important to the County and the County really wants it to happen. She added also that there would be significant funding requirements to make it happen.

Rev. Tom Kennedy, Director of Missions for Gadsden County Baptist Association, addressed the Board. He explained that the dental van belongs to the Florida Baptist Convention. The van was purchased with McQuire State Mission funds. He said that the van stays in service 46 weeks a year within the State of Florida. He said that the Baptists have been doing the dental clinics in Gadsden County for several years. He said that it is normally held in Greensboro. But, the Baptists took advantage of the U of F outreach program and expanded the services by locating it in two different locations. He told

the Board that the mobile dental unit is driven by a couple from Orlando, FL who do nothing but drive the van from one location to another. He said they are retired missionaries. The van is scheduled every week until 2004.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AND TO GADSDEN MEDICAL CENTER IN THE HOPE OF FACILITATING A PERMANENT DENTAL CLINIC IN GADSDEN COUNTY.

9. WILLIE NEAL AND SAM PALMER - DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR REDISTRICTING

Mr. Willie Neal and Mr. Sam Palmer appeared before the Board. They asked the Board to appoint a committee to begin the process of redrawing the county's voter district lines. He read the attached letter into the record which reflects the latest census population counts in each district.

After some discussion, it was determined that the county manager should contact the Supervisor of Elections and the School Board and set up a joint meeting to discuss what is ahead with regard to redistricting.

There was some discussion about hiring a professional consultant to help guide the process and actually draw the district lines. There was also discussion regarding the appointment of a committee to make a recommendation to the County. No further action was taken.

10. TONY WOODS, CENTER FOR FAMILY HEALTH

Tony Woods, Executive Director for the Center for Family Health, addressed the Board. He said that the organization is the former Gadsden County for Healthy Babies. He acknowledged that the County had appropriated \$5,000 for the Center during the budget process. However, he said that they had lost their lease and were having to physically move to another location - something they had not anticipated and did not budget for it. He then told the Board that due to practices by the former director, they lost their funding and the designation as the Healthy Start Coalition in Gadsden County. He said that he was working with the Department of Health to get the designation back and ultimately get the grant funds back.

He then asked for \$7,500 in emergency funding so that he can continue to operate the health services for pregnant mothers until the other grant funds are forthcoming.

Discussion followed.

Mr. McKinnon stated that it would take several days to get information from the county health department that might assist the board in reaching a decision about this matter.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO TABLE ACTION ON THE EMERGENCY FUNDS REQUEST UNTIL JANUARY 21, 2003.

There was a consensus from the Board that they would like to see something in writing that would inform them of all the state and federal funds that come into the county and correlate them with the programs they are providing those funds to. Likewise, they asked for a listing of all the nonprofit agencies that are providing services within Gadsden County and who is administering those programs.

Commissioner Holt stated that if all of them were registered with ARPC, then the County would be able to go to one central location to discern all the information that is needed.

11. PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES

1. Stericycle-Type III Appeal 02PZ-033-206-1-12

Mr. Ballister reported that he had received an application from Mr. Kelly Roberts to park a Stericycle transfer vehicle at Osceola Chemical's parking lot in Midway near I-10 and US 90. It would be a 24 ft. van that would contain sealed boxes of medical office waste that is collected from doctor offices and dentist offices. It would not contain any pharmaceutical waste or contaminated products.

Mr. Ballister then said that he had denied the application administratively based on his strict interpretation of the Comprehensive Plan Policy 1.1.5(G) and 1.10.11. However, Mr. Roberts has appealed the administrative denial and asked that the Board review it as a Type III appeal.

Mr. Ballister stated for the record that he had received eleven (11) phone calls from businessmen in the vicinity who were opposed to allowing the vehicle to remain parked at the described location.

Mr. Richmond asked Mr. Ballister if the Land Development Code contains a definition for "facilities." Mr. Ballister replied "no."

Discussion followed among the Board and Mr. Ballister.

Sworn testimony was given by Bruce Ballister, Growth Management Director; Kelly Roberts from Stericycle; Paul Piller, Midway City Manager (opposed); Robert Allen, affected land owner (opposed); Terry Barrineau affected property owner (opposed); and Sid Gray, affected property owner (opposed).

Commissioner Watson asked to clarify that the van would contain things like medical office waste that will go to a special disposal site. He said that it would contain things such as broken and unusable needles, scalpel blades, gauze, cotton rolls, etc. He then explained that a law was passed about eight years ago that mandated that medical waste could no longer go in the landfills. He said the van would not contain anything that was not already in a doctors office or dentist office. He stated that he would not have a problem with the van being parked overnight as the application stated.

Discussion followed.

Chair McGill disclosed that he had received at least five calls in opposition to the request.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 1, BY VOICE VOTE, TO DENY THE APPEAL. COMMISSIONER WATSON CAST THE LONE DISSENTING VOTE.

2. Robert Harrell - Type III Appeal 02-032-201.1-1-11

See the minutes of December 17, 2002 for details of this project and appeal. This public hearing was re-noticed as a Type III Appeal.

Mr. Ballister clarified that the overall net density of the 4.6 acres in question and the 88.5 acre subdivision behind it is

1.04 acres per lot. He recommended approval. He said that he had received a fax from Attorney David Theriaque which states that his client would drop their friendly opposition to the project if Mr. Harrell would agree to:

- Install no more than two curb cuts from SR 12
- Install a 10 ft. wide vegetative buffer along SR 12 in addition to the set-back required by the Code.
- The homes will be site built, stick built homes (not modular, not DCA approved)

The following people gave sworn testimony. Mr. Bobby Harrell, developer; Sandy Beare (she agreed to not oppose the project contingent upon the stipulations in the attached letter); John Thael (opposed to the development.)

In addition to the above stated stipulations, Mr. Harrell agreed to the following:

- The covenants and restrictions would be similar to the ones already in place for the surrounding area.
- He would place a 25 ft. setback between this parcel and Mr. Thael's property.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE TYPE III APPEAL CONTINGENT ON THE STIPULATIONS IN THE ATTACHED LETTER AND THE ABOVE STATED AGREEMENTS BY MR. HARRELL.

3. Land Development Code Workshops

There was a consensus to hold a workshop on **February 25, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.** to review the proposed/revised Land Development Code reflecting the cumulative changes made by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

12. PUBLIC WORKS AGENDA

Bell Road Paving

Public Works Director Robert Presnell stated that Bell Road has been first on the road paving priority list for a number of years. However, there have been right-of-way issues and permitting issues that have delayed the project from moving forward. He explained that there are two land owners in the middle section of the road who are unwilling to give adequate

right-of-way to allow for the paving and ditches, etc. (It has been the policy of the Board to not purchase right-of-way. When a road appears on the priority list without the necessary right-of-way having been secured, it has been passed over for paving.) However, Mr. Presnell said that the road is in such critical need for improvement, that it is requiring a lot of machinery resources and man-hours to maintain it. He proposed to proceed with paving the portion where the rights-of-way have been secured and make limited improvements to the center section (crushed concrete).

There was a consensus among the Board that they didn't want to leave any portion of the road unpaved. They inquired as to what the difficulty was with the landowners. The imminent domain process was discussed but dismissed as a possibility.

Chair McGill stated that he had visited the landowners a number of times and they were unwilling to yield.

Mr. Presnell said that an additional eight feet was really needed to do an adequate job, but they could get by with five feet. He added that if he proceeded with the paving on either end of the road, he would anticipate water runoff problems into the Mayo's pond which would create liabilities for the County. It was clarified that Mr. Mayo owns the pond but he is not the land owner who is unwilling to give right-of-way.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO PROCEED WITH PAVING OF BELL ROAD AS DESCRIBED BY MR. PRESNELL.

13. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

Emergency Management Office

Mr. McKinnon called attention to the information in the agenda packets regarding how the Sheriff became the manager of the Emergency Management department. The Board requested this information at the last meeting.

Commissioner Dixon stated that his position continues to be that the people of Gadsden County would be better served by placing the Emergency Management Department under the auspices of the County Commission and be managed by the county manager. He did not propose moving the facility nor did he advocate a

change in personnel. He only proposed a change in the depth of authority and to whom the director would report.

He emphasized that the Sheriff's department is only a component of the Emergency Management process. He reasoned that if the Board of County Commissioners is ultimately responsible for that office, then the Board should monitor it continually as it would be a part of the county office. As the program is now structured, it is not being monitored by the County Commission.

Commissioner Holt concurred.

Commissioner Watson stated that he was not in favor of making such a change at this particular time but he would reserve the right to change his mind in the future.

Commissioner Roberson stated that she had not observed a problem with the way the program is being run at the present.

Chair McGill stated that he had spent a good deal of time with the Sheriff and the Emergency Management Department to observe it's operation. He said that he also talked to other counties and found a variety of structures.

Chief Deputy Ed Spooner responded "We have also looked at it and we want to be sure that we are providing the right service to the citizens of Gadsden County. We are as concerned that it should be an effective and cost efficient service. We don't want to do something that is not best for the citizens. It is not a matter for us to have that office or not have it. What we are concerned with is that we are co-located and co-respondents. We already have 24-hour coverage. There is not a delay in response. We, immediately upon a call coming into that 911 center, we dispatch a deputy right behind that Emergency Management move. If the emergency manager is off or out of town for some reason, or whatever - at a different location, we have someone ready to move - right then. We don't have to wait until we can locate them or get them out of the house. We've got somebody already on the scene giving us information right then...

We are approaching that point where we are facing danger on a daily basis. We have gone from being a small hurricane response type group or tornado response type group to hazardous materials and now domestic terrorism... We want to do what is right for the County. If there is something that we are not doing for you, if there is some information that we need to provide you, if there are questions you need to ask, you will

see me at every county commission meeting. I'll be here to answer them."

Discussion followed.

Chair McGill called for public comments. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2, BY VOICE VOTE, TO LEAVE THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SHERIFF. COMMISSIONERS HOLT AND DIXON OPPOSED THE MOTION.

County Commissioners Work Area

There was some discussion regarding making some modifications to the county commission offices to allow for five individual work paces for the commissioners. It was proposed that the space be equipped with portable wall partitions, workstations, telephone line connections, lap top computers and internet services.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLT TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL AT A COST OF \$13,400.00.

Commissioner Watson was opposed to the proposal saying that the commissioners received good compensation and he could not justify the cost.

Commissioner Holt contended that she was only asking for the same basic services and equipment as the County already provides to all other department heads. She said that she felt that it was necessary and would enhance her ability to do her job as a commissioner.

Commissioner Dixon stated that it has always been a point to him that he should have a place to come to where he can meet with citizens. He said that he often came to the office during office hours and after hours as well to work. He stated that a work place would better facilitate his ability to serve the people of the County - a place that would allow greater access to him.

THE MOTION WAS AMENDED TO SUPPLY ANY COMMISSIONER WHO WANTS A WORKSTATION, PLUS ONE UNIVERSAL WORKSTATION FOR COMMON

USE. THE WORKSTATION IS TO INCLUDE DESKS WITH FILE DRAWER, LAPTOP COMPUTER, AND TELEPHONE LINES AND INTERNET ACCESS. THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2 IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. COMMISSIONERS WATSON AND ROBERSON OPPOSED THE MOTION.

ARPC Representatives

There was a consensus to bring the ARPC appointments back to the Board - along with the attendance record - at the next meeting.

2003-04 Budget Calendar

There was a consensus that the county manager should research the legal requirements for setting the dates for the budget process. He was directed to amend the budget calendar so as to have the BCC review process concluded by the end of July.

14. CONSENT AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE REAMINDER OF THE CONSENT AGENDA, TO WIT:

1. FY 2003-04 Budget Calendar - This item was place under the County Manager's Agenda for discussion. The Board determined to verify dates and bring it back in an amended form for adoption at a later date.
2. Ambulance Remounts - Bid #02-19- award of bid to Peach State Ambulance, Inc. of Tyrone, GA in the amount of \$91,900.00. Also approved was authorization to pay 10% down when the purchase order is issued.
3. Resolution # 2003-001 Library Appreciation Month - February 2003
4. ARPC Representatives - This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the County Manager's Agenda for discussion. It was determined that it would brought back at a later date along with the attendance record for approval.
5. SHIP Agreement and Special Assessment Lien - Natalie Baker
6. Automobile and Personal Injury Insurance Option Forms (Ratification of Approval of the Form)
7. Unpaved Road Maintenance Agreement with City of Chattahoochee, Town of Gretna and City of Midway.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair McGill called for comments and questions from the Board. There was no response.

16. CLERK'S AGENDA

Current Cash Report as of 12/26/02

Clerk Thomas reported that there was \$8.3 million dollars in cash in the bank as of 12/26/02.

FY 02 Interest Report

He then reported that the total interest earned during the fiscal year 2001/02 was \$385,106.78. He remarked that it was down considerably from the past several years.

FY 02 Financial Statements

Clerk Thomas reported that there were some funds in which the actual revenue fell short of the budget projections for the period which ended September 30, 2002. (General fund, transportation, fine and forfeiture.) He pointed out that the fund balance could absorb the shortfalls in each fund except for the fine and forfeiture fund. He called attention to the fact that the general fund revenues fell short of the budgeted revenues by \$276,000. He added that the transportation fund is still in pretty decent shape because the County received \$1.9 million in the road assistance program funds from the State.

FY 02 Clerk's Year End Report

The Clerk then filed his year-end report for the record showing that \$223.74 was returned to the County.

Budget Amendments 2003-01-01-01 through 2003-01-07-03

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

Ratification of Approval to Pay County Bills - Check Register dated 12/20/02; 12/27/02; 01/03/03 and Payroll Register dated 12/26/02

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF THE COUNTY BILLS AS REFLECTED IN THE ABOVE STATED CHECK REGISTERS.

17. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

District 2

Commissioner Watson reported that he was told by the Property Appraiser that Gadsden County is the only county in the State that was not receiving some benefit from the State with regard to the prison. He said that the prison is not paying any taxes and the State is not doing anything in lieu of paying taxes. He suggested that the County contact the legislative delegation to see if something could be done to change the situation.

He then stated that he wanted to receive a copy of any/all memos written to another body by this Board or at least be given an opportunity to see them. He emphasized that he did not ever want to be excluded from receiving a copy of any memo again even when he is absent from a meeting when the subject matter is discussed.

District 3

Commissioner Roberson had no report.

District 4

Commissioner Holt had no report.

District 5

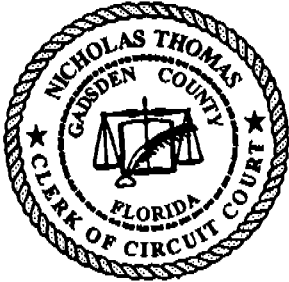
Commissioner Dixon had no report.

District 1

Chair McGill had no report.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR
MCGILL DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.



Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:



Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING, THE CITY OF QUINCY COMMISSIONERS AND THE GADSDEN COUNTY, FL BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET ON FEBRUARY 3, 2003 AND THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING WATSON, VICE-CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON (LATE)
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER
MURIEL STRAUGHN, DEPUTY CLERK

CITY OF QUINCY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

DERRICK ELIAS, MAYOR
KEITH DOWDELL, MAYOR-PRO TEM
DON CHESSE
FINLEY COOK
JACK MCLAIN, CITY ATTORNEY
CAROLYN FORD (LATE)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. He then led in pledging allegiance to the US Flag and Commissioner Watson led in a prayer.

ROLL CALL

Deputy Clerk Muriel Straughn called the roll for both commissions. At the time the roll was taken, City Commissioner Carolyn Ford and County Commissioner Dixon were not present.

AGREEMENTS

Byrd Landfill Agreement

City Attorney Jack McLain presented the amended Byrd Landfill Interlocal Agreement which encompasses the changes that were proposed at the last joint meeting on December 9, 2002. See the minutes of that meeting for details. The following statement has been copied from those minutes for record purposes in this meeting.

"Following the discussion, the County agreed to pay an additional 5% over the amount of tonnage that is collected for the county. There was a consensus that the road maintenance would continue to be a part of the agreement but that it would specify that maintenance was for the road wearing surface only - not right-of-way to right-of-way. Also to be included was a provision to address how a deficit would be dealt with should one occur again. The staff and attorneys were instructed to prepare the interlocal agreements accordingly. It was agreed that documents should be brought back to each participant for mutual approval."

County Attorney Richmond stated that the agreement does appear to reflect the changes that were proposed on December 9, 2002.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE BYRD LANDFILL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHESSEER AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FORD, THE CITY COMMISSION VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE BYRD LANDFILL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.

SHIP Funds

City Manager Banks stated, "I got an e-mail from Ms. Bonnie Percy-Hill this afternoon. She e-mailed me stating that she did not find, well, I'll just read it. 'My objectives in reviewing the income and certifications and support documents of the Anderson, Davis and Sailor files was to assert income eligibilities of these households. The review has in no way sanctioned the current process of verifying household incomes. But, the methodology that the City of Quincy is using to process it's use of SHIP funds has serious deficiencies. It is strongly recommended that you send the administering person to a technical assistance workshop however. The coalition is sponsoring a workshop AUnderstanding the Income Qualification Process" in Tallahassee, FL on February 13th at the Leon County Civic Center. Attendance at this workshop will be a good positive step.'"

Mr. Banks continued, AIn talking with her, she said everything was O.K. But those three people who were in question, their income was fine. They did meet the guidelines. But she did not like the certification forms that we were using. They have recommended that the personnel should come to that workshop so they see the type of forms that they can use."

Watson:

What about the State?

Banks:

That was from the State.

Watson:

So, they are not going to be asking us for the money?

Banks:

No. No. They don't like the forms that was used.

Watson:

So, that is no longer an issue?

Banks:

It is no longer an issue. It is no longer an issue.

McGill:

Mr. Butler, is it no longer an issue?

Dixon:

May I Mr. Chairman? So, we have coordinated from that point to this one on the process? From that point forward?

Banks:

Yes, sir. Yes.

Butler:

I am Edward Butler, the director of Community Development. They sent a copy of that to the people who monitor us, too and all that stuff so that we will have it in their record, so it will not cause that to be a problem.

McGill:

Can the community development system develop a collaboration of everything that you need so that we will be sure to have all these things up front at the next contract time?

Butler:

We will do that.

McGill:

(inaudible) so that you would know, Mr. Banks will know what you are doing and we can go down the turns in the road together rather than getting to a point and forking off.

Holt:

Mr. Chairman, are we going to be looking at the same forms for each municipality? I understand that is through your office, Mr. Butler.

Butler:

No, ma'am. Not at this point in time, we aren't. We look at the forms that they use for CDBG which are essentially the same.

Dixon:

Yes or no?

Butler:

No. We provide the forms they use. These are the same, well, we use the same forms that we use in CDBG. So that is what they were using.

Dixon:

Uniformity. Anybody receiving money should be using the same form. So, we won't have this discourse again.

Butler:

We won't have this problem again. As far as this group is concerned, it is settled.

McGill:

All the municipalities should be using the same kind of forms so when they meet jointly the city managers and county manager has a meeting, there should be no problem.

McKinnon:

May I just add that in our interlocal agreement, it will be spelled out so that we will all understand (inaudible).

Butler:

This will all be done up front.

Dowdell:

I was just thinking, all we are saying here is, I mean, if you don't want, I mean, you might as well, ah, I mean, if you don't agree, you need to come with it now.

McGill:

It needs to get resolved right now.

Dixon:

Get it on the table.

Banks:

We will use the same form.

McGill:

Is there any question on that understanding now with the SHIP funds situation?

Elias:

I do have one question, Mr. Chairman. Did I hear through the rumor mill or from some form or fashion that the governor's budget though, that this program itself may be cut?

McGill:

Yes, by \$32 million.

Dixon:

He has removed the money out of the Sadowski Trust and that gives the Legislature the ability to start fooling with it. That is the real deal.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

There was a consensus that the city managers and the county managers should meet together to establish the issues that are facing them in the legislative session. The managers will then bring back to the joint commissions a compiled list of those things identified. The joint commissions would then come together to establish the rank of priority of the issues. Once the priority is established then all of the entities would put forth a unified effort to lobby for those issues during the legislative process.

Joint Meeting with County and All Municipalities

There was a consensus to meet on February 20th at 5:00 p.m.

FIRE SERVICES

County Manager Howard McKinnon stated that there is a current interlocal agreement in place with the City of Quincy and Gadsden County. It is to expire September 30, 2006, as it currently exists.

Mr. McLain stated that there are two things from the city's prospective that should be addressed. One had to do with issue of data collection - the number of calls inside the city and the number of calls into the unincorporated areas; and the cost allocations. He suggested that perhaps the cost should be allocated on a per call basis - it could possibly help drive the data.

The following questions were posed:

Where should we be placing our stations down the road?

What influence would that have on the ISO rating for the unincorporated area if we do that?

Is there an opportunity for the governments to work together on training of the voluntary fire departments - fire suppression and coordination?

How do we address fire suppression countywide?

Dixon:

I just want to talk about it fire services - we had a fire meeting a month ago that I thought it was a very good meeting and it was very eye-opening to me in terms of those same issues that you talked about.

As you said, data collection. The number of fires responded to - while that is a good number, there are some basic things that you have to do to have a fire department even if it never gets a call. So, it should be the number one driver of the cost. That fire station has to meet that threshold. You have to make that investment before you need it. It has to be there, period, even if you never use it. So, there are some other factors that we need to look at in the agreement in terms of AHow we decide the cost."

We talked about the locations of the departments. I think that was a very good discussion. My thing was, we have spent millions of dollars in building fire stations over the past five years. Yet, our dependency on the City of Quincy remains the same, if not greater. What is wrong? What aren't we doing that we should be doing to beef up the system?

We talked about training. One thing I threw out, and let me make it very clear, one thing I threw out but the Board did not approve or do anything about, we just talked, was that we looked at the concept of marrying EMS to fire stations. #1 - get the truck to the fire. In my opinion, it is a good way to take an existing force of people, station them strategically around the county and if we can do it without a decrease in response time, roll the fire truck, roll the paramedic van, and how the particulars work, I don't know. One thing that did come up was the fact that you all have EMT trained. I looked at the whole system and said AWhat if we gave them

an ambulance, packed it, supplied it, put it down there, would they be willing to roll? And if so, what kind of cost savings would I see in terms of giving me another set of EMS people that I can outpost. Bring in my fire service division up and literally be able to move a fire struck on a moments notice from anywhere in the county. That excites me.

Knowing that you have paramedics, do they call them paramedics or do they call them EMT - I don't know the difference, I apologize for my ignorance, But that may give you an additional level of service at very little cost (because those people are sitting there not doing anything anyway) what then if we supplied the ambulance - what would that mean in the whole scheme of things? Would that help?

We do that with the City of Chattahoochee. So, those kinds of dynamics start to playing out. I don't know - Tommy did some stuff for me - we generally average in the City of Quincy 1.5 call per day. This month alone we handled 31 calls within the City of Quincy. What does it mean if we provide a joint response to the situation? Can it mean an increased level of service for the citizens of Quincy? And correspondingly, increase the services to the citizens in the County. That is something the numbers people will have to play with. Those are the kinds of things that are being tossed around and are very appealing to me.

McLain:

All the points that you have raised would require that we focus in on the agreement for A2, A4, and A8 of the current agreement in terms of expanding.

Commissioner Holt pointed out the areas that concerned her the most as it relates to the volunteer fire departments: Lack of uniform basic equipment on the fire trucks; having uniform training of the fire fighters at a central source of training; and the possibility that the fire stations could serve other purposes as well as fire protection.

After some discussion, there was a consensus that all of the fire chiefs and volunteer chiefs should begin meeting together on a regular basis to address the above concerns.

Dowdell - possible training academy at GTI - possible grant

Griffis:

In house training does not count, you can train all you want to train seven days a week 24 hrs a day, but it has to be approved training from the State Fire and it has to be done in accordance with the type fire department. It is different for volunteers and paid department. Volunteers require 160 hours. Paid is 500 hours in the beginning. You have to have certified instructors (Florida certified) to train volunteers. The city of Quincy has two of those certified instructors. They can train county volunteers to some extent.

Dixon:

What do we need to do to get all volunteers trained and certified?

Griffis:

160 hours through the State Fire College. You have to have a training facility that is set up by the guidelines as set up by the State Fire College. Quincy does not have that.

Dowdell:

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Can they tell us what we need to do in order to become one?

Griffis:

Yes, they can do that. Tallahassee is in the process of that right now. Tallahassee just got a lot of money. They used to do that years ago. It got so expensive that they couldn't continue to do it. That is when we started going to Chipola and the State Fire College in Ocala. But, Tallahassee is going back into now. When it is complete, anybody who wants to go over there and be trained and certified and licensed as a state firefighter can go. There will be teaching volunteer courses, which is what a volunteer has got to have. They will also be teaching the full course like we have to have.

Watson:

But there is training that ya'll can do here that will address what Ms. Holt is talking about. They may not be certified but it will help with on scene response.

Griffis:

It won't count though.

Roberson:

What she is talking about is so that everybody would be in one accord on a fire scene. So that everybody knows that they fight the fire the same way in Gadsden County.

McGill:

I understood that if something happened out on the (inaudible) but, as long as you know and they know and somebody else knows how you are going to put it out B that is what we are concerned with. We don't care whether you have a certificate or not.

Griffis:

But, you are going to have to have a certificate. The law has been passed that all volunteer firefighters are going to have to have 160 hours of certified training provided by the State Fire College. That is where the problems are coming in now. There is nobody here to teach that.

Elias:

Well, now, if those people who have attained that, I think what I hear, let's assume that they have gotten over the hurdle, but now there is still some kind of chaos out there. Can we have some kind of coordination to make sure that when there is a fire, if I hear from these commissioners that when there is a fire, there is a coordination that everybody is on the same sheet of music. Can that take place? Can that type of training or coordination take place?

Griffis:

Yes, but you would have to get 200 people together to do it.

Watson:

I would think that the chiefs could do that, couldn't they. Just take that back to the departments.

Dixon:

It is not a question of Aif".

Griffis:

It is a matter of Aif" when you've got volunteers who volunteer their time and they are working.

Dixon:

If they volunteer their time, they would want to be there. So,

Griffiss:

But they have jobs to tend to, too.

Dixon:

I understand that. But we have been so lackadaisical on the issue that we've got to get these done as soon as possible. There is no reason for our fire services to be in this amount of disarray. It just doesn't make sense. I am not talking about the City of Quincy. I am talking about the county and our delivery of services. If Quincy doesn't ever move a muscle, what are we going to do. That is my concern. If we can plug the City of Quincy in at certain points to do the training, that is fine, well and dandy with me. But we have got to better our game.

McGill:

As I understand it, it seems to me that if 25 - 30 people showed up for some kind of training, so that when a fire broke, the fire breaks out, those 25 people have the same basic knowledge as another 25 people someplace else. No matter how you (inaudible)

Griffiss:

Well, they should have that basic knowledge now.

Holt:

(inaudible)

You have to have people. You have to have them. If you need five people in those outlying areas, you have to have five volunteers that are willing to do it. As we get more organized, they would be better able to get more volunteers. They will be them more willing to train. What we are saying is to get them to a location where the training is going on. Whether they are certified or not, if there is some training going on, we would be more able to recruit those people that we need on location. In the first group, you may recruit 25; with the next group you may be able to get more. But we need to get plan so

Griffis:

Well, they are going to have to have the training.

Holt:

We know that. We are trying to give that right now if we can just get them there.

McGill:

It seems to me that I am hearing (inaudible)

Using the same basic approach to putting out fires, that is what I am talking about.

Watson:

I think what she is talking about is to do with the departments. How they will work together once they get to a fire. Not so much the individual, but how is it going to be coordinated on site. I think that is what I am hearing from her.

Holt:

Right. You see, if we can get those individuals there, there may not be but 25 the first time. Let's get those 25 trained and get started. Then, I went out into some of the other communities and talked to some people and asked them if they would be willing to volunteer. And they said they

would be able to volunteer but they asked AWhat kind of training do I need?"

I said, AWell let me go back and find out. If we can get some people to show up and you are willing to volunteer your time, then the rest is our job." That is what I am trying to get going. So that we've have every volunteer department doing the same thing. One station will be a cookie cutter of another. Everybody will know what to do and they are right on course when they get to a fire.

Elias:

Commissioner, I think I am confused now, because I think what I hear Chief Griffis saying though is that in order to even become a certified volunteer fire fighter, there are a certain number of hours that they must attain. O.K. so once we are able to cross that hurdle, then I thought that I heard that the problem was in the fact that the coordination of the training and making sure that everybody does that.

Holt:

They will be able to do that also. But my point in saying that is to say this - You are going to get the certification, once you go there and get the certification, but that does not necessarily mean that it is going to serve the same purpose. So when we come together, the more we train together, the more the other things will fall into place.

Dixon:

Mayor, I think she is kinda relating it much like an emergency management function. When multiple units move to multiple situations, it is very clear that the emergency management director is in charge for everything. When Gretna responds to a fire and Mt. Pleasant responds to a fire, we are not sure who is in charge. We are not sure of what the process is and all of that stuff. Those are the kind of difficulties that I think that she is talking about. If I am correct?

Holt:

Yes, that is it.

Dixon:

The volunteer that gets there first and then if the Chief from Quincy gets there, then that is not the kind of stuff to be talking about around this table.

All chiefs should meet together.

Elias:

Those volunteers that you are talking about in that scenario, they are certified and they have met the requirements that you previously were talking about. Is that correct?

Dixon:

In a wishful thinking kind of way.

Elias:

So, these are volunteers.

Holt:

But we are trying to get all of this taken care of.

Roberson:

We have some that are certified. But the ones that are certified, they would like for them to have some type of training so that they all know that they are on the same page.

Elias:

What would be the ramifications if people out there - say, there is a fire, the volunteer fighters go out there to help put the fire out, they either they get injured or for some reason they are responsible for someone else getting injury, but they are acting under the auspices that they are a volunteer fire fighter, but they are really not certified. They have actually gotten their certification, is there any liability for that?

Baker:

The 160 hours of training requirement is new. Previously, it has been 40 hours. A lot of the volunteers have the 40 hours. The 160 hours is a new requirement.

Dixon:

Was that a result of September 11?

Sellars:

No, it is just a new state mandate.

Baker:

They have got to work everybody through and along the rest of the course, the 40 hours you've already got, it counts, and they are not consciously using non certified people, it is just a brand new requirement that everybody is still adapting to.

Sellars:

Right now, about 80 to 90% of them are certified to the current level. This other is just new and we have been working on it to try and get a plan.

McGill:

So, we need a plan developed and it is getting there to make sure that everybody is on the same level. How soon will we see a plan like that?

McKinnon:

Based on our workshop that we had, we are working on that. I know that we will be setting another date shortly to discuss all of that.

Griffis:

You see, the State hasn't even told us officially. I say us, because Oliver and I have worked a lot together on this. It is something new that they have come out with and they have not officially said yet what part of this training that all volunteers have had for the last ten years or five years is going to be accepted. That has all still got to come about. Some of them may ah, one firefighter may have 100 hours, one may have 40 hours, one may have his complete 160 hours. But all of that has not come about yet. It will take a while to work all these things out.

McGill:

So, for the cost of volunteers, has that mandate sent forth set a time in which they must complete that?

Griffis:

Do what, now?

McGill:

Is there a mandate for the plan that says when a volunteer, they must have

those hours within a certain time?

Sellars:

No. There is no certain time. We don't even know that it is going to come to pass this year.

Griffis:

It may be something that fails. We are also in the same thing with the 160 hours of volunteers. The Fire Marshall's office oversees a lot of this. They have come out with a mandate of what they call Atwo-in, two-out". That is four people that have got to respond to a fire. That has not come through yet either. We really don't know until it all boils down and gets passed out.

McGill:

I have been looking at my watch and I've got 21 minutes to eight. We have spent two hours on this.
If there is any other discussion on this plan issue, we need to move on expeditiously.

Elias:

I have one final question on that. With regard to those requirements or whatever the regulation is now that once every so often that those 40 hours, you have to re-up? Once you get 40 hours, that is it? If you got it 12 years ago, as long as you passed the requirement at that time, you are o.k. as it stands?

Sellars:

As long as you keep working in that, you keep it.

Roberson:

As long as you keep fighting fires.

Elias:

O.K. That is it.

SUPERBOWL MVP - QUINCY NATIVE TAMPA BUCCANNEER DEXTER JACKSON

Commissioner Dixon stated that he had proposed this matter for discussion because he would like for the County to be a part of the plans to recognize Dexter Jackson for receiving the most valuable player award in the Superbowl.

Mayor Elias stated that the City has appointed Mainstreet Manager Pamela Harris to spearhead a committee that will plan a grand occasion to recognize Dexter Jackson in his hometown. He then extended an invitation to the County to participate in the planning and execution and such plans.

City Manager Banks stated that he had talked to Ms. Harris and she projected the cost of the planned events to be close to \$15,000. He said they would welcome the County's participation. He also said that he would be asking for two keys to the city because there is another young man from this community who also plays for the Tampa Bucs - Mr. Gurly from St. Johns Community.

Mayor Elias stated that the planning is still in the formative stage and Ms. Harris would welcome the county's participation in the planning of events as well.

Commissioner Dowdell stated AA lot a people are looking at Dex as ADexter Jackson, the student at Shanks". But, Dexter is a changed man and there are certain things that he is not going to participate in. He has not disclosed to me the things that he will not participate in yet. He just said that right now he is bogged down. As a matter of fact, one of his contact people called me today and said that right now he can't tell us exactly when he is coming home. Right now, he is looking at April at the earliest. Right now. Unless he can just break away and he doesn't think that will happen real soon." . . . AThere are certain things that he has to do as a Buccaneer. He told me a couple of days after they got back, there is an out-processing that they have to do as a Buccaneer. They have to go through these tests and make sure they didn't find anything wrong with him during the season and they have to get cleared. They will take about two weeks. Then, as a matter of fact, he is supposed to be on the Tom Jones Show this week, the Letterman Show, his calendar is filling up so quickly that he doesn't know what to do."..He is trying to do the things that he has to do without losing his head. The man is a free agent now, so, who says that Tampa Bay will resign him. So, he's go to go and get whatever he can get. YOne thing he did say was that he has received the word that there is no Tampa Bucs paraphernalia down here. So, we might to need to get with Allen's Sports and tell them to get some down here."

Mr. Banks stated that he would soon slow down because his wife is having a baby in March.

There was a discussion regarding signs to be posted at the city limits.

No action was taken and no directions to the staff were made to the staff.

TOWNDOWN CRA/LIBRARY

Commissioner Dixon applauded the City in its on going efforts to revitalize the downtown area. He said that he had once offered the site of the old jail as a possibility for the new Quincy library. However, the library relocation committee did not want to even consider it as a site because they felt it to be an undesirable location because of the surrounding area. He offered the County's support in the efforts to bring back the foot traffic to the downtown area.

Mayor Elias stated that he is also committed to revitalizing the downtown area and he would be working closely with the City Commission in that endeavor.

No action was taken nor directions given to the staff.

RECREATION/THREE COMMUNITY FITNESS CENTERS - NOT FOR PROFIT

Dixon:

My continued thought, personally, is AHow do we as a county begin to influence recreation. We are not doing anything in the area of recreation, but we have got to. We have too many folks and too many health issues not to look at recreation. And while I don't think we should be creating a whole new recreational department, I do think that we have to find a way to enhance those projects that are already out there. I thought about fitness centers. That would be a very good idea and would be very encouraging to a lot of different people. Just the thought of, and if we did, and I am sorry, City of Quincy, we have to think about more than ya'll, We've got a very wide county. Chattahoochee basically identifies more with Jackson and Havana with TallahasseeY..

My thought behind fitness centers was that we all do the traditional recreation things. We do parks, swimming, etc, but we don't do things

generally that older folks can participate in. We don't do things, generally that folks who are not very athletic can participate in. The kid who is not very talented on the baseball field doesn't have anything to doY

We've got a lot of folks that we don't have any recreation for them to attempt to participate in. There is nothing for them to do. Think about it. There is absolutely nothing for a kid like me who is a little bit overweight. There is nothing for me to do. Nobody wants me on their basketball team, even the church league doesn't want me. There is nothing for me to do. If you think about it, Don, there ain't nothing for you to do.

That started me to thinking so I went to the FAMU and FSU and saw the fitness centers that they provided. That would be just a grand opportunity, I think, when you mix it with baseball and softball and families to come out. You know, DJ's going to play baseball so, what is mom going to do? Mom can take five minutes and go to the court and maybe play some racquetball and maybe just walk the inside track, or whatever amenities a fitness center may have. I think it would give our community a wealth of opportunities real quick and create some synergies for a whole lot of different people who are not active and have no way to be active and heretofore a way to get fit. It is not just to get into shape.

If we attempted to provide a number of those across the county, not that the county would seek to run them, but they could become a part of the cities in their infrastructure and then we find a way to help out. I think it is one of those that if we would get out there and build one, it would become just a great asset to our community.

I am sorry we don't have a Gold's Gym. We don't have any of those things available. But, clearly we need some things. I am just throwing out ideas in hopes of them taking shape into something that we can go forward and look at them.

Dowdell:

Something I thought about was the old Walmart building turned into a family activity center. Where you could have movie theater, a bowling alley, a food court and possibly something else like Chucky Cheese.

McGill:

Do you think it is big enough for that?

Dixon:

I think what you really want to do is create the impetus for private businesses to come in. If you provide one thing and then Chucky Cheese sees it and follows it, that is great. That is not a problem at all. How we get them here? I think we have to be more progressive and be more aggressive in getting those things here.

No action was taken and no directions were given to the staff.

Fire Services - revisited

McGill:

I have one more question of Mr. McLain. On page two of the interlocal agreement, see if you can include those hand written notes in that, particularly Items A2 and A8, could that be included? One has to do with data collection and one has to do with allocating costs. If you can include those items and let us look at it the next time we meet.

McLain:

I can. I will get with our chief and then he can give me a complete list of what he wants put on there. I can do that, I have my notes right here.

McGill:

I don't know if this body will be able to ratify it the next time we meet.

Watson:

Change the agreement?

McGill:

I don't think I want to be changing it now. This one is in force until 2006.

McGill:

I was only speaking to those things calling for data collection. You already have the costs being allocated.

Mr. McLain, can you just add the part about data collection and just let the rest of it stay intact.

McLain:

Yes, sir. However you want to do it, Mr. Chairman.

We have to furnish monthly reports right now, anyway. I assume that you get them. But, the kind of data collection that may be helpful to all of us is and I can't really say what it should be, but at least data collected in terms of a call - the nature of the call; what kinds of problems did we have; etc. I mean, that can be baseline data for policy making down the road. You could put that in the agreement to require that we collect that information and share it with one another.

McGill:

Could we do that as an addendum to the contract and let this one stay as it is?

McLain:

Any way that the commission wants to do it.

Watson:

What addition are you going to give us that no. 10 doesn't already call for?

McLain:

Commissioner Watson, I didn't have a proposal. What I did was try to identify the areas early on - based on the comments that I had - that you may want to focus on. I don't have a proposal. I mentioned during this about data collection in my notes and presentation because that would help build policy down the road if we choose to do something. I don't have a specific thing in mind.

Let me give you an example. Back in A4

McKinnon:

Based upon your instructions from the workshop, we are going to be developing a strategy. Of course, we will communicate with the City of Quincy because they will be an integral part. From that process, there may come an idea to maybe do an addendum to the contract. Let us get the plan together and communicate with the city on how we can do the training

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of those issues that you all have identified and we will come back to both commissions to see the strategy and at that point, maybe we will need to do an addendum.

NEXT MEETING

No date was set for the next meeting of the joint commissions.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED
BY CHAIR MCGILL.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Muriel Straughn, Deputy Clerk

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
FEBRUARY 18, 2002, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING L. WATSON, VICE-CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. ROTC Cadet and Lt. Col. Feaster led in pledging allegiance the to US Flag. County Manager McKinnon then led in a prayer.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended by the following:

- a. Remove Item No. 3 - Approval of Minutes
- b. Remove Item No. 7 - Frank Ritter, Building Official - Gadsden Community Hospital
- c. Move 10.a - TDSNET Internet Service Contract from the Consent Agenda to the County Manager's Agenda for discussion
- d. Remove 10.c - Resolution No. 2003-002 - Requirement of Registration Form from Applicants Requesting County Assistance in Participating in Federal and State Grants

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA)

This item was removed from the agenda prior to its adoption.

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

Mr. Richmond reminded the Board of the litigation meeting that is scheduled for March 4 at 5:00 p.m. He asked that they be present.

5. LORRAINE ELDER, BIG BEND CARES APPLICATION TO STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR CLOSING THE GAP GRANT FOR LOCAL HIV/AIDS CASE MANAGER

Ms. Suzanne Stevens appeared before the Board for Lorraine Elder who was not present. (She had a family emergency.) She stated that she works for Big Bend Cares in the HIV/AIDS program. She said that they are currently serving 55 HIV/AIDS clients in Gadsden County without a facility or a case manager actually being located in the County. She said that they would like to increase their ability to serve another 25 - 30 clients over the next year because the need is great in Gadsden County. She explained that if they could place a case manager in a facility in Gadsden County, it would enhance their ability to reach clients who are not now being served.

Ms. Stevens reported that they help HIV/AIDS clients get into medical care for treatment. She said they fund doctor visits, lab work, help patients get prescription medication through the local county health department through ADAP Program, help them with transportation and other needs related to their health care. In addition, she said the Big Bend Cares case manager would work with an EIS case manager to go out and find people who are HIV infected and help them to get into treatment.

Ms. Stevens stated that the State Department of Health has a program called "Closing the Gap" which provides grants to local counties and organizations with the intent to increase the community-based health promotion and disease prevention activities. She said that they have been meeting with Ms. Nancy Gee, the grants coordinator for Gadsden County in the hopes of working with the County to receive those grant funds to pay for the case manager's position. She stated that Big Bend Cares would like to apply for \$150,000.

Ms. Stevens made reference to the agency in Gadsden County called "Investing in Our Youth" who also works with HIV population. She stated that Big Bend Cares would not be in competition with them. "Investing in Our Youth" provides general education in the community and serves the population of young people up to age 29. (Door to door - straight outreach). She stated that Big Bend Cares is geared specific to serving

clients with HIV and in finding people who are infected who do not know their status, then guide them into getting care.

She then asked for the County's support. The grant applicant will be Gadsden County Board of Commissioners with Big Bend Cares as the co-applicant.

Commissioner Dixon asked Ms. Stevens if she had a letter from the county health department in support of the grant application.

Ms. Stevens replied, "We are working on a letter from the health department. Yes, we have the support of the health department."

Commissioner Dixon stated he would be glad to approve it once they have the letter of support from the health department.

Ms. Gee stated, "Excuse me, Commissioner. I guess we did not make it perfectly clear. What we have had a meeting with the health department. What we have done is pull them in as a partner. They are a partner in the grant. What we currently have is a deadline time to get this in."

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO TABLE ACTION ON THE ABOVE STATED GRANT UNTIL MARCH 4, 2003.

**6. MIKE WALSH AND NANCY GEE - CLOSING THE GAP GRANT
DIABETES AND EDUCATION OUTREACH**

Ms. Gee said, "This is the same situation. It is a different area but it is the same grant. It is with the hospital and we have just met with the health department, but we will comply with what you have asked for."

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO TABLE ACTION ON THE ABOVE STATED GRANT UNTIL MARCH 4, 2003.

7. BUILDING OFFICIALS AGENDA

Gadsden Community Hospital

This item was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. See Item. No. 2.

8. PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES

Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy Small Scale Land Use Amendment 02PZ-030-207.4-5-11

Growth Management Director Bruce Ballister addressed the Board. He told them that Tallahassee Community College is seeking a small scale land use amendment to change 10 acres from AG3 category to Public. He explained that the 10 acres is part of a larger tract of 59.22 acres that the college is acquiring from St. Joe Land Company. It is immediately east of the main campus located on US 90 East.

Dixon:

Wait, Bruce. Before you do that, Mr. Chairman, may I? Are these - Each time that you come- is that a new amendment that we are looking at for Pat Thomas? The last time?

Ballister:

We did a site plan. That was a site plan. That was the stuff on the left side of that picture. That is what we looked at last time. That was the expansion of the campus. I just spoke with their engineer and recommended that they come in and do the overview of their campus master plan so that we didn't get this stuff piece milled.

Dixon:

I don't know what is happening out there piece by piece by piece. That is a city out there.

Ballister:

That is why I suggested that they come in and present to the Board.

Dixon:

I mean, I personally, when I looked at this, I said, "Nah, this must be the same thing." And it is not. It is another piece and we just did a piece. I don't like that.

McGill:

I think the other time it was a Comp Plan amendment to the situation, now they want

Dixon:

But they are changing what is there piece by piece. I mean, it is like a growing subdivision that doesn't have to go through the overall concept approval. All of sudden, we wake up and it is just there. We have approved a bunch of minor subdivisions as opposed to one big one. That is my concern. It is tough to visualize piece by piece.

McGill:

How can we avoid that?

Ballister:

I can recommend very strongly and the Board can recommend very strongly that they come to the Board with their campus master plan. They have to produce one as an education entity for the Board of Education. They can present that same campus plan to the Board.

They were on the agenda last summer and people started traveling out of town and it was hard to get a date right and they withdrew from the agendas.

Watson:

They were here one night when the meeting ran on and on and on and they left. And they have not been back.

Dixon:

Don't misunderstand me, I am not opposed to what they are doing. I just want to know.

Ballister:

I understand. I will make that point to them.

McGill:

Shall we consider item this now?

Dixon:

I would like to see the big picture first. Because this has got a gun range and then a building and now we are talking about another 10-acre tract. I would just like to see the big picture. You will have to ask the other commissioners, but I just want to know and I don't feel like I know.

McGill:

This was not (inaudible) as a public hearing was it?

Ballister:

Question for Hal. This is a noticed public hearing for a land use amendment.

McGill:

It is a noticed public hearing. So, I guess we had better go through with it now.

Ballister:

Well, having been advertised, can it be continued with no fault?

Richmond:

That is true. I mean, we have done that in the past - continued them to get additional information, to take additional testimony. Certainly, if you questions, and I am not taking sides, but if you have questions about how this 10 acre tract is going to fit into the overall picture, then you can't get a complete picture here today to vote on this. I think that is your position, Commissioner.

Watson:

Yeah. I personally think that Commissioner Dixon is in a hurry to get out of here.

Huge laughter.

Dixon:

Don't get me wrong, that being as it may, I would still like to see like to see the picture.

McGill:

For that purpose, Commissioner.

Watson:

Is the taxi waiting?

Dixon:

I actually thought, I misled myself somehow to think that the last addition bit was kind of it. But, I think it is much bigger than that.

Robert George:

I can speak to that.

McGill:

State you name for the record, please.

George:

My name is Robert George. I am with the firm of George Hutchinson Engineering. I am the civil engineer for this project. We are the firm that submitted the land use amendment.

Obviously, I need to apologize. We were on the agenda last summer to present the master plan. We had presented it to the Planning and Zoning Board. We got behind, I guess, the asphalt plant issue, so we did respectfully decline that night. I apologize for that.

We have no problem coming back and providing you with an overview of the master plan of the academy. We did prepare almost two years ago, a 20-year blueprint for the academy that was presented to the Board and to the Planning and Zoning Board.

What we are doing, as funding comes in, we are implementing that master plan. Basically, this is just a phase of the overall master plan that we have.

Watson:

But, let everybody know why it seems to be 10 acres every time. What is in our regulations that allow you to do that?

George:

The reason it is only 10 acres is because it is a small-scale land use amendment. This can be approved on the local level. Anything greater than 10 acres, you have to go through the DCA process. This facility, specifically, I'll talk to - what you are looking at here -

Dixon:

I am not necessarily agreeable with that because these kinds of things need to go through that process. So, now, maybe I am concerned about us subverting the system.

George:

I can tell you that

Dixon:

And we are helping you to subvert the system.

George:

My answer to that is that it is very hard when you are dealing with legislative money and funding for a university on the type of problems that they do. When the money becomes available, they try to have a - I guess when the money is out there, they need something.

Dixon:

But, that is your problem. You can't make that our problem.

George:

No, I am just explaining the dynamics.

Dixon:

I understand legislative funding. But, that is not our problem.

George:

I agree.

Dixon:

My problem now, since you mentioned it, is us helping you to do this because you have a large-scale land use amendment going on out there that we are allowing you to cut up into chunks so you can stay below that radar.

George:

O.K. Tell me what we need to do.

Dixon:

I don't know.

Watson:

There is nothing ya'll can do about this thing. That is just a loophole that you have found in our process. That is something that we are going to have to address, but that is not for you to worry about.

Dixon:

That is not a loophole.

Watson:

Yeah, it is.

Dixon:

No, it isn't. It is not a loophole.

McGill:

If they have 2,000 acres that they wanted to do or 10,000 acres they wanted to do, they could do 5 units now and 5 units later. They subvert the system by doing them in small scales. (inaudible)

Dixon:

That is why we have the system so that we don't wake up one day and see a city out there that nobody knows about.

McGill:

But, they are slowly and surely encroaching on that system.

Dixon:

No, I mean, they have the plan.

Watson:

You don't have any problem with coming back and presenting the master plan to us, do you?

George:

No, I do not.

Watson:

What would be wrong with continuing this until we see that?

Dixon:

I don't have a problem with it. And, look, I want to ring the whistle on it because it concerns me. Now, if it is a great master plan, Watson may convince me to help you subvert the system. But, other than, I, I got to know that it is a great plan. And folks who live out there have got to know that it is a great plan. But, I don't know that it is a great plan.

Watson:

Just understand, they are not subverting the system. Our regulations allow this. It is things that we have passed. That is how new laws are written.

Dixon:

I know what word I used, Mr. Watson. I know, I know. But, laws have intent behind them. Spirit.

Watson:

But, still, if they are following the letter of the law, they are not subverting the system.

Dixon:

Laws have spirit behind them.

Watson:

We have to address that.

Dixon:

It is the spirit. What the intent of the law. What is the intent of the law is to keep subdivisions from happening.

McGill:

Time is of essence.

Laughter.

Time is of real essence.

Dixon:

Mr. Chairman, I so move that we continue until next meeting.

Watson:

Well, let's talk about it. Do we present the master plan? Do we hear this that night, the same night?

Dixon:

I have no problem with that.

George:

Can we request to make it to the next meeting? We would like to come back soon.

Dixon:

That is why we are continuing it.

McGill:

The first meeting - the first meeting will be the 4th of next month.

Watson:

How long is your presentation?

George:

We can make it 15 minutes or we can make it -

McGill:

I am not sure we can satisfy all of it in 15 minutes, now.
We'll have to look at that.

Ballister:

We have two items to be heard on the 4th that will be half
hour discussion items each, probably. Just forewarning.

Dixon:

Is it pertaining to this same 10 acres?

Ballister:

No, sir. Two other applications in the County that are
going to take a while.

Dixon:

On this same site?

McKinnon:

No, sir. Different sites.

Watson:

I will make a motion for that.

Roberson:

Second.

McGill:

We already have a motion to table, I haven't gotten a
second to that yet.

Watson:

That is what I thought I was doing.

Dixon:

I had already motioned to table.

McGill:

So, will you second the motion?

Watson:

That is fine.

McGill:

So, we have a motion to table this until the 4th of next
month - the next meeting. Do we have any discussion on
the motion?

Dixon:

None.

McGill:

All in favor, say "Aye."

All:

Aye.

McGill:

It is unanimous.

9. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

Bidding on Contracts

Commissioner Holt stated that she had asked that this subject be brought up and discussed because she did not think that "contracts should be added onto forever." She said that she believes that they should sunset at three to five years, but no longer than five.

General Services Director Arthur Lawson explained that all contracts more than \$10,000 are advertised for competitive bids. He said that the contract can be structured with a time limit or terminated by disapproving subsequent change orders to the contract.

Discussion followed.

There was a consensus for the staff to get together and bring back some kind of mechanism by which the Board can insure that bid-awarded contracts will have a definite ending point. The matter will appear on the March 18th agenda.

Request by Olson Insurance and Financial Services for the Use of the Havana Library Facility By the Church of Christ - a Prospective Buyer

Mr. McKinnon reported that the owner of the Havana Library facility has informed the County that he is negotiating the sale of the building with The Church of Christ who would like to be able to use the Community Room on Sundays and Wednesday nights until the library moves to it's new building. He reminded the Board that Mr. Olson has been very accommodating to the County with respect to the month to month lease.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, TO ALLOW MR. OLSON TO LET THE CHURCH USE THE COMMUNITY ROOM AS DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED LETTER.

TDSNET Internet Service Contract

There was a consensus to table this item until March 4, 2003.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE REMAINDER OF THE CONSENT AGENDA TO WIT:

- a. TDSNET Internet Service Contract
(This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and placed under the County Manager's Agenda for discussion, then tabled until March 4, 2003.)
- b. Youth Employment Program Memorandum of Understanding Between Tallahassee Community College and Gadsden County for \$24,999.99
- c. Resolution No. 2003-002 - Requirement of Registration Form from Applicants Requesting County Assistance in Participating in Federal and State Grants. (This item was removed from the agenda by the County Attorney as there was a decision to adopt an ordinance rather than a resolution.)
- d. CDBG Contract for Rehabilitation Work - Jessie Mae Hatten - Sandra Atkins Construction
- e. Rehabilitation Agreement and Special Assessment Lien - Jessie Mae Hatten

11. CONSENT AGENDA - FOR THE RECORD

- a. Gadsden Hospital, Inc. Meeting Minutes
- b. Gadsden Hospital, Inc. Articles of Incorporation
- c. Gadsden Hospital, Inc. By-Laws
- d. Notice from Department of Health - Receipt of Emergency Medical Services Grant - \$22,164.33

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair McGill called for public comments. There was no response.

13. CLERK'S AGENDA

Budget Amendments #2003-02-18-01 through 2003-02-14-09

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

Ratification of Approval to Pay County bills: Check Registers Dated 02/07/03; 02/14/03; and Payroll Register Dated 02/03/03

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COUNTY BILLS LISTED ABOVE.

14. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

District 2 Report

Commissioner Watson had no report.

District 3 Report

Commissioner Roberson had no report.

District 4 Report

Commissioner Holt had no report.

District 5 Report

Commissioner Dixon reported that he testified before the Senate Appropriations Committee for the dental program at the Gadsden Medical Center.

District 1 Report

Chair McGill had no report.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR
MCGILL DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

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AT A JOINT MEETING OF THE GADSDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND THE CITY COMMISSIONERS/TOWN COUNCILS FROM CITY OF QUINCY, CITY OF CHATTAHOOCHEE, CITY OF GRETNA, TOWN OF HAVANA, CITY OF MIDWAY, AND THE TOWN OF GREENSBORO, HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2003, THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

GADSDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Bill McGill, BCC Chair
Carolyn Roberson, Commissioner
Brenda Holt, Commissioner
Edward J. Dixon Commissioner
Howard McKinnon, County
Manager
Muriel Straughn, Deputy Clerk

CITY OF CHATTAHOOCHEE

Joe Kennedy, Councilman
Champ James, Councilman
(late)
Lee Garner, City Manager

TOWN OF GREENSBORO

Herman Rowan, Councilman
Max Fletcher, Councilman

CITY OF GRETNA

Clarence Lewis, Mayor
Helen Franks, Commissioner
Antonio Jefferson, City
Manager

TOWN OF HAVANA

T. J. Davis, Councilman
Don Vickers, Councilman
Charles Leonard, Councilman
Vernell Ross, Councilman
Robert Earl Richardson,
Councilman
Susan Frieden, Town Manager

CITY OF MIDWAY

Delores Madison, Mayor
Paul Piller, City of Quincy

CITY OF QUINCY

Derrick Elias, Mayor
Don Chesser
Keith Dowdell
Willie Earl Banks,
City Manager
Neva Reed
Howard Smith
Arleen Houston
Sylvia Hicks, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

BCC Chair Bill McGill called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers, 9 East Jefferson St., Quincy, FL. Quincy City Commissioner Don Chesser led in a

prayer and Chattahoochee City Commissioner Joe Kennedy led in pledging allegiance to the US Flag.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chair McGill asked each person present to stand and state their name and the city that they represent.

PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Chair McGill reported that the city/county managers met together on February 17, 2003 to discuss issues that are of common importance to all Gadsden County local governments. The attached list resulted from that meeting.

He then said that the purpose of this joint meeting was for the commissioners and councilmen to discuss those ten issues and rank them in order of significance for the county as a whole. It was agreed that each individual entity would then embrace those issues in their lobbying efforts before the Florida Legislature during the legislative season.

Quincy City Manager Willie Earl Banks asked to clarify that all of the city managers and the county manager had contributed to the list. He emphasized that it was a cooperative effort.

Quincy Mayor Elias recalled that it was the intent for the managers to bring back a list of ten issues for the joint body to rank and shorten to only five issues. Then all parties could/would vigorously support those five issues when they meet with the legislators and their aids.

MANDATORY TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

MIDWAY MAYOR DELORES MADISON MADE A MOTION TO SELECT NO. 9 AS THE TOP PRIORITY - MANDATORY TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY HAVANA COUNCILMAN DON VICKERS.

County Commissioner Holt called attention to the fact that economic development is not listed as one of the issues.

Chair McGill asked that the motion on the floor be carried forward prior to discussion of other issues.

Midway City Manager Paul Piller suggested that economic development could be addressed under Item # 3 - the Enterprise

Zone. He then stated that there are some items on the list that are not really legislative. For instance, he said that the Firefighter Rule is past legislation but there is an on-going effort to fight the ruling authority of the Division of the Fire Marshall. He said that managers state-wide have talked about trying to get an amendment passed that would perhaps postpone the bill's affects. In the meantime, further measures could be attempted.

Mr. Piller then called attention to Item No. 4 - Unfunded Mandates. He said that it is not specifically legislative but it is generally legislative because local governments oppose all unfunded mandates. He then said that if this body opposed unfunded mandates, it would be opposing 50 bills per session. He then said that he did not believe that ten issues were too many to target. However, he thought that only seven or eight on the list were actually legislative action. The other three are somehow tied to legislation but not necessarily legislation. He cited Item No. 5 as an example. He said that "Presumption was a done deal last year. What we might try to do, and probably unsuccessfully, is to go down and get an amendment that would go back and look at that bill and say - let's go out and get all law enforcement officers to get a physical and let's set a new benchmark. But that is mandatory rather than proposing legislation. You are fighting something which has not been introduced at this point in time."

County Commissioner Dixon stated "Unfunded mandates, while not being a specific piece of legislation, I think it is something that must go to the top of the list, period. If any of you read Senator Cain's comments in the paper just yesterday, the words that he emphatically said were, "Counties and cities are going to get screwed unless I get some more revenues up here." Those will come in the form of unfunded mandates. So, these other programs actually become no good unless you can stop those unfunded mandates from coming down. So, in a way, I will disagree with you because I think that has to go to the top of our list."

Discussion followed.

COUNTY COMISSIONER DIXON OFFERED A MOTION FOR A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL MOTION. HE PROPOSED TO MAKE ITEM NO. 5 - PRESUMPTION BILL FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS AND ITEM NO. 9 - MANDATORY TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS- A PART OF ITEM NO. 4 - UNFUNDED MANDATES. THOSE ITEMS

WOULD THEN APPEAR AS 4(c) AND F(d) AND THEN MAKE ITEM NO. 4 THE No. 1 PRIORITY ON THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

Mr. Piller suggested that the wording for No. 4 be changed as follows: Unfunded Mandates - Gadsden Local Governments oppose any unfunded mandates proposed by the Florida Legislature. In addition, Gadsden local governments are concerned about proposed cuts o Medicare/Medicaid funding and the Small County Road Assistance Program.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIXON ACCEPTED THE ABOVE STATED LANGUAGE OFFERED BY MR. PILLER AS A PART OF HIS FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

MIDWAY MAYOR MADISON ACCEPTED THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT OFFERED BY COMMISSIONER DIXON.

GRETNA MAYOR CLARENCE LEWIS SECONDED THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. THE JOINT COMMISSIONERS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL MOTION.

THE CHAIR CALLED FOR A VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION WHICH INCLUDES THE AMENDMENT. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

It was clarified for the record that the number # 1 priority will become Item No. 4 - Unfunded Mandates - Gadsden Local Governments oppose any unfunded mandates proposed by the Florida Legislature. In addition, Gadsden local governments are concerned about proposed cuts to a) Medicare/Medicaid funding; b) ~~Small County Road Assistance Program;~~ c) Presumption Bill for Public Safety Departments; and d) Mandatory Training for Volunteer Fire Fighters. (The strike though language was later deleted from unfunded mandates, made a stand alone issue and placed on the Legislative Agenda as priority # 8.)

SHIP FUNDING

UPON A MOTION BY COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRENDA HOLT AND SECOND BY GRETNA MAYOR CLARENCE LEWIS THE JOINT COMMISSIONERS VOTED 16- 2 IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO MAKE ITEM NO. 1 - SHIP FUNDING - THE SECOND PRIORITY ON THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

Midway Mayor Madison asked for clarification on the previous motion dealing with the Mandatory Training for Volunteer Firefighters.

County Manager Howard McKinnon interjected that the amended wording was not intended to change the meaning of the emphasis on mandatory training for the volunteers. It will simply clarify it. He assured the mayor that the emphasis will remain the same.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

UPON MOTION BY COUNTY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND SECOND BY MAYOR MADISON, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO MAKE THE PUBLIC LIBRARY THE NO. 3 PRIORITY ON THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. (This was later changed to be priority # 4)

ENTERPRISE ZONE

UPON MOTION BY GRETNA MAYOR CLARENCE LEWIS AND SECOND BY GRETNA COUNCILWOMAN FRANKS, THE BOARD VOTED 16 - 2, TO MAKE THE ENTERPRISE ZONE THE NO. 3 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA PRIORITY AND CHANGE THE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO NO. 4.

SMALL AND RURAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS

UPON MOTION BY GRETNA COUNCILWOMAN FRANKS AND SECOND BY GRETNA MAYOR LEWIS, THE JOINT COMMISSIONERS VOTED 18 - 0 TO MAKE SMALL AND RURAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS (ITEM NO. 8) NO. 5 ON THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

Chattahoochee City Manager Garner recommended that all of the other issues remain on the legislative agenda for Gadsden County and not limit it to only five.

Likewise, Quincy City Manager Banks encouraged the commissioners not to eliminate any of the listed issues.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

THERE WAS A CONSENSUS TO MAKE THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS PRIORITY # 6.

LOCAL AUTHORITY OF WATER PROJECTS

THERE WAS A CONSENSUS TO MAKE THE LOCAL AUTHORITY OF WATER PROJECTS AS PRIORITY # 7.

ARTICLE V FUNDING

UPON MOTION BY COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY HAVANA COUNCILMAN DAVIS, THE JOINT COMMISSIONERS VOTED 18 - 1, TO REMOVE ITEM NO. 10 FROM THE LIST AS IT IS ALREADY THE NUMBER ONE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ITEM FOR THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND IT DOES NOT INVOLVE THE CITIES.

THERE WAS A CONSENSUS THAT THE JOINT COMMISSIONERS COULD STILL DECLARE ARTICLE V FUNDING AS AN ISSUE AND LOBBY FOR IT IF TIME PERMITS.

CRITICAL CONCERN

Gretna Mayor Clarence Lewis stated that a bill was passed designating Gadsden County as an area of critical concern but no appropriation was made. He said he thought it ought to be added to the unfunded mandate item.

Discussion followed.

Chattahoochee Manager Garner stated that the Florida League of Cities and the Florida Association of Counties has taken the position that the greater lobbying efforts should go into trying to hold on to the funding that local governments presently have instead of going out for new money.

Chair McGill stated that he has seen Governor Bush's proposed budget along with an analysis of the cuts. He said he could easily understand why they have taken that posture.

Discussion followed.

UPON MOTION BY COUNTY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY MIDWAY GRETNA MADISON, THE JOINT COMMISSIONERS VOTED 19 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO ADD THE ISSUE OF CRITICAL CONCERN AS A BULLET TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ISSUE - PRIORITY #3.

SMALL COUNTY ROAD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCRAP)

County Commissioner Ed Dixon called attention to Item No. 4 - Unfunded Mandates. He stated that the SCRAP is not an unfunded mandate. He asked that it be removed and placed as Priority # 8 as a stand alone issue.

UPON MOTION BY COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COUNTY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE JOINT COMMISSIONERS VOTED 19 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO REMOVE THE SCRAP ISSUE FROM THE UNFUNDED MANDATES ISSUE (# 1 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY AGENDA) AND PLACE IT AS A STAND ALONE ISSUE AS THE #8 PRIORITY ON THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

HEALTH ISSUES

UPON MOTION BY COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY MIDWAY MAYOR MADISON, THE JOINT COMMISSIONERS VOTED 19 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO ALLOW THE STAFF TO DRAFT A STATEMENT REGARDING THE SERIOUS HEALTH ISSUES AND MAKE IT PRIORITY # 9 ON THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

There was later discussion regarding the rising cost of health care, insurance premiums, court costs, trial lawyers, etc. Greensboro Councilman Fletcher asked the commissioners to speak with the delegation about those kinds of things as well. He cited the recent closing of Gadsden Nursing Home as an example of the fall out from those escalating expenses.

LOBBYING STRATEGY

Chair McGill stressed how important it would be for all commissioners and lobbying teams to be diligent and untiring in their efforts with the legislative process. The following strategies were suggested:

Direct staff to target a date for all of the commissioners and the lobbying teams to get on the legislators' calendars so that they can make their priorities known in a unified fashion. Have a Gadsden County Day!

County Commissioner Dixon was asked to prepare a news release and send it to all the local newspapers. (Legislators and their aides read all of the local newspapers from their districts.)

Everyone (elected officials and staff) should write personal letters with hand written notations on them to all members of the delegation. It was determined that e-mail is not effective.

All commissioners and staff should get on the phone and talk to the legislators. Call their aids, talk to them and get to know them. It was stressed that lobbying is

twelve-month a year job - not just at session time. Issue invitations to them to attend the local commission meetings.

ALL elected officials were asked to commit to show up on the designated Gadsden County day.

This body should continue the practice of having the annual "town meeting" with the legislative delegates.

Future Joint Meetings

Chattahoochee Manager Garner asked that this group meet together on a routine basis - at least twice a year to discuss issues again.

The following is recap of the prioritized list of the legislative agenda issues:

1 - Unfunded Mandates

(See the language change on page 4)

- Medicare/Medicaid Funding
- Presumption Bill for Public Safety Departments
- Mandatory Training for Volunteer Firefighters

2 - SHIP Funding

3 - Enterprise Zone

- Critical Concern

4 - Public Library

5 - Small and Rural Local Government Water and Wastewater Projects

6 - Technical Assistance Grants

7 - Local Authority of Water Projects

8 - Small County Road Assistance Funds

9 - Health Issues

In addition to the HIV/AIDS, Diabetes, etc. there was a consensus to begin some kind of dialogue with legislators to address the liability caps for professional services and insurance premiums, payments to trial lawyers, health care professionals, closing of the nursing homes, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE JOINT COMMISSIONS,
CHAIR MCGILL DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.**

Bill McGill, BCC Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

This is a verbatim record of the proceedings of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners that took place on March 18, 2003 concerning the matter of Lawson Commercial Park. This portion of the meeting has been transcribed verbatim upon request after the official summary minutes were already approved by the Board. They are true and accurate to the best of my ability.

Ballister:

Good evening, Commissioners. I have a fairly full agenda. This is the last month in which we will hear applications that were heard previously in the same month by the Planning Commission due to our notice requirements. Some things were already scheduled and they are continuing.

Because of that delay, we had that meeting after you already had the agendas prepared. So, I have some supplemental information that was in your box. I want to make sure you saw it and had time to time to review it and had any comments on the two first projects.

Richmond:

Mr. Ballister, before we begin -

In this matter and all matters on the agenda tonight, will you please raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you will give will be the truth, so help you God?

Ballister:

I do.

Richmond:

Will you please submit on every matter that is presented tonight, copies of your entire file to Muriel for the benefit of the record.

Ballister:

Sure.

The entire file or the file that is submitted in evidence?

Richmond:

I want the entire file.

Ballister:

O.K. I can do that.

We also have a letter that was delivered the Department on this first application. Mr. Piowtroski, ah.

Dixon:

We got the letter.

McKinnon:

We already have one.

Ballister:

To preface the Lawson Commercial Park site, it was approved as a Land Use Change in 2000-2001. It changed a little less than 12 acres, (there is kind of an ambiguous amount there) from AG 2 to Commercial. The rear section of the property (approximately 20 acres) is still AG 1.

The site is currently covered in planted pines. There are some volunteers. There is a (inaudible) tobacco barn near the back of this property and a several-acre storm water pond that was constructed for a previous subdivision that was never finished.

Originally, this was submitted and was characterized as a commercial subdivision. No sub-division of the property is intended. It is meant to be constructed as commercial space for lease. So, we won't see it here again as individual lots get developed.

The original comments that I made, currently I had edited and lost that edited version - the parking discussion in the first agenda package indicates there is some shortages. In the supplement that you have, all the parking criteria have been met in terms of number. The application will have to show the appropriate ADA compliance in the preliminary site plans, but the appropriate number of spaces have been provided for the square footage that he has got.

The comment that we had in the Planning Commission was if there is a site-specific application or use-specific

application, we allow applicants to state their actual use of the buildings and structures and get a modified parking demand, but since we have no idea what the intended applicants or tenants are going to be, we had to press for the maximum. The site has been modified to do that.

The site plan indicates that they will be able to comply with the landscaping, the corridor landscaping issues, there is virtually no, ah, there is no development in the front 50 feet except for the drive-way in and a site sign. The landscaping plans for this will have to be submitted and approved. Most of the trees up front are small juvenile pines. There are a few oak trees at the north end of the property.

The stormwater pond that is already on the site is intended to be used for this project. It is just east of the boundary of this park or this site. We would require that this storm water easement or the stormwater area be granted an easement for perpetuity to serve the needs of this site for run-off.

Staff recommendations were that fire protection be provided with a minimum 6" water line. That has been provided by the engineer.

Shielded dumpster pads should be located throughout the site at locations convenient to the building occupants but shielded from the general public. They have been added.

Most of the original staff comments and recommendations that we had in our first agenda package have been met by the engineer in the second application.

The stormwater pond is up along the rectangle to the right. We also asked that the existing overflow facility that is immediately adjacent to the property line be re-located so that it can dissipate and run over land before it gets to the adjacent property line.

The orange rectangles are the buildings. The lime green areas are drain fields. Everything else that you see is parking for the structures.

There is a 50 ft. setback to any of the parking from the right-of-way line.

In the Planning Commission meeting, much of the discussion centered around the use of the facility. There have been recollections from the Planning Commission hearings at the Land Use Change that there be residential oriented neighborhood type facilities offered at this establishment. The testimony ensured for the evening, it was apparent that the applicant was not willing to do more than make an effort to get neighborhood commercial uses in these - I guess what was at issue was the sites that face the street and face the public.

It was intimated or suggested or promised, however you want to couch that, but there would be neighborhood uses in these front sites whether it be local food oriented businesses or retail video store, dry cleaners or that kind of thing. It was left open, but that was the intimation at the Planning Commission meetings. There was a lot less said at the Board meeting to that effect. Those proceedings centered around whether there was a letter - you remember the letter from staff about whether it was commercial or not. That side-tracked a lot of discussion on the use that we had in the Planning Commission. There is no minutes, there are no surviving minutes of the Planning Commission minutes on the Land Use Change due to the staff we had at the time. So, what we have is recollections and the recollections vary.

Richmond:

What is the status at this time of that project? What was approved? What restrictions were placed on it in any development order?

Ballister:

There were or are not development orders at land use amendment time unless there is a development agreement reached.

Richmond:

But this was made commercial?

Ballister:

It was re-zoned commercial - the area west of the section line were re-zoned commercial. Eleven-something acres.

Richmond:

It still got to meet all those requirements?

Ballister:

Right.

The Code allows, in a listing of Commercial Class II uses, for some light industrial uses per the Light Industrial Section of the Code.

There is at issue among the privacy trackers that it is not the intent of the Code to have a project zoned light commercial, excuse me, light industrial if it happens to be zoned commercial - even though those uses are allowed. I don't think it was the intent to go totally Light Industrial, even though it is an allowed use. So, that is at issue, too.

At any rate, I have some additional staff recommendations which are in your supplement.

It was revealed that the project is to be built over time - not all at once. In light of that, the project should be marked in phases when it gets preliminary site plans so that the individual phases can be completed, development orders have times on them and the only way you can satisfy that is to indicate phasing on the plan.

Item 2. The applicant has not been shy about the open door he would offer to any and all potential rental clients. The commercial park itself is a Class II use and is therefore before this Board for approval. Certain individually clients may wish to occupy space in the commercial park, they would themselves trigger Class I review and may have more egregious offsite impacts that is presently envisioned. We basically don't have any idea who some of these clients might be.

The Conflict Mitigation Section of the LDC recognizes that not all situations can be foreseen and that mitigation requirements might vary. Although the Land Development Code allows some cross code uses between commercial parks and light industrial parks, it is not the intent of the code to have a commercial park dominated by light industrial uses.

It is proposed that prior to any Building Department permits being issued to tenants or built to suit issues, the proposed uses get planning review of each intended use if it is determined that the intended occupants will trigger a greater impact. There might be some other issues involved if those specific uses be allowed to come back to the Board as individual Class II approvals. Since this is not a subdivision, we don't have a second look at these. We just know that there is a lot of space out there that is subject to review.

I don't think that anybody will have much problem with contractors rental spaces in the back or light warehousing and that kind of thing. I don't think anybody, ah, in speaking to the neighborhood community, the intent that I got at the first meetings is they would not be happy about an auto body shop banging away and emitting a lot of odors or say, a mill shop that had a turbine blowing into the night. So, we wanted to have a second shot at the (inaudible) of the tenants conversion of the space - at building inspection or building permit time.

Other than that, I think the applicant is here and is very interested in addressing the Board. There are also members of the public here. If you have any other questions for me, I will be happy to answer them.

McGill:

Are there any questions of Mr. Ballister on the Lawson Commercial property?

Holt:

Mr. Ballister, the closes resident to that property, how many feet away?

Ballister:

Less than 100. Immediately to the south of this property corner is the northeastern side of Ochlockonee Estates, a mobile home subdivision. In fact, this area that is a rectangle down here, I suppose, is about a 20 acre spot that is wrapped around by Ochlockonee Estates. There is a Baptist Church right about where the lighting is. There are a few empty parcels to the north and then you get into Sandy Creek, which you all know, and Lantern Lane is across the street. So, I is surrounded by 3 residential neighborhoods.

McGill:

I am concerned with, ah, were you finished, Commissioner Holt?

Holt:

Well, I had one other question. What about environmental impact as far as any type of air contamination, soil contamination, water contamination, depending on who they lease to?

Ballister:

Run-off from the site will be controlled by the storm water pond. Any specific issues, I can't speak to. Some might have an off-site impact. A dry cleaner, for instance, would have a specially designed larger than average drain field and there are some pre-treatment requirements for anything left of that building. The same would happen if they had a mortuary in there. Some uses have specific environmental permitting that is already established by DEP.

Presumably, if there were to be a paint and body shop, there would be air scrubbers, but, I know that I have been past some furniture factories where there is a smoke coming from them. So, most of those are handled by permitting. There are other impacts, though, that are unknowns.

Holt:

That is all, Mr. Chairman.

McGill:

Are there any other questions of Mr. Ballister?

I have one along the same lines as Commissioner Holt. I was concerned about the impacts on Ochlockonee River, itself. How far will the river be from the actual development?

Ballister:

About a mile and a quarter, maybe a mile and a half.

McGill:

So there is no risk that there will be a run-off from the site into the Ochlockonee River.

Ballister:

Well, the stormwater pond should be designed to handle your initial flush of, it is designed to hold the first two inches of rain. And it will let it percolate back into the soil or run through filters. Anything more than the two inch storm, that is a pretty good size storm, will go off-site into a creek. It takes about a mile and a half to get to the river.

McGill:

Any more questions of Mr. Ballister?

McKinnon:

I think there are some people out there.

Dixon:

Bruce, let me ask just one question. He is applying for what?

Ballister:

A commercial park of, I don't remember how many square feet it is now. Ah, that is to be, his site will be in the back - that is his own business - Lawson Plumbing will have its storage and offices there. It is big parking and the rest of it is rental space of mixed commercial nature.

Dixon:

Why the concern about the commercial/light industrial? Don't we have commercial zoning and a light industrial zoning.

Ballister:

We do. The Code allows cross-pollination within those.

Dixon:

But he didn't ask for cross-pollination. He asked for commercial, so why

Ballister:

The application that we got in December said "Light Industrial Park". And that, as much as anything, got the antenna up. That was possibly an error in characterization by the engineer.

Dixon:

But why didn't we kick that out if he asked for a "light industrial" park in a "commercial" slot that we just gave him. Why wouldn't we kick that out?

Ballister:

That is why we discussed all the uses at great length in the Planning Commission. The Class II Commercial use allows a pretty lengthy list of activities. Among them, light industrial is included.

He also made the unfortunate characterization of originally calling it a "commercial subdivision" in which no land is subdivided. No land is sub-divided, it was just a clerical error. I have been calling it "park" ever since - not subdivision because there is no subdivision intended.

Dixon:

Options before us now to approve what he asked for - the "commercial/light industrial" park - to give him what he asked for earlier, which is the "commercial" designation, which means he can only put "commercial" operations in there or some other modification as we may see fit.

Ballister:

Or some other negotiations can come up, I guess.

Dixon:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

McGill:

O.K. Is Mr. Lawson in the audience?

All of you who would like to speak for the proposal, come forward now. Those who want to speak for it will be after the applicant.

Lawson:

My name is O. Z. Lawson.

Richmond:

Mr. Lawson, will you raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give here tonight will be the truth so help you God?

Lawson:

I'll do it. My name is O.Z. Lawson. My nick name is Skeets, not Keith. I am not a plumbing contractor, I am an electrical contractor. You seem to have that confused all the way up and down the line along with a lot of other issues associated with this piece of property as to what I have said and what I haven't said.

I'm, you know, this has been an experience for me and I am just doing my best to get it done and I appreciate the help that I have been given. I want to comply with the Codes and the Law. I have looked at 1 and 2 - Commercial 1 and 2. Just for information purposes, 14 on the stuff that Bruce sent to me today on Class I Commercial - at the bottom, it lists body shops as an accepted use. I am an environmentally responsible person. I recycle light bulbs. I could throw them in the garbage can, but I know that my grandkids are going to have to drink the water and eat the fish out of these rivers, so I don't put any mercury in there. Nobody makes me do that. I do it.

I am trying to be a good citizen over there and I want to develop a nice looking commercial development. I told the adjoining land owners that I would not call this a "commercial park". I told them in the meeting the other night that when I build the permanent signs, what I thought they understood, the permanent signs will not say "commercial park." The 4 x 8 sign that I had up there says "commercial park", so, as soon as they fussed about it, I took it off. It is off of it today. I am just trying to get along, you know, but I don't want to give my rights. I want to do - I want to be able to develop it and do the best I can with it, just like you would.

The neighborhood commercial, the set back of 50 ft. and all like they are going to make me do - it is going to be impossible almost, but I will try my very best to find somebody. If somebody comes by and wants to be in there, and I get to build it, I will be tickled to death to have them in there. I would love to put a County Tax office or Driver's License office or something like that up there in the front. In the front part of this thing, that is what I am going to try to get. But, in you come in there and want to put an office in there and sell insurance out there, you know, and I've got a space available, I am going to rent it to you. But, I am going to comply with what you tell me to. I am going to do what is right.

I thought you had a Code Enforcement Board. I don't know if you do or not, but in Leon County, when you get your permit, they make sure that where you are going is applicable and that it is zoned correctly for you to be in there. I know you have occupational license, so, I am sure that any tenant would get an occupation license and tell you exactly what they are going to do and whether they are using is correctly or not.

I will do my best to help you police it, but, you know, I can't tell any of you are going to do tonight when you leave here, you know. I will do my best and that is all I can say.

I have been working on this thing since 1989. Every way I brought it for a while wasn't right. So, I was just thankful when it got through this last time. You know, ya'll made it 32 acres and at the next meeting, you took all that away. At the next meeting, you gave me back 12. So, you have run me up and down. So, you know, I am just asking for some help and let me get through with this thing. I have had it a long time and I have spent a lot of money, I want to do a nice development and I want to improve the tax base and I want to do my best to get along with the neighbors if it is possible. Sometimes you can't do everything. I am driven by the profit motive. I've got a lot of money in this and I've got to make some money off of it, but I am still not going to create an environmental catastrophe up there.

One building here, Building E, is my new office. I am going to re-locate here. I am presently on the truck route in Tallahassee and I don't like it. I don't have enough room. I've got two acres there and I am on lake protection if that tells you anything. They don't come out there and give me any trouble. My retention ponds work. My trees are there, my landscaping is there and my grass is mowed. I do what I am supposed to do. That is all I have to say unless you have questions for me.

McGill:

Questions of Mr. Lawson?

I do have two, not exactly a question, but I do have a statement that I received from one of your neighbors out

there who talked to you earlier. His name is Bill Piotrowski- he indicated that you were not clear on the agreement to go strictly "commercial" business on the property."

It goes on to say "At the Planning and Zoning Commission presentation, he was not willing to restrict its uses to those that will not be offensive to the community."

He is saying that you are saying that what you put out there might not be agreeable and it could be offensive to the community. Do you remember making that statement?

Lawson:

Well, maybe I was misunderstood, o.k? I am going to do my best to do what is right and I am going to comply with the Law. That is what it is for, I think. I mean, I want to make Mr. Piowtroski and his neighbors happy, but I want to make me happy, too.

McGill:

Did you say that you changed the sign that they were protesting about?

Lawson:

I changed the sign today and it was my intention, and I called this lady right here today and asked her what was said in the meeting. And I didn't say "the new sign", but I talked all around the new attractive sign that I was going to put up there and I said that it wouldn't say "commercial" property.

The temporary 4 x 8 sign that I have out there on the project right now advertising - looking for somebody to come in there - it said "Northside Commercial Park". Today it says "Commercial" period. No Northside.

McGill:

There won't be any junk yards out there?

Lawson:

Sir?

Holt:

Junk yards.

McGill:

There wont' be any junk yards out there?

Lawson:

No. No.

McGill:

There won't be any chicken processing plant out there?

Lawson:

It is not my intention to put a chicken processing plant out there. It is not my intention to put a junk yard out there. Even though it says in here that I could put a flea market, I don't think that is what I want to do either. I want to do the plans.

McGill:

You understand, there is a clear distinction between "commercial" and "light industrial"? Do you understand that?

Lawson:

I think I do. I have looked at this land use - commercial land use, Class II. And light industrial uses - no off-site impacts that are primarily oriented toward enclosed manufacture or re-distribution assembly warehouse. This includes self storage facility.

McGill:

So, what are you classified - commercial or light industrial?

Lawson:

Would you classify me - I would classify me as a "commercial." You know, I don't manufacture anything on site. Everything I make is off-site.

McGill:

And you fully understand the corridor rule setback requirement?

Lawson:

I think this meets it. I think that is what Mr. Ballister said, isn't it?

McGill:

But do you understand it?

Lawson:

No, sir, I don't understand it. I have hired an engineer to do it for me. It is supposed to be right and I am assuming that it will be checked by the County and it will be correct. As far as me understanding it, no, sir, I don't. But if you ask me what how that light up there works, I can tell you about that. I don't know about this, here. This is my first experience with trying to be a developer and it will probably be my last one.

Huge laughter.

McGill:

Is there anybody else to speak for the proposal?

Will anybody like to speak against the proposal?

O.K. Starting with the lady, I guess, and going down to those next to the wall. You all can come stand in line and maybe that will speed it up a little bit.

Richmond:

Please state your name for the record.

Piotrowski:

My name is Cindy Piotrowski.

Richmond:

Ms. Piotrowski, because of the nature of this, will you please raise your right hand?

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give is the truth so help you God?

Piotrowski:

I do.

Mr. Chairman, members of the County Commission, thank you for letting me speak. My husband would have been here, but he is at a School Board meeting.

I am speaking about the fact that we originally understood that Mr. Lawson was going to put his business on this property and that he would have some warehouses and things like that behind him.

Now, we have him coming in asking to put a commercial park here. Whether or not he will decide to call it that or not, that I exactly what he is putting in here. And I think, you know, that I know that since I have walked up around there, as the crow flies, from that holding pond, he is only 150 yards to my neighbor, Mr. Kelley who is also here to speak tonight.

What we would like is for that, since the property has been zoned commercial, there is nothing we can do about that now, but what we would like is that the uses of these buildings be restricted to very light commercial - that absolutely no light industrial be put in there.

These three neighborhoods and the churches and everyone else was there long before Mr. Lawson came. I have been in house on the Sandy Creek property for 27 years. We have spent a lot of sweat, tears, money and everything else to make our property nice and to be good members and good residents of Gadsden County. And that goes for the rest of the people in Sandy Creek.

Mr. Lawson has been there since 1989. He thinks, as he said, "I have a right to make a profit off my property."

However, when he came out there, he knew that we were there first. So, therefore, I really feel like his uses should be very compatible with us because we were there first and he knew when he bought his property that we were there. Now, what he wants to do is put in whatever and whoever comes, he is going to take because he is in it for profit and he is in it for business and he is telling everybody "Well, I'll try to make it compatible for the neighborhood." But trying and doing is two different things.

I think the County Commission needs to make sure that he has to make it compatible with the neighborhoods that are there.

As I said, we were there first. We have been there twice as long, ah, two and a half times as long as he has been holding that property. I think that his argument of making a profit on his property doesn't hold water when you consider the fact that he knew we were there and when he

came there, he should have known that whatever he did with the property would be compatible.

Personally, I don't think, ah, I think that what is going to happen here is that as soon as he gets this o.k., he is going to come back and he is going to say, "There is no reason why I can't have the rest of my property be a commercial park, too."

And what is everybody going to say? Well, we've got light industrial use in there, we've got commercial use in there. We can't tell this man that he can't have light industrial right in the back yards of the people who have lived there, as I said, who have been good citizens of Gadsden County for a long time.

We bought with the idea in mind that we would be somewhat protected by your zoning - it is not called zoning now, it is called land use planning. I think that if each member of this County Commission was there, you would have to agree that you would have some understanding of being protected in the investment that you made.

And, that is all I have unless anybody has any questions.

McGill:

Are there any questions for Ms. Piotrowski?

I do have a confusing question, Ms. Piotrowski.

Your husband writes in his opening paragraph "I regret that my wife's illness?"

Piotrowski:

Well, if you can't tell, I can hardly talk. I have had laryngitis and I was not able to talk all day Sunday and all day yesterday. But, as the day has come on, my voice, I have a little bit of voice, but this is not my normal voice. I normally can speak a little better than this.

McGill:

You do a good a job.

Watson:

That is not his normal voice either.

Laughter.

Piotrowski:

That is why I was not going to be able to come because I would squeak at you instead of being able to talk.

McGill:

So, your primary concern is that he would develop some neighborhood preservation activity?

Piotrowski:

I would like it to be restricted to uses that are compatible with all the neighborhoods that are there. We were there first. You know, his idea of I can come in and buy a piece of property, then present to the Zoning Commission that I'm going to put my business there, then a year later, come back and say I want to put a commercial park in there and that, you know, nothing restricts me from putting light industrial use in that commercial park except that I am going to try not to - I think that we need a little bit more protection than that.

McGill:

I think though, when he comes back with a development order, we can look at each one individually.

Piotrowski:

Well, that is true. But, the problem is that neighbor who is, as the crow flies, is 150 yards from this development and he never got a notice that this particular - when Mr. Lawson was asking to have this commercial park o.k.'d.

So, we didn't get the notice, so how are we going to know when each business comes in? How are we going to know? I mean, we aren't because we didn't get notice the first time, so how are we going to get notice this time? He will be bringing in these different uses. And so, we are not protected as it is now.

McGill:

Mr. Ballister, are there some people who live in these neighborhoods that are within 1,000 ft. of this development?

Ballister:

There would be, yes.

McGill:

Some people would be notified out there? (Inaudible)

Ballister:

We do have some Sandy Creek addresses on the list of mail-outs.

Piotrowski:

So, as it stands now, he can propose to put light industrial there and we have to come in as the opponent and try to defeat it - is that it? Each time? Because that is the way it is now. Presumptuously, he gets to put that use in there?

Dixon:

Presumptively, he can put commercial in there.

Holt:

Commercial, not light industrial.

Piotrowski:

But, Mr. Ballister says that

Dixon:

There are some light industrial uses in the commercial slot.

Watson:

But they are defined in the Code.

Dixon:

Yeah.

Piotrowski:

Is there any problem with saying that he can't do that?

Dixon:

We don't know. But we are going to find out tonight.

Piotrowski:

I mean, that is, I mean - light industrial does not go with residential. It just doesn't. There is no - that doesn't make walking-around common sense. You know, I mean, it just doesn't protect the people who have been there for a long, long time. These are established neighborhoods.

This is not fly-by-night jobs. In fact, I think that Sandy Creek is almost built out. So, I think that - what I am asking for is more protection than I feel like we have right now for our investment and for all our hard work. We are Gadsden County citizens and we pay property taxes, too and have been for longer than Mr. Lawson.

McGill:

Are there anymore questions of Ms. Piotrowski?

Mr. Ballister, could we require a buffer to be put up there between the neighborhood and the development?

Ballister:

The Code's buffer is a Type A buffer which is a 25 ft. opaque buffer. A 25 ft. space has been provided.

If I may continue, one of the things that Mr. Lawson had said is that we have commercial licensing which is a stop gap and a Board of Zoning Adjustment or something. We don't have those. This is our last shot. We don't have commercial licensing and we don't have any other step that Leon County does or that he is used to where there is another review period. So, this is our shot. I want to make that clear.

McGill:

NO, we don't have occupational licenses?

Dixon:

No.

Richmond:

What is your specific recommendation?

Ballister:

One thing we don't have is a instituted plan. What would normally cover this is a review at the building permit stage to do exactly what the Zoning Board does in Leon County to say that this is a fit use for this site. We are looking at it at the building permitting stage.

McGill:

Come forward please and state your name for the record.

Kelly:

Members of the Commission, my name is Thomas Kelly. I have lived at Sandy Creek for approximately 20 years.

Richmond:

Will you raise your right hand, please?

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give here tonight will be the truth so help you God.

Kelly:

I do.

I just learned about this last week and I have spoken with my neighbors in regard to this particular situation. They believe, as I do, that this is a residential area and we moved out there to have a good residential community. We would like for it to stay that way. But there is a very big problem besides that. The problem is the water run-off there. I feel that if we alter the watershed to any great extent that the flow of water will not be able to run off sufficiently and will flood some of the lands.

McGill:

Even with the holding pond?

Kelly:

Sir?

McGill:

Even with the holding pond there, the water would not?

Kelly:

I don't know whether it would work or not, but I know that it is not working now. We are right to a maximum. We could not take anymore flow going across the property there to the creek. I think that this is a very, very big problem.

McGill:

Thank you.

Are there any questions of Mr. Kelly.

Is there anybody else to speak against this proposal?

If not, it is back to the Commissioners.

Watson:

Bruce, would you read one more time the light industrial uses that would be allowed?

Dixon:

Before he does that, Commissioner, if I may.

Now, he has a commercial designation?

Ballister:

Yes, sir.

Dixon:

O.K. Which means that he is able to do whatever you are about to read on that list?

Ballister:

This is under our current list.

Dixon:

Right.

Ballister:

Class II Commercial Uses. I will read just the light industrial section under 7.

Light industrial uses with no off-site impacts that are primarily oriented toward enclosed manufacturing, redistribution assembly and warehousing. This includes self-storage facilities over 10,000 ft. These would be fairly benign uses.

Watson:

It is not all light industrial uses that can be in here. Only the ones that you just defined?

Ballister:

Correct.

McGill:

And what are the commercial activities?

Ballister:

Under Class II, you include the entire list of Class I - (inaudible), medical walk-ins, small shopping centers

Then Class II is recreational RV parks, mobile home parks, truck stops, taverns, bars, nightclubs, lounges, flea markets, vets with outside kennels, civic and fraternal organizations, theaters, auditoriums, circuses, fairs, carnivals and any other activities to be determined to be Class II and we are about to include childcare daycare, and adult daycare and congregate facilities.

McGill:

I gather that the residents don't like that. Recreational vehicle park - I don't think they want that.

Ballister:

Well, an RV park is not what is being permitted and it would be really, I mean, that site plan is not set up to be an RV Park.

McGill:

O.k.

Anymore questions?

Dixon:

I guess this is a question for the attorney.

How far can we go in limiting someone that we have given a commercial designation?

Richmond:

As long as it is proper under the commercial designation, you have limited rights. If it is outside the designation of commercial, and it is defined, then you have the right on a site by site basis to deny it. In other words, they are going to have to comply with the definition of commercial as approved by this Board.

Dixon:

So. The point is that as long as he brings before this body or Planning and Zoning and Building body, something that is on that list, we don't have any authority to stop it.

Ballister:

If it is allowed by Code.

Dixon:

Right.

Richmond:

That is correct.

Dixon:

So, what are we debating here exactly?

Ballister:

There are uses that could be considered commercial or light industrial that aren't here. There is a whole gamut of activity.

Dixon:

So, if it is not there, is it automatically triggered to come back to the Board?

Ballister:

It normally wouldn't. We are already doing a Class II use. That is the thing. If something came before the Building Department and got referred to me to look at and it was some use that is cited in those other Class II's, the only other thing would be to bring the specific use back to the Board to say "We have a situation here."

Watson:

Why can we not approve that with that?

Ballister:

What we don't have upstairs is a procedure use review when we do commercial make over.

Roberson:

So, what you are saying is that you need us to approve a site by site review?

Ballister:

Not a site by site, but if something is not on this list, and we are having a hard time realizing that this is going to be beyond what we thought would be the level of impacts expected.

Speaking for the neighborhoods, if they all wanted to see the frontage restricted to some sort of mutual retail. I don't think that somebody minds an insurance company.

Dixon:

But we can't do that though, can we?

Ballister:

I think the attorney is right. I think that you probably have limited power to do restrictions.

Richmond:

If I find that you can on your Type II review, review each application that goes in out there, if you chose to - if there is some question about whether it fits within a commercial designation. If it fits under the commercial designation, then you have to follow the (inaudible)

Watson:

If there is something that does not fit, then we want to review it. Otherwise, we need to approve this as it - as long as he is compliant with the Code - I don't see where we - we can't tell the gentleman that we give you commercial zoning and then get here to the site plan and say "Well, we didn't really mean that." We can't do that. That is not operating in good faith.

McGill:

What about a development order? Is there something that will come before the Board with development orders?

Ballister:

No, sir. This is a site plan, not a subdivision. So, it won't come back here again for a secondary review.

Watson:

I move that we approve this and if there is a use that

Dixon:

Just accept the staff recommendations.

Watson:

Yeah. That is fine.

Holt:

Second.

Dixon:

I think that covers all of it.

McGill:

We have a motion and second that we accept staff recommendations.

Is there discussion on the motion?

Dixon:

Just explain to them what we just did because I don't think it was plain.

Watson:

Well, I was trying to make it in my motion and you cut me off.

Dixon:

I ain't apologizing.

I call the question, Mr. Chairman.

McGill:

Called the question.

All in favor, say "Aye."

All:

Aye.

McGill:

Opposers, say "Nay."

It is unanimous.

AT A SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP
HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON MARCH 11,
2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING WATSON, VICE-CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER
MURIEL STRAUGHN, DEPUTY CLERK

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order stating that it was being held to discuss a parks and recreation plan for the County.

Greenways and Trails

Gadsden County Grants Co-Coordinator Nancy Gee addressed the Board. She stated that the County had applied for a grant through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to purchase 115 acres of land that will connect a state park as a connector to other Greenways and Trails in Florida. It has been called the Ocklawaha Connector.

Heather Pence and Cynthia Rafford, consultants from DEP, then presented a video of the Greenways & Trails Program and they explained how the program works. She said that it is basically a hiking trail that runs 1300 miles from Pensacola to Big Cypress in south Florida. It is a trail through the wilderness.

She stated that her agency could work with the county to gather pertinent maps and an inventory of public lands in the area. Then she said they could develop a base map of the possibilities within the County. The County would then be in a position to develop a community vision from that map.

How does the private land owner fit into this?

Private land owners sometimes will give a conservation easement for tax purposes and sometimes they will donate the land to be protected perpetually in the future. They will receive income tax benefits and inheritance tax benefits.

Greenways and Trails will provide liability protection if a landowner will allow their property to be used as a trail.

How does that fit with the silviculture industry?

A landowner can conserve the property and maintain certain rights such as growing trees for harvest.

How does this affect Aspalaga?

The Nature Conservancy purchased that land from Soterra but it will go to Parks and Recreation Department. The management plan for Torreya State Park will be amended to include that property.

The Board expressed a desire to have a guiding hand in the development as it relates to the historical features that exist on that property - Indian mounds, packet landing, parking.

EXISTING PARKS

Growth Management Director Bruce Ballister then gave a Powerpoint presentation of the existing parks including neighborhood parks, lake and river landings. See attachments.

PROPOSED SUPER PARKS:

Aspalaga

Flat Creek Park - Sycamore Triangle (Where Bristol Road, Sycamore Road and Chattahoochee Road come together) 25 acres (District 4)

US 90 East of Quincy (District 2)

CR 267 North of the FAMU Center - 262 acres (District 2)

Old Weavex site - 110 acres South Adams St. (District 5)

Ocklawaha Connector 110 acres (District 5)

Engelhard property - 50 acres (District 2)

Chairman of Recreation Committee **Eugene Lamb** addressed the Board. He reported that the Recreation Committee recommended that the County hire a full time recreational director for the entire County and direct him/her to create a vision and a plan to develop the vision. Also to establish area recreational councils in each community to work with the director to establish the vision and the plan.

Commissioner Dixon suggested that the County could partner with the municipalities on several projects. He suggested the following:

City of Quincy - all their parks are in such a state of disrepair that they are having to rebuild all of them including the swimming pools. They are also building a driving range on top of an old dump.

Reclaim mining property at the edge of the city limits that has great fishing potential.

St. John, Robertsville, Dogtown, Scottown, Sycamore are too reclusive to take part in a city recreation system. Find a way to get them plugged into a city recreation system or move a system into those communities.

Plan for recreational facilities that can also work as learning centers that will allow for tutoring after school hours and in the evening - look at some kind of agreement between the School Board and the County to use their facilities after hours.

Go out for funds to provide transportation to get the children to the recreation centers.

PUBLIC INPUT

Robert Richardson from the Sawdust Community addressed the Board. He stated that he has coached little league sports for 10 years. He stated that the participation is greatly hampered by the lack of transportation for the children. He urged the Board to be vigilant in reaching out to the needs of the children in terms of recreation.

Mr. Cunningham of the St. Hebron Community addressed the Board. He said that he was responsible for keeping the St. Hebron Park up. He told them that many years ago, the St. Matthew and St. Hebron communities got together to purchase the land for the park and a hut. (It used to be the old Pine Park Elementary School once stood there prior to being moved to St. John.) He asked what the long-range plan calls for in the St. Hebron area.

He was told that while there is no immediate plan to close the current park, it is possible that it could be relocated to a larger parcel when and if the long-range plan should develop. Mr. Cunningham was asked to get with his community and bring back some ideas of where it should go if the Board moves forward with a recreation plan.

Karon Hill of the St. John and Robertsville community. She stated that she used to utilize the St. John Park for a "Spring Bash" for the youth in the community. She said that during the time she worked with it, there were no improvements made to that park. However, this past week the building was painted. She encouraged them move progressively with a recreation plan.

Commissioner Dixon emphasized the following:

- Hire a good administrator to serve as the Recreation Department head.
- Look at cooperating with the cities and schools on projects.
- Look at some indoor activities to be included in the overall plan including fitness facilities.
- Change the Comprehensive Plan to include a "Recreation Needs Element." In so doing, anything that is presented for land acquisition can then be "backed up" by the Comp Plan document.
- Include transportation modes in the plan for getting patrons and the recreation together.
- The recreation director should formalize its relationship to the Board and to the community.

Following discussion among the Board, there was a consensus as to the following:

1. The staff should develop a specific inventory of each of the existing parks. Where are they? What is in them that is still usable? What condition are they in? What will it take to put them in the condition to accomplish the overall recreation vision? What are the relationships of the park owners and the County? How are they maintained?
2. Hire full time recreation director on a contractual basis to develop a countywide recreation plan, then seek and apply for grants to help accomplish the plan. Specify other responsibilities of the director. The position should be strong in administration. The five-year plan should be spelled out in one-year increments.
3. Commit funds to recreation.
4. Look at getting an additional prison crew to assist with park maintenance. (Possibly the women's prison)
5. Determine when, why and by whom was it decided that Pat Thomas Park should close at dusk? (Locals can't stay after dark. All people should have equal access to the lake at a public park.) What are the responsibilities of the park ranger?
6. Incorporate development of parks and recreation as part of the capital improvements element of the Comprehensive Plan.
7. All of the current parks should be upgraded to at least the basic standard as was done in the Shiloh Park. It included the following:
 - Two picnic shelters
 - Ten picnic tables
 - One horseshoe pit
 - One play structure
 - One exercise trail
 - One parking lot
 - One basketball court.
 - Six park grills
 - One handicap toilet
 - Landscaping including plants and lights
 - Water access and bathroom facilities
 - Consistent maintenance of the grounds -

8. Expand the search for placement of neighborhood parks so as to also have them in the Hispanic and white communities.
9. Consider annual permit for patrons to the boat landings.
10. Bring back a status report to the Board by a date certain.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Board, Chair McGill declared the meeting adjourned.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON MARCH 4,
2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING WATSON, VICE-CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. The Shanks High School ROTC Color Guard presented the flag and led in pledging allegiance to the US flag. Rev. Tom Kennedy led in the invocation.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended as follows:

- Move Item No. 9 to follow Item No. 5.
- Remove Item No. 15a (2002 FEMA Supplemental Grant for COOP) and 15g (Equifax Credit Contract for First Time Homebuyers Program) from the Consent Agenda and place them for discussion under the County Manager's Agenda.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 7, 2003 Regular Meeting
January 21, 2003 Regular Meeting
February 4, 2003 Regular Meeting

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE

VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE STATED MEETINGS.

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

**Public Hearing - Ordinance Providing for a
Registration System for Non-profit Agencies Seeking
Grants in Gadsden County**

County Attorney Hal Richmond announced the opening of a public hearing for the purpose of taking comments on the above stated ordinance. He read the title into the record. He then called for public comments. There was no response.

Following discussion among the Board members, there was a consensus that the proposed ordinance should be amended to require that all non-profit organizations in Gadsden County, County departments and State agencies who are applying for grants (from the county, state or federal government) to register with the Gadsden County Development Council as a clearing house type process - even those who come before the Board for a letter of support. Such a system will allow the County and other applicants to know who they are competing against for grant funds.

The following language was also suggested: "Registrants shall provide quarterly and annual reports to the Board of County Commissioners and the Gadsden County Development Council. Any reports required by the funding agency under the terms of the grant should be likewise furnished to the Grants Coordinator."

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE AS AMENDED ABOVE.

Bid Protest

Mr. Richmond reported that a Notice of Intent to Protest was received by the County regarding the second RFP that went out for office space for the Public Defender.

Mr. Ralph Haben of Haben and Richmond addressed the Board. He stated that the complaint would be served on Friday, March 21 pursuant to Chapter 120 FS.

Mr. Lawson stated that he was unaware of any problems with the bid and that the County had followed it's own procurement policy.

Discussion followed but no action was taken.

5. AUDITOR'S REPORT - PURVIS, GRAY AND COMPANY

Mr. Ron Whitesides, Manager of the Gadsden County Audit for Purvis, Gray and Company, addressed the Board. He went over the audit report and financial statements. He stated that they had given the County an unqualified opinion which is the best opinion on all accounts.

He pointed out the following facts:

1. At the end of the year, the general fund had \$3.1 million with \$482,000 of liability. The net assets are \$2.7 million.
2. The general fund operates at approximately \$10 million per year which reflects between 25% and 27% reserve funds. They usually recommend that small counties maintain a reserve of 25%.
3. From a balance sheet standpoint, the County is in pretty good financial condition.
4. Because the revenue potential (millage rate) is capped out coupled with a fiscal environment of rising costs with health care and pension plan, he encouraged the County to be vigilant in going forward and to monitor the budget closely to guard against budget deficit situations - to measure against actual figures and not budgeted figures.
5. The hospital enterprise fund was paid out with \$3 million balance.
6. The hospital endowment trust fund lost \$1.5 million which represents a 13% negative return.
7. The general fund operated at a \$188,000 deficit, however it was budgeted to operate at a much larger deficit so there was a favorable variance in the end.
8. The special revenue funds operated at \$1.2 million deficit. It was largely the budgeted spend down of some fund balances. \$750,00 of it was spent on road projects. The County spent \$750,000 more than it took in. He encouraged them to watch this fund particularly.

He went on to say that there were a couple of findings. One was dealing with the CDBG Grant. (Page 48) The grant term expired in 2002, but the projects were not completed. So expenditures continued to be incurred after the grant agreement expired. The grant coordinator has now filed for an extension of time from DCA. He recommended that some monitoring measures be put into place to make sure that everyone is aware of the grant term expiration date.

Another finding was with a sub-recipient of SHIP funds. He said that the City of Quincy had some clients who had not been declared eligible for SHIP funds at the time the money was expended. They questioned \$64,000 of the funds. He said that it was his understanding the County would not be required to return the money to the SHIP program. However, he recommended that the compliance monitoring be amended in some form so that the County is certain that all the money is being spent in accordance with the grant programs.

He continued by saying, "The County has to implement GASBY 34 next year. That is a new accounting standard which is a fairly sweeping change to the way the statements will be presented in the future. Most of the information that is in the current audit will still be there, but on top of that, we will present some government wide statements that are essentially designed to make the County look more like a business enterprise. It will be profit and loss oriented.

These statements are spending focus oriented in compliance with a budget. The new statements will include a management discussion and analysis that the county staff will have to prepare. It will be a discussion on what happened in the County during the year. It will include some qualitative information instead of just numbers that appear in the statement now.

It requires a good bit of leg work on the part of staff because among other things, they will have to account for all the roadways in the County that are county maintained. We will have to arrive at estimated costs when they were built up to 20 years ago, put them on the books and depreciate them.

It will have a statement that focuses the users attention on the different services that the County provides and what

it costs to provide those services. What happens in these statements is that it gets buried in all the different numbers here. So, it will be a new statement and the need has been recognized for the whole County to put it all on one page that says this much was spent on administration, this much was spent on buildings, this much was spent on police protection, fire, and it will show what the charges were for those various services to the users were, if any. It comes out with a net amount supported by general tax base of the County. I think it is a very useful new statement and I think you will like it very much."

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Holt stated that she still has some questions and would like more time to study the audit report so as to understand it more completely. She said she was glad to hear that there will be changes made to the report next year. She then asked that adoption of the report be continued until the next meeting.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2, BY VOICE VOTE, TO CONTINUE THE ADOPTION OF THE AUDIT REPORT UNTIL NEXT MEETING.

6. BUILDING OFFICIAL - FRANK RITTER

Gadsden Community Hospital Repairs

Building Official Frank Ritter addressed the Board. He reported on a number of things which need to be addressed at the hospital in terms of repairs and replacements. There was discussion regarding whether the County should go out for competitive bids or choose a negotiate with a vendor on the State Contract.

Mr. Arthur Lawson advised that the County should decide up front to whether to go with competitive bids or go with the State Contract to ensure a clean process. He added that they could always reject the bids and go back to the State Contract. He stated that the basic advantage to going with a State Contract is that you would not have to go through the competitive bid.

There was some discussion regarding whether the last proposal by Natkin (who was on the State Contract at the

time the proposal was made) was still valid. It was determined that another proposal would be necessary. Mr. Ritter said that each vendor has to go through of process each year to get pre-approved by the State. Mr. Ritter cautioned that the lowest bid might yield a better price, but it does not necessarily yield the best job.

Mr. Peter McGinnis explained how the installation of the air handlers would have to be done. He stated that the advantage to going with Natkin is that they are a known quantity. He said "Most of the work that we have done at the hospital have been bid and they have worked just fine. These three air handlers are in the most critical areas of the hospital and we are literally going to have to take the air handler out, dismantle the piping and put the new air handler in place and get it started back up quickly-Emergency Room, Radiology and Nursing. The advantage to the vendor process is that they are a known quantity. We have by virtue of past experience with them, we know that they can get in and handle these complex problems quickly. If you low bid it, it is anybody's guess as to who the contractor is going to be. We can put all kinds of liquidated damages, tell them that they have to perform this over a weekend, but that doesn't guarantee that that will."

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO BUDGET UP TO \$260,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE THREE AIR HANDLERS AND GO BACK TO THE STATE CONTRACT AND GET QUOTES FROM THOSE VENDORS AND NEGOTIATE WITH WHOMEVER THE VENDOR MIGHT BE AS THE PRIME CONTRACTOR - NO SUBLETTING. THE MOTION ALSO INCLUDED THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN AND INSTALLATION OF A WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR UP TO \$75,000.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSION WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE SCOPE OF WORK PRESENTED BY MCGINNIS & FLEMING ENGINEERING, INC. TO DEVELOP A FIVE YEAR PLAN AS NOTED IN THEIR PROPOSAL FOR MECHANICAL, PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. ALSO INCLUDED IN THE MOTION WAS TO APPROVE THE ARCHITECTURAL RFP FOR A FIVE YEAR PLAN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE HOSPITAL REPAIRS AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHMENT.

9. GRANTS - "CLOSING THE GAP" - PASTOR STANLEY SIMS
A SHEPARDS HAND RESOURCE CENTER - CARDIOVASCULAR

Rev. Sims addressed the Board. He presented a letter of support from Jerry Wynn, Gadsden County Health Department, and the Town of Havana. He stated that he was applying for two "Closing the Gap" grants - one for diabetes and the other for cardiovascular to broaden the services that he offers the Havana community.

Grants Coordinator Nancy Gee explained that "Closing the Gap" has seven categories - Diabetes, HIV/AIDS Case Management, HIV/AIDS Education, Cardiovascular Disease, Infant Mortality, etc. She stated that the Rev. Sims' diabetes grant application will be in competition with the grant for Board of County Commissioners which is also on the agenda for this evening.

She went on to say that there is a high percentage of people in Gadsden County who suffer with diabetes. The hospital is already in the health care business and is well suited to administer a diabetes program. She said that they have already held health fairs to screen for diabetes and other diseases and are planning others in the future. The hospital has already done a great deal of work with diabetes.

Ms. Gee then emphasized that the County has a much greater ability to help and reach the entire County and not just a segment.

Commissioner Holt stated that the Board needs to have a five-year plan for the delivery of health services to see where these things fit into an overall plan for the County. She said "We have to know where to plug these things at, to make sure that we are not overlapping in the health area altogether. And also, that is why we are doing the clearinghouse process so that they don't overlap. So, we are looking at a situation where we are plugging in things, but we have to know where they fit in the overall scheme of things... I do have a problem with the forms, though because they don't us what either person is applying for. Neither group. That needs to be put into the packets. A description of what they are applying for. That way we will know."

Further discussion followed.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CARDIOVASCULAR GRANT APPLICATION STATED ABOVE.

7. "CLOSING THE GAP GRANT" LORRAINE ELDER - BIG BEND CARES AIDES - CASE MANAGEMENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED GRANT APPLICATION.

8. GRANTS - "CLOSING THE GAP GRANT"
DIABETES AND EDUCATION OUTREACH
Mike Walsh and Nancy Gee - Gadsden Community Hospital

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED GRANT APPLICATION AND PARTNERSHIP.

10. BILL LEONARD, AMERICAN RED CROSS - HIV/AIDES PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Mr. Leonard was not present.

11. ROAD NAMES - RICHARD ARMSTEAD - ARMSTEAD ROAD

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO RENAME THE ROAD AS REQUESTED AND WAIVE THE \$500 FEE BECAUSE IT WAS NOT MR. ARMSTEAD'S FAULT THAT THE ROAD WAS MISNAMED. (IT WAS SOMETHING THE COUNTY AGREED TO DO IN THE BEGINNING.)

12. PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES
Growth Management Director Bruce Ballister

1. Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy
Small Scale Land Use Amendment -
02PZ-030-207.4-4-5-11

Mr. Jim Murdaugh, Director of the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy, addressed the Board. He stated that the PTLEA is seeking a small scale land use amendment.

Acquisition of the land and the additional land they are seeking to acquire is consistent with their master plan that was sent to the Board some months ago. In 1999 the academy was transferred from Lively to Tallahassee Community College (TCC). It was 365 acres of property at that time. On that property, they serve agencies from all over the state.

He gave a Powerpoint Presentation showing the lay out of the current property and the property they wish to acquire. He stated that the purpose of acquiring that land is that it will support the training that they do on behalf of the State of Florida, mostly for the 12 state law enforcement agencies.

He went on to say that part of the master plan shows the acquisition of additional property, which they hope to acquire for two purposes. One was to ensure that they have the land to provide the training to men and women that are doing law enforcement jobs across the State. The second reason is to make sure that they can continue to be as good a corporate citizen as they can be by implementing noise reduction measures.

Mr. Murdaugh said that they are in the process now of an \$8 million project to bring all state law enforcement agencies under one roof. Primarily to collocate Highway Patrol Academy with PTLEA. It is a joint project between TCC and the 12 law enforcement agencies. He showed them where the administration building will be added to the property.

He also said that they are currently in negotiation with a private contractor to build a housing facility. The purpose of it is to support the state agency training effort. The land use amendment has to do with the housing facility. The current housing is insufficient to support the volume of officers that Florida Highway Patrol, Wildlife Commission, Parks and Transportation, Florida Department of Law Enforcement and others anticipate bringing to this campus for training.

He continued, "All the state agencies currently train at our facility. Some more than others. The Highway Patrol currently does all of its firearms work and driving work at the academy. What will happen as we expand this year is that we will be moving the administrative offices and will

be housing the recruits on our property next year. That, in essence, is what you are going to see in the way of a major change to how we are doing business and what we are doing. We believe it is a good move for the State of Florida, the Governors Office, in particular, believes that we will see significant reductions in state budgets.

We will be growing jobs in Gadsden County. We are looking at 20 to 25 new positions that we will be bringing on to help us manage and grow that facility as it comes on line. And we look forward to doing additional business here in Gadsden County as we expand our enterprise.

In the essence of time, that is a very brief synopsis of our growth.

Holt:

Why not just do a large development and go ahead and lay it all out on the table instead of doing it in 10 acre tracts and having to present this information time and time again. Why not do a large development and we can consider all at one time.

Murdaugh:

Excellent question and I wish we could do that, Commissioner. The dilemma is - actually, our master plan does lay out for you - if you look at our master plan, it lays out a fairly comprehensive sense of exactly where we are going. The land acquisition that you see here is in the master plan that you already have. Unfortunately the funding that was associated with it was estimated at one point to be \$60 million to do the completed project. The Legislature is simply not prepared to step up and make that kind of commitment in one bite of the apple.

We need to earn the support of the Legislature. We need to build it and they need to come out and see that we are doing an effective job before we go back to the Legislature and ask for additional funding. It is entirely possible that the remainder of the construction out there will never happen. The Legislature was very clear with us to reserve the right to fund this particular growth that we are going through right now without any obligation to follow with subsequent growths. So, while it is in our master plan, our 20-year master plan, we are under no

false pretense that they are obligated to fund it at any specific rate.

McGill:

You said there would be 20 - 25 more jobs in Gadsden County. Where will those persons come from?

Murdaugh:

We hope to recruit them from Gadsden County. We hope those positions, the people we employ will come from Gadsden County.

McGill:

What is the income level of those positions?

Murdaugh:

They will range from custodial positions to professional positions that are involved in the management of our facilities. Salary range, I would estimate 25 to 40. Actually with benefits for custodian will be about \$30,000.

Dixon:

Mr. Murdaugh, I don't know if my question is to you or if it is to Bruce. And while I appreciate the presentation, you got a lot of ten-acre squares for your future training. What does that entail?

Murdaugh:

I know the plot that you are looking at. It is not designed to be ten-acre squares, Commissioner. When that was originally put together by our construction office in coordination with Mr. George, who is our civil engineer, I asked the same question. Why are you drawing these specific areas out like that? The rationale was that as we talk to the agencies that we serve, we can give them some sense that we have given some thought as to how we would orient the various things that they may want to talk to us about adding.

We have in our master plan and in our thinking, identified basically half of the campus as administrative, classroom sorts of activity and about half of our campus as what we call high liability activities as defined by the State. Those include driving, firearms, first responder, and defensive tactics. So, what you see there is some thinking about what could be identified as potential areas for

development that would not bump into each other and how many of those could we possibly do. It is a hypothetical thing, I don't know that we will ever make that a reality.

McGill:

But isn't it true, Mr. Murdaugh, that you could conceivably by-pass a large scale land use amendment by doing ten-acre chunks as small land use amendments? Wouldn't you be avoiding a large scale amendment by doing it with a series of small scale amendments?

Murdaugh:

Theoretically, we could, but I will share with you that, as you know, the property we are talking about tonight is about 80 acres. We are currently in discussion with St. Joe to buy 800 acres as you see that filtered out. It is not our intention to buy it in small increments. I will share with you the reason that 800 acres came onto the table. St. Joe called us and said they might have a credible offer on the land around us and did we want to engage in conversation about it before they went forward to sell it to somebody else. We said "yes."

It is not our intention to come to you with tiny little changes, but it is driven by opportunity and availability of funds. I wish we could buy it all at one time.

Dixon:

Mr. Murdaugh, you have 80 acres now in addition to the 365. My question to Bruce is - I have seen 12 acres trigger a large scale development. Nobody got off, nobody was given a break. They had to go through the process with DCA. Tell me why I should continue to allow some 400 and some odd acres to bypass that process?

Ballister:

I would expect that when they come back to us with the southern tract that they will ask that it be changed to public in one sweep. I hope. When this came to us, time was of the essence in order to get the funding for the project, they needed to get it done on something other than geologic scale which is DCA's timeframe. They can process this application as a

small scale and get this thing built. It would be appropriate for them to change the remainder of the 59 acre parcel which this is a piece of when they do the southern tract. It is all their property. I think the only reason they need to get this through as a ten scale through the County is because time is of the essence issue with funding for the project. That is the rationale that was given to me by the consultant.

Dixon:

Did they buy 10 acres?

Ballister:

No, they purchased 59.2 acres.

Dixon:

Why didn't that trigger it?

Ballister:

Their application was for a 10 acre change. That was their application. This is what was presented before you.

Dixon:

But Bruce, doesn't that, I mean, it gave me a false sense that this was 1 small scale amendment. I am sitting here looking at them. Not until the second one that they brought did I realize that they are going down the pike here. If I am sitting here looking at it and not realizing it, what does a citizen think that is not involved in the process.

Ballister:

This is differentiating land use amendments from development applications. They have had other development applications for the campus expansion, but to my knowledge, this is the first land use amendment that they have entered before us. This is the first time that they have gone outside their campus limits. There are other contractual reasons why they have gone off campus to house this structure and they can better explain that.

Dixon:

But, Bruce, if he already knows that he is going to develop more than 10 acres of this property, he already knows that.

Murdaugh:

Sir, when you see the huge tract of land, it gives you, as you point out, if you are looking at those areas that are demarked,

Actually, on the eighty acres, again, or the 59 acres, we are not developing all of that acreage. In fact, intentionally, one of the strategies we have is to ensure that we leave a buffer on our property to protect the citizens from the noise and any kind of peripheral activity. That is something that we happen to be very sensitive about. So, it is not our intention to develop all of that.

Dixon:

But, Mr. Murdaugh, you are not answering my question. You are developing more than 10 acres. What I want to know is why doesn't it trigger - Why are you being allowed to come in and cut out 10 acres and develop them when other developers, no matter who they are, if they came in with more than 10 acres, they would not be allowed to cut out 10 acres and develop it without going through a large scale amendment. Now, somebody answer that question for me.

Murdaugh:

I am going to defer to somebody that understands the Codes and structures that you are talking about.

George:

My name is Robert George, consultant for Tallahassee Community College. I don't know the correct answer to give you. In conversations that I have had with Bruce is that this is a newly acquired piece of property and it is zoned AG 3. It is not zoned public. The existing parcel that the academy is on is already zoned public. All the development activities that we are doing on that 365 acres is consistent with that land use designation. What we are doing is just taking a piece of the newly acquired 59 acres and changing that zoning use for the development activity that we want to do at this time.

If you look on the master plan, we don't know, that is a master plan for development. As Jim said, we don't

know whether we will do that next year and we don't where the pieces of the puzzle fall in.

Dixon:

But there is a good chance that you are. Come on, guys. Wait, now, I have been through the education funding process at the Legislature. You guys know with some sense of certainty what is coming down the pike. You may not know to the dollar. You may not know if you are going to get 3 buildings or 4, but you know with some sense because you have to plan. You have to do long range planning and submit those plans.

George:

The site development that was approved that Jim was talking about including the administration building and the classroom building, that site plan was developed and designed also had additional building (inaudible) in the event future funding comes down. That was in that area. This is in a different area. That is all I can tell you, I mean, I can tell you that the site development plan that you guys approved back in December for the classrooms and the administration building also includes four additional buildings on it. We did do that. So, we are doing what you asked us to do or questioning as to what we are doing. This is anomaly; it is out of the existing land use change that we have. Due to the time constraints, we are trying to work it all together.

Dixon:

Now, Bruce, I am going to give you a chance to answer my question.

Ballister:

Why are they doing 10 acres at a time at this point?

Dixon:

Why are you allowing them to?

Ballister:

They can make any application that they want. It is not in my power to arbitrarily deny an application. But, you have the option as the Board to deny this and request that they come back and do all 59 acres.

Dixon:

Did you recommend to them that they do a large scale amendment?

Ballister:

I don't know if I made that recommendation, but we talked about the issue that it couldn't be done as a special exception. It is too large a project. And, the only way to get this through - and they talked about it - can they do a 10 acre land use amendment. I said, "Yes you can."

It has been done. Mr. Petradnis did one 5 years ago. He had 13 acres and he had 10 of it changed. So, it wasn't without precedent in the department.

Dixon:

If I came in right now with 15 acres, would you force me through the system of large scale land use development?

Ballister:

If a person came in right now with 15 acres, because of conversations in these chambers during the last month, I would say, as I told another applicant two weeks ago, "The Board is looking very ascants at 10 acre partial land use amendments, find some other way."

Dixon:

Bruce, we were looking at them the same way before. I thought it was very clear, to my knowledge, and I'm sure it was very clear to the developers. If you come in here with 12 or 13 or 15 acres - anything under 10, you have got to get to large scale. When is the next submission to DCA?

Ballister:

This summer probably.

Dixon:

How many people do you already have?

Ballister:

None.

Dixon:

How many did you submit earlier?

Ballister:

I have had none this year.

Dixon:

You have had none this year?

Ballister:

I've got two that we will be submitting that are small scales but they don't count as the one or two per year. One of those was actually was 10 acres out of a 20 acre parcel - the Blairs.

Dixon:

And they had to submit?

Ballister:

Well, no, they don't. We tell DCA once we have recorded the ordinance. But, there are no

Dixon:

So, they made the other process.

Ballister:

Right. They did the small scale.

Dixon:

They just wanted to do 10. But, these guys don't want to do just 10. We know that up front.

Ballister:

Well, I know that on this 59 acre parcel, their development is confined to the 10 acre boundary subject to an access road to the main campus.

Dixon:

But, that is right now. That is what they have submitted to you now.

Ballister:

There isn't a whole lot else on that site that they can do because of it's upland condition. It is surrounded by

Dixon:

But there is nothing forbidding them from coming back in a couple of months and submitting another 10 acre tract.

Ballister:

I don't think they would get too far.

The reason as they explained it to me and the only reason that I allowed them this concession, cause I would have recommended that they go through the long, ah, large scale, is that I expect that an application that would go with it, if it were large scale, it would take some considerable time at DCA. Whether or not this site had large impacts associated with it or not, there will be a considerable submission and response procedure with the next one that will go with it. They indicated that they had a time of the essence issue with this site and the funding cycles. So, I said, "Take your shot with the 10 acre land use amendment."

Dixon:

I wouldn't mind this so much except that you make the 15 acre guy go through the process and you don't ask him his economic condition. You make the 20 acre guy go and you don't consider his economic conditions. This is a matter of fairness.

I love having TCC out here. That is not a problem. I love the buffers, love the situation you have created, love the opportunity it brings to Gadsden County, but the rules are the rules. I don't believe in subverting the rules. I could see you telling the guy with the 12-acre guy "Come on, we can let you work this out." I can see that, but we don't know where this development will stop at. They have a whole lot marked "future." So, he's already got some ideas about some things. So, why not submit the whole thing and be done with it. Legislature is not going to take his money back.

Ballister:

When they actually acquire the other 800 acres, they should in fact flush out their future growth for that area and do a land use amendment. In fact, at that time, it will be publicly owned land and it should be changed to "public" on our land use map regardless of

the intended use. When they do that, they should change the remainder of this site to "public." The fact of the matter is that they were looking for a vehicle - the fastest way that we can make this happen. The answer to that is to do a small scale land use amendment. I don't believe that Mr. (inaudible) who had 11.5 acres wanted to argue the point and do just do 10 of his 11.5. The only time that I know that it has been done prior to me was when Mike Sherman did Johnny Petradnis's land use amendment.

Dixon:

I don't know Mr. Lynn, but I am sure if you had given him the option, he would have taken it. I would have. Why would I want to go through a process that is going to cost me \$10,000 or take a process that is going to cost me \$350?

Ballister:

I think the issue there was that he was not in a hurry and he understood the rules of the game.

Dixon:

Bruce, now you are messing with my intelligence.

Murdaugh:

Commissioners, if I may say just a couple of things. Number 1, TCC and the academy has no interest in subverting the rules. If it appears that way, believe me, that is not our interest.

Dixon:

No, I don't believe that you attempted to subvert the rules. What I believe you asked for is the fastest process to get the job done that you needed to do. I am really concerned with my employee or the manager's employees. The opportunity that he gave you that may not be available to other citizens. That is my real concern. Not TCC. I graduated from TCC. I love the Eagles. Do you know what I mean? My problem is not with you. My problem is with him.

Murdaugh:

But, I want you to know that as you look at that map, please understand, today, we don't own that land.

Dixon:

I am not talking about what you don't own.

Murdaugh:

But, sir, when you were saying that we should submit it all as one package - we don't own all the land yet. We can't submit it as one package. It has been an incremental process. I would love to stand here and tell you that we are proud owners and we have one package for you to consider.

McGill:

Excuse me, I think what we are having here is a public hearing and the County Attorney needs to start swearing folks in, just for the record.

Richmond:

The engineer, Mr. George. Will you state your name for the record, please.

George:

Robert George.

Richmond:

The testimony that you have given here tonight, is that the truth, so help you God?

George:

It is.

Richmond:

Mr. Murdaugh, would you state your name?

Murdaugh:

James T. Murdaugh.

Richmond:

The testimony that you have given here tonight, is that the truth, so help you God?

Murdaugh:

It is.

Richmond:

Mr. Ballister, state your name.

Ballister:

Bruce Ballister.

Richmond:

The testimony that you have given here tonight, is that the truth, so help you God?

Ballister:

Yes.

Richmond:

I just wanted to clarify that.

Murdaugh:

My understanding at the time the proposal was made, because on this acquired piece of property, as Mr. Ballister has indicated, there is a significant percentage of that property that is wetland and not available for development even if we wished to develop it. The total area impacted by the development we are talking about is less than 10 acres. We thought we were complying with the rule, sir.

Holt:

I asked in the beginning why wasn't a large land use amendment done or what was the purpose for getting around that. I am not implying anything, but it was not being done. When you look at this map, here, this is an additional 635 if you purchase that from St. Joe Paper.

Murdaugh:

Actually, that is not exactly representative of the land under discussion. When we did that, gosh, 3 years ago, that was our thinking 3 years ago. It was that we would like to develop that, in essence, that general area. In our discussions now with St. Joe as opposed to the way you see it drawn, they have actually asked us to entertain the idea of purchasing all the way over to Little River as part of the land. The difference between the boundary there and Little River leaves them with property that is not very valuable. So, that is the discussion that we are in. That was our thinking 3 years ago.

Holt:

The reason that I asked about that is because it is going to be a city. It is moving toward that way.

So, my thinking on that is that we really need to look at what we are doing and see what the final outcome of this situation instead of saying that we are and we are happy to have you, but what we need to look at is the overall picture. We need to be able to look at that instead of making small decisions and things are growing and the citizens are saying "What is going on out there?" We are stuck in the middle there. I would feel more comfortable with knowing what the total picture is going to be.

I understand what you are saying. You haven't accumulated this land. But, you are saying that you are planning on doing this if you can go down to Little River. What about those other people who are saying "What is going on near my property? Do I want to be next door to this facility?" So, those are the things we are looking at. It is going to be a large development. You can tell by the looks of it. That is why we are concerned about.

Murdaugh:

Believer me, I understand and we want to be the kinds of citizens that you are proud of. I would be happy, I don't know what we can do to put your minds at ease. I have offered before, but I would be thrilled to have you come out and take a look at what we are doing and let me give you a tour and give you our best thinking about where we might go.

But, the future of the property is very uncertain. Commissioner Dixon talks about what we know and what we should know what we are going to get in the way of development. I can tell you that we know that this next year we will get \$1.5 million for renovation. NO new construction.

So, yes, sir. We do know that for next year. That is as recent as last week. So, I can tell you that you won't be seeing any new buildings other than what is already under construction and what is dealing with the land use. The housing that I showed you on this Powerpoint will not see that this year. Who knows beyond that?

As you know the budget in the State of Florida does not look good. I am, by no means, overly optimistic

that we are going to see a lot of funding come to us or anybody else. That is our goal, our dream, that is our vision for 20 years. How quickly we attain it depends on the economy and lots of other things.

Watson:

So, you've got 59 acres that is presently AG3?

Murdaugh:

Yes, sir. That is my understanding.

Watson:

You have 59 acres that is AG3 and you want to make 10 of it public and you are doing so because your are trying to get into this funding cycle. If you did the whole 59, it would take you too long to get in under the wire.

George:

Yes. The DCA process will prohibit it.

Watson:

And that is all you have out there that is AG 3 and everything else you have out there is public?

Murdaugh:

Correct.

Watson:

And you will not be back in here in the future wanting a 10 acre spot cut off the remaining 49 acres, is that correct? We won't be dealing with this again?

Murdaugh:

Yes.

Watson:

I move that we approve this land use amendment

McGill:

Wait, we have public comment, but go ahead and make your motion and then we will have discussion.

Watson:

That's fine.

McGill:

Public comment?

Lasley:

My name is Marion Lasley and I swear to tell the truth.

Richmond:

Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, so help you, God?

Lasley:

I do.

My concern, other than the fact that there is a road going into this that adds extra acreage to the 10 acres that would bring it above the threshold,

Watson:

What? What threshold?

Lasley:

There is a road.

Dixon:

Where is it?

Lasley:

It is not on the maps, but they are going to run a road from the other part of the academy (all within the property) to this new development, right here.

Watson:

Well, we knew about that, we have seen that before.

Lasley:

But that is going to be, I mean, that is going to be part of it.

Watson:

Above what threshold?

Lasley:

If you include the road in the development, it is more than 10 acres.

Roberson:

Is that going to be on the public land that they already own or is it going to be on the undeveloped AG3?

Lasley:

I think it is on the AG3.

George:

It is on the AG.

Dixon:

Your position is that the development of the road throws it out and over the 10 acres?

Lasley:

Right. That is one thing.

The other thing that I am really concerned about is the precedent here. When somebody else comes to you and they want a land use change and they want to pick out part of it that they want to change, what are you going to be able to tell them? Are you going to be able to tell them "No, you can't do that." I think you need to think about it.

Watson:

This Board did that 5 - 6 years ago.

Lasley:

Well, it happened and I think the more you do it the more you are going to give all that stuff away. You are going to lose control of all those things. I don't have a problem with the project. I think what Mr. Dixon said is all true. A gun range with all those agencies training is going to be mighty loud. I can already hear it from my house. So, you know, I think that someday we need to discuss what we are going to have there. Those are my concerns. Thank you.

McGill:

Councilman Willis.

Willis:

Good evening, I am Councilman Chuck Willis, City of Midway, District 4.

Richmond:

Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, so help you, God?

Willis:

I do.

My concern with the development on the property at Pat Thomas is - What is the radius of the nearest resident from the academy? The reason I am asking this question is that a citizen had a comment about the noise of the training devices. That is my concern also.

Now that he is expanding his development, is there radius miles of how many residents live in that area?

Murdaugh:

I don't know how to answer your question. The housing will generate no noise. The firearms range is already there and they are not going to generate any additional noise. All that changes is that the Florida Highway Patrol doesn't have to drive from Tallahassee all the way out there to use it. They will already be there and they will just drive down the road to use it. It really doesn't change the use of that. It shouldn't change the noise by locating that residence there.

Willis:

Will there be any explosion devices in the training in your academy?

Murdaugh:

Yes, sir. But that is not where this proposed project is. The proposed project, again, does not impact anything with regard to noise. It will be like a La Quinta or a Howard Johnson's.

Willis:

O.K. Thank-you.

McGill:

Next.

Richmond:

Please state your name.

Thompson:

Richard Thompson.

Richmond:

Mr. Thompson, do you swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, so help you, God?

Thompson:

I do. First of all, I am in favor of the academy. As a matter of fact, my daughter used it as a FHP person a couple of years ago and they need all the training they can get out there.

My concern is, in a sense, is the same as Mr. Dixon's. It is my understanding that this 59 acres was purchased with appropriated tax money, correct?

Murdaugh:

Yes.

Thompson:

As such, TCC holds it in public trust as public land for now and for future education, right?

Murdaugh:

I would assume that the answer is yes.

Thompson:

Well, it makes the case for the fact that all of this land should be zoned or re-classified as public land. That is what they bought it for, that is what they represented it for - as public land for a public purpose.

Now, they have spit out the 10 acres and the reason for it, as I understand, the way that it was presented at P & Z is that they are going to build this building with a lease/purchase agreement. And, because the main campus is leased from the State through DEP or whoever does it right now, they do not allow that kind of purchase agreement to occur on their lands. So, TCC has gone off and gotten this additional land to do it. Then, they have presently basically a gerrymandered boundary, which sets a bad precedent in itself. What has been purposely left off and what was presented as a very integral part of this thing was

the road that paralleled US 90 connecting this facility with the main campus. So, if you add that road and this 10 acres, yes, it does trigger and it does exceed the 10 acres.

I understand and appreciate their concern for getting this done during this budget season and this, that and the other thing. There is a difference between a major or large classification and the small classification. However, that is an issue with DCA. That is not an issue with the County. Essentially, what they are asking you to do is to help them circumvent this thing by giving them this small acreage thing in order to skirt around the issue and expedite it and the fact that they chopped off the road to make it fit the 10 acres.

Like I said, I am all in favor of the academy, their expansion, what they do, and all the rest of it. My problem is how they are getting there and I think they are asking you commissioners to help them circumvent essentially what was prescribed out there. And, they are doing it by presenting information that was presented to the P & Z people which included a road that would have made it over 10 acres. They are just sorta sloughing it off and you know, you didn't hear this.

I would put one additional question, you've heard me and the manager has heard me say before, that this is a good thing for the County. There is no question about that, but I think we need to look outside of the potential expanding boundaries of the facility itself and look at the (inaudible) areas to address the things and the questions that are going to come up.

I know, personally, and I know law enforcement people and I have been in enough military reservations to know that whatever they prescribe for safety ranges on their plans, it don't fit. If they are going to do some of the things that they are talking about, they are going to acquire weaponry to match the bad guys. I guarantee you that small of acreage out there does not hold it. This is a quasi-military operation. Think about the expansion and give them all the room you can, but also, you need to think about St. Joe's got land on the outside, it's swamp land and

everything else, there are all kinds of possibilities to get the extra buffer acreages. That it the only thing I wanted to add. That is the end of it.

McGill:

Mr. Dorian.

Dorian:

My name is Mike Dorian.

Richmond:

Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, so help you, God?

Dorian:

I do.

For many years, I have represented residents in this County and and I know a lot of residents in the County see us as a bedroom community to Tallahassee. But if we are going to have huge asphalt plants with no landscaping and if we are going to have these huge projects come in without going through the proper procedures, ah, that is not fair to the residents.

Bruce, what kind of buffers have they showed us on a plat plan? What they showed us up here? I didn't see any buffers. Where do they fire off the guns? What are the buffers going to be?

Watson:

We are just changing the zoning right now, right? We haven't gotten to the site plan, have we?

Ballister:

Right now, we are talking about the hotel over here, the firing range is over here.

Dorian:

But, Sterling, shouldn't we be planning the whole thing now?

Thank you, Commissioners.

McGill:

Are there any more questions or comments?

I will entertain a motion.

Dixon:

Mr. Chairman, I move that we deny and I make that motion very clearly that I don't know what to tell the 12 - 15 acre guy because then our process is phony. It is no good.

McGill:

We have a motion to deny.

Holt:

I will second it.

McGill:

We have a motion and a second to deny. Is there any discussion on the motion?

Hearing none, all in favor, say "Aye."

Dixon and Holt:

Aye.

McGill:

Opposed, say "Nay."

Roberson, Watson and McGill:

No.

McGill:

The motion fails 3 - 2.

Watson:

So, I can make a motion to approve.

McGill:

It automatically approved if the motion to deny fails, isn't it?

Dixon:

No, you need a positive vote.

McGill:

O.K. I need a positive motion. O.K. I will entertain a motion to approve.

Watson:

Let me say this. I think this is a positive thing and I do think I hear that everybody wants to support it and they think TCC is great but this is a hell of way to treat people that everybody thinks is great.

Dixon:

It is a hell of way to circumvent the process.

Watson:

I believe there is an extenuating circumstance just as you had mentioned with Mr. Armstead earlier.

Dixon:

Oh, come on, Commissioner.

Watson:

They are under a time line for some money and I understand that. There are times whenever we do bend a little bit and I do think that it is appropriate to bend on this particular case.

Dixon:

Commissioner, I don't mind bending and I don't mind being helpful to another public entity. I just don't want them to try and hood-wink me to get it done.

Roberson:

I second the motion.

McGill:

I would like to say this, I would not like to see TCC come back again with another small scale amendment. There will be no more 10 acres now and 10 acres later. I strongly would not like for that to happen again.

Dixon:

Let me also say that in closing that I don't blame TCC. This is a staff problem. Staff gave them the opportunity and the access. I don't have a problem with TCC. It could have been ABC Corporation, I don't care. The process has been corrupted.

Holt:

Whether this Commission has done this before or not in the past is truly not the point. The point is that if it was wrong in the past, is it wrong now? If there are ordinances on the book that you are not following,

what is the purpose of having them? That is my concern.

Also, if I was a small property owner, I would be very upset if I wanted to develop and I had a little bit over that 10 acres. So, you got to look at what is going to happen with that when it comes to other property owners. They will want the same exception.

I think that we should really look at this process. This Commission really needs to look at this process and see what we can do to either correct this or decide on another route because we are not looking at the overall picture. There are people out there in that area that want to know what is going on. They live out there and they have a right to know. So, that is what we are not doing on our part.

Murdaugh:

Mr. Chairman, could I indulge?

Richmond:

I need to clarify one thing, if I might, before -

There was a motion made, there was a second that came in after the conversation began. I just want to make sure that there was a second or not a second and that the record properly reflects that.

Murdaugh:

I appreciate the wrestling with this issue and I know it is a difficult issue for you. I have to make one last plea before you make this final decision.

We came before you believing we were playing by the rules and had no intention in our minds to circumvent the process. We did have every intention of trying to move as quickly through the process as we could.

As you probably know, since 9-11, there is a tremendous pressure on law enforcement and a tremendous pressure on those of us who train them. So, we were interested in doing things as quickly as possible, but playing within the rules.

If you deny this request, I will tell you that you will significantly adversely impact our ability to

support the agencies. I respect your decision, but I need to underscore the gravity of the decision.

We will be happy to take any restrictions on what you want us to bring to you in the future, to clarify those things that you want us to address in the future, but I would be remiss if I didn't underscore the gravity of the decision and ask you to reconsider it.

McGill:

Did you understand the motion, Mr. Murdaugh?

Murdaugh:

I thought the motion failed.

McGill:

The motion to deny failed.

Watson:

There is a new motion to approve.

Dixon:

Mr. Murdaugh, if you had come up earlier and said that, I would have gladly waived the rules and probably have allowed that. I probably would have made the motion, myself. It is when other commissioners know about what is going on and some commissioners don't that I really get ticked.

That is a staff problem, not your problem. It is a staff problem. It is not about you. It is about the process.

Watson:

What is your point, there?

Dixon:

I have concerns with the process.

Watson:

What is it that you think I know that you didn't know?

Dixon:

I think you knew why they were doing 10 acres and nobody else did.

Watson:

Well, they told us. They told us tonight,
Commissioner.

Dixon:

That is right, they did. I know it. I was talking
about last meeting.

McGill:

(inaudible) Just to make sure Mr. Murdaugh understands
what the vote was, the motion to deny failed. Now, we
have a motion to approve.

Watson:

As I recall, too, Mr. George, you have made an offer
for anybody, any of these commissioners to come out
there over the past two weeks and have themselves
informed. So, if anybody chose not to do that, it is
back on them.

Roberson:

I would like to say that I would like to see in the
future, land that you all acquire, that ya'll bring it
in one lump and let's get it all changed at one time.

Watson:

I call the question.

McGill:

The motion is to approve the request. All in favor
say "Aye."

Roberson, Watson, McGill:

Aye.

McGill:

Opposed?

Holt and Dixon:

NO.

McGill:

O.K. It passes 3 - 2.

2. Ochlockonee Estates - Status of Vested Plat

John Dunwoody

Subsequent to the October 15, 2002 BCC Meeting when the Phase II of Ochlockonee Estates Subdivision was discussed, a meeting was held between Bruce Ballister, Hal Richmond, , Mr. Danny Manasa, Attorney for Richard White and Mr. Billy Lee. Among other things, they discussed the validity of the plat as a subdivision. In error, Mr. Dunwoody and Mr. Weakley were not notified of the meeting. However, they concluded at that meeting that the only people who can void a plat are the owners. The County can void the road rights-of-way and the owner of the land can void the subdivision plat.

Mr. Ballister reported that he had talked to the legal council at DCA about the situation. That attorney stated that he could not recall any case in his memory where a platted recorded subdivision that existed prior to the adoption of a Comp Plan had been refused because more stringent laws had been passed in the interval. Platted subdivisions have some status.

Hal Richmond stated that at some point when Mr. Weakley received some 15 acres, the previous owner did not deed it to him as lots, but by metes and bounds which included the roadways which had been dedicated to the County. However, the County never gave up the rights-of-way.

By the same token, the owner can give up the rights to a dedicated plat, but certain procedures have to be followed and that was never done.

He then stated that he believes that there was an abandonment of the plat shown when they deeded the property to Mr. Weakley in 1980 by metes and bounds.

Mr. Lee and Mr. White are now trying to re-assert property rights and put another 100 homes in the subdivision. He said that there is just no clear cut law on it.

If the subdivision is developed, Mr. Dunwoody would have to be given access to his property through the subdivision in some fashion. He does not live within the platted subdivision area, but he would have to cross it in order to reach his home.

He then explained that there is a procedure under FL Law whereby declaratory decree from the Court can be sought as to what the rights are to all parties. He said that all of the people involved are affected parties on this. To let one party just pursue the subdivision without affording everybody the opportunity to be heard would not be fair. After talking it over with Mr. Manuasa, he said that the County could file a request for a judicial ruling on the rights of all the parties that are identified at this point in time. He then asked for authority to request a declaratory judgment.

Attorney Frank Sheffield addressed the Board representing the Weakleys. He stated that there is no way that the subdivision could be developed in the manner that is shown on the plat because of the way the 15 acres had been cut out of the plat. He said you are no longer dealing with the plat from 1974, you are dealing with something completely different. He was in favor of seeking a declaratory judgment.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO SEEK A DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT REGARDING THE UNDEVELOPED PORTION OF OCHLOCKONEE ESTATES.

3. Resolution to Oppose Proposed Telecom Legislation

Mr. Ballister told the Commissioners that there is some proposed language to amend the FL Statutes going before the Legislature this session that will limit local government's authority to site communication towers. He said that the net effect would be to give the industry the authority to locate on any government building, property or structure without regard to local zoning.

Chair McGill offered an amendment to the resolution requiring the company to pay the County 20% of the proceeds.

Mr. Richmond advised that any taxing would have to be done by a separate ordinance.

Mike Dorian encouraged the Board to consider charging fees for telecommunication towers on County owned property.

He said that the City of Midway generates a good bit of money for towers that are placed on their property.

Marion Lasley encouraged everyone present to call the local legislators and voice their opposition to this measure. She stated also that the county permit fee for towers should be dramatically increased.

Midway Councilman Chuck Willis said they are experiencing similar problems with cell towers in Midway and they are now trying to re-negotiate the fees. He encouraged the Board to pursue an ordinance for it.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION STATED ABOVE.

13. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - TOMMY BAKER
Memorandum of Understanding for Air Ambulance
Transport

This item was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. See attached memo.

14. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

TDS Telecom Internet Agreement (attached)

This agreement was pulled from a previous agenda at Commissioner Dixon's request and passed until this meeting. He reported that he has looked at the agreement and was now comfortable in approving it.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED AGREEMENT.

2002 FEMA Supplemental Grant for Continuity of
Operations Plan & Annex Development/Revision (COOP)

Commissioner Holt stated that she asked for discussion on this matter because she wanted to be certain that the grant manager would be making quarterly reports to the Board on the grant activities.

Major Spooner addressed the Board. He gave the Board a brief update. He said the grant is a result of FEMA requirements to do a continuation of operation plan - If something were to happen, how would we continue to operate the county government? He said that the plan involves 6 primary issues which are outlined in the plan.

He then reported that he expects to come back with a contract agreement through ARPC for them to come in and conduct the review and write the plan document. Quarterly reports will be gathered and distributed as a result of it.

He also stated that they would be doing a separate COOP for the court system. He said the Supreme Court came over about two weeks ago and sat down with the judge and the county manager and discussed a similar plan for the courts.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED AGREEMENT.

Equifax Credit Contract for First Time Homebuyers Program

Dr. Henry Grant addressed the Board. He explained that the contract is in connection with the County's home buyers program. The contract allows the Extension Office to be able to get credit reports for those applicants who are enrolled.

15. CONSENT AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, TO WIT:

- a. 2002 FEMA Supplemental Grant for Continuity of Operations Plan & Annex Development/Revision (COOP) \$15,000. This was pulled from the Consent Agenda and placed under Item No. 14 - the County Manager's Agenda for discussion.**
- b. Rehabilitation Agreement and Special Assessment Lien - Lucy Sanders**
- c. SHIP AGREEMENT AND special Assessment Lien -Lucille Pittman and Bobby Baker**
- d. AHCA Medicaid Data Sharing Agreement**

- e. Amendment No. 1 to Amended Interlocal Agreement - Chattahoochee Boat Landing Project
- f. HIV/AIDS Demonstration Project - EMS Department
- g. Equifax Credit Contract for First Time Homebuyers Program This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and placed at Item No. 14 - the County Manager's Agenda for discussion.
- h. Senior Citizens Building - Match Commitment for Donation of Building Space - For the Record.

16. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair McGill called for public comments or questions.

Midway Councilman Chuck Willis addressed the Board. He pleaded with the County to look at paving some of the dirt roads in Midway.

He then spoke briefly to the issue of educating the public about the AIDS crisis. He referenced the recent Essence Magazine article written about AIDS in Gadsden County and Quincy in particular.

17. CLERK'S AGENDA

Ratification of the Approval to Pay County Bills
Check Registers dated: 01/21/03; 02/28/03; and Payroll
Register dated 02/20/03

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF THE COUNTY BILLS AS STATED ABOVE.

18. COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA/REPORTS

District 2 Report

Commissioner Watson had no report.

District 3 Report

Commissioner Roberson had no report.

District 4 Report

Commissioner Holt had no report.

District 5 Report

Commissioner Dixon had no report.

District 1 Report

Appointment to ARPC Committee

Commissioner Dixon was appointed to serve on the ARPC Committee to work in conjunction with the School Board.

LSTA - CHARGE Library Grants - Gretna, Midway and School District

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE LIBRARY GRANTS NAMED ABOVE. THEY WILL BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA ON MARCH 18 FOR THE RECORD.

Recreation Director

Chair McGill stated that the Recreation Committee would be bringing some information to the workshop on March 11, 2003. He stated that once the plan is presented, he would bring their recommendation to the Board on March 18 asking that a county recreation director be hired.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:45 P.M.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A SPECIAL CONFIDENTIAL
ATTORNEY/CLIENT MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS IN AND FOR
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
MARCH 4, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING WATSON, VICE-CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

DAVID THERIAQUE, SPECIAL ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY,
(METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL OF TRUTH)
CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER CAROLYN RANKINE
MURIEL STRAUGHN, DEPUTY CLERK

The meeting was called to order by Chair McGill at 5:00 p.m. He then turned the meeting over to County Attorney Hal Richmond. Mr. Richmond announced that the meeting was duly published. See the Proof of Publication attached.

Attorney David Theriaque stated the following:

"Pursuant to Section 286.011 of the FL Statutes, at this time I would like to request that we adjourn to executive session so that I, the Attorney of Record for Gadsden County in the case of Metropolitan Cathedral of Truth v. Gadsden County Board of County Commission, Case No. 02-427-CAA, may seek the County Commission's advice regarding the strategy to be used in this case and the type of defense to be incurred. The entire session will be recorded by a court reporter and the transcript will be filed with County Clerk and be available to the public upon the conclusion of the case discussed today. In addition to the Chairman and the County Commisisoners the following persons will be present for the executive session: David A. Theriaque, Theriaque & Pfeiffer, 114 East Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL; Hal Richmond, County Attorney and the County Manager Howard

McKinnon. At this time, will each county commissioner in attendance, please identify themselves for the record."

Bill McGill, Brenda Holt, Sterling Watson, Carolyn Roberson, Edward Dixon were all present.

Mr. Theriaque continued:

"I estimate this executive session will take approximately how long, Hal?"

Richmond:

30 minutes. It could take up to an hour.

Theriaque:

30 to 60 minutes. At the conclusion of the executive session, the County Commission will reconvene the public hearing and the Chairman will then end this executive session.

Richmond:

Also before the Commission tonight after due publication as previously noticed, is the Human Relations Council complaint known as SH which is brought before you to update you on it and for settlement discussions.

There was a request and also duly published, the status of the law suit with the Gadsden County v. the hospital. I have talked with Mr. Blanton. He indicates that there is nothing he can report at this time. I had asked him to come because there were some questions. But he felt uncomfortable until there is some litigation strategy for him to discuss, he felt it would be improper for him to be here. If anyone has any questions about the status, each individual commissioner can certainly feel free to call Mr. Blanton.

Dixon:

Wait, now say that again. Say that again for me. He feels uncomfortable about what? Us meeting him?

Richmond:

No, no, no, sir. There is nothing as far as the litigation strategy at this time, there is nothing to discuss because they still have not completed the last deposition. At that point, there will be discussion. It is just premature. But if anybody wants to know what is

going on, he would be glad to meet one on one with any commissioner to advise them of what is going on.

Dixon:

I think that is "piss-poor" judgement on his part for him to make that call. He should have been here.

Richmond:

There are arguments that if there is not pending litigation and there is not a settlement discussion,

Dixon:

There is not pending litigation? Philosophy of the strategy for litigation? Remember, that is why we went and hired him in the beginning. How do we know he has been given the proper board's philosophy?

Richmond:

Then I suggest that you call him, sir.

Dixon:

I don't need to call him, that is why we had the meeting. We got to go another three weeks, another month?

McGill:

We can schedule another meeting at another date.

Dixon:

Why schedule another meeting? That is why we scheduled this meeting.

Richmond:

He could not be here tonight, sir.

Dixon:

We have been doing this a month. Waiting a month, almost a month. Now, if he is our counsel, he can't change his schedule to be here a month in advance? I can see it if we called this meeting yesterday. We have been doing this meeting a month.

McGill:

Let's start with Mr. Theriaque's presentation and then we will come back and discuss Mr. Blanton later on.

Theriaque:

Chairman McGill, I think at this point, on page two, you need to make a statement about convening an executive session and going into it. It is at the top of page 2, sir.

McGill:

At this time, we will recess the public portion of today's meeting and convene in executive session. Will all persons not named by Mr. Theriaque, please leave the room.

Did he call your name?

Richmond:

She is the court reporter, Carolyn Rankine.

All persons not named then left the room and the Board went into executive session. At the conclusion of the executive session, Chair McGill reconvened the public hearing and then promptly adjourned it.

The transcript of this case will be available to the public upon conclusion of the case.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA
ON MARCH 18, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING L. WATSON, VICE-CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. Hal Richmond led in pledging allegiance to the U.S. Flag and Commissioner Dixon led in a prayer.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended as follows:

Removed Item "f" from the Consent Agenda and placed on the County Manager's Agenda for discussion - Certification of Application for Library Construction Grant and Resolution

Removed Item "g" from the Consent Agenda and placed on the County Manager's Agenda for discussion - Resolution No. 2003-003 - Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant

Added Resolution 2003-006 to the Consent Agenda for approval - Opposing the portion of the Governor Bush's Proposed Budget for FY 2003-2004 that eliminates the State Housing Trust Fund and the Local Government Housing Trust Fund as dedicated funding sources.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 29, 2003 Public Forum

February 3, 2003 Special Joint Meeting with City of Quincy

February 18, 2003 Regular Meeting

February 20, 2003 Special Joint Meeting with Cities

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED MINUTES.

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGNEDA

Bid Protest

Mr. Richmond stated that he has been notified that there will a notice of intent to protest the bid proposal that went out for office space for the Public Defender.

Mr. Ralph Haben, the protesting party, was present and addressed the Board. He explained that he had a problem with the second RFP. He stated that he hoped to be able to negotiate what he perceived to be the problems with the second RFP. He said that with most state leases, if you have criteria in a proposed lease arrangement and there are more than two or three of them or price, the state will usually will assign some value to each of those criteria. He asked the Board to place values on the RFP criteria on this bid.

Assistant County Manager Arthur Lawson stated that he was not informed that Mr. Haben would be present and he was not prepared to respond to his request. He said that he did not perceive a problem with the RFP, but Mr. Haben has the right to protest. He reiterated the County has it's own procurement policy which it follows.

No action was taken.

5. RON WHITESIDE, PURVIS, GRAY AND COMPANY
GADSDEN COUNTY FY 2002 AUDIT REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Whiteside was not present.

Commissioner Holt stated the following:

"My concerns were irregularities with the budget and budget amendments not being reported to the commission. There were four items that we discussed. Slow turnover rate with our housing program compared to other counties our size. Basically, that was it. He and I have been on the phone a couple of times since then and I think that when we look at a budget report, we just need to make sure that those irregularities are highlighted a lot better than they are. We need to be able to sit down with the auditing group for 45 minutes or hour. Unless you are an accounting major, it does not make any sense. You must sit down to understand the budget.

I made some clarifications to him also. I did tell him that unless he was writing the budget for himself, got a report for himself, it has to be written in a way that common people can understand. There are amendments to a grant that are not being reported to this commission. That is a serious problem. You need to make sure that those grant amendments, when a grant is given out, those amendments must come back before this commission. They cannot go on with lump sums of money in the way they have appeared to go on. So, he has answered those questions, we need to move better with our granting process as far as the distribution of grants.

There are some other things, but we went through them and I told him that I do have some other people looking at the budget. I do want some clarification on some of the things and the audit also. But, we can go ahead and approve but I do have some more questions coming up, I am sure."

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISISONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE AUDIT FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002.

6. PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES

Growth Management Director Bruce Ballister was administered an oath as to all the testimony he would give in the following projects. He was then instructed to submit the entire file to the Clerk of this proceeding.

1. Lawson Commercial Park -02PZ-029-201.01-1-10

Mr. Ballister gave a description of the project as it is proposed in the attached application and staff comments and recommendations. He also filed a memo, which was supplemental to the

agenda package documents. It states additional staff and P & Z Commission recommendations.

He went on to say that Mr. Lawson submitted his application for a commercial park located on US 27 north of Tallahassee. It is approximately 1,000 feet south of Gibson Road. The property in question is already zoned commercial.

Mr. Ballister explained that commercial designation allows a lengthy list of activities. Among them is light industrial. The community was opposed to any light industrial activity.

The applicant, Mr. O.Z. Lawson, addressed the Board. He was administered an oath by Mr. Richmond, a Notary Public. He stated that he will comply with the Code and will not call it a commercial park. He also said he will try to find neighborhood friendly tenants - especially on the front facing US 27.

Sworn public testimony was received from Cindy Piotrowski and Thomas Kelley. They asked that the uses of the businesses be restricted to very light commercial and absolutely no light industrial uses. Mr. Kelley also called attention to the potential for stormwater runoff.

Discussion followed.

Dixon:

How far can we go in limiting a commercial designation?

Richmond:

As long as it is proper under the commercial designation, you have limited rights. If it outside the designation of commercial as defined, then you have the right on a site by site basis to deny it. They will have to comply with the definition of commercial as approved by this Board.

Dixon:

So, the point is, as long as he brings before this body or Planning and Zoning and Building body, something that is on that list, we don't have any authority to stop it.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE PROJECT SUBJECT TO THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS AND THOSE CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE ATTACHMENTS. IT WAS CLARIFIED THAT IF A PARTICULAR BUSINESS DOES NOT FIT IN COMMERCIAL DESIGNATION AS DEFINED BY GADSDEN COUNTY, IT MUST COME BACK TO THE BOARD ON A SITE BY SITE

BASIS FOR REVIEW. IF THE USE IS LISTED IN 1 AND 2 OF THE CODE, HE CAN AUTOMATICALLY GET A PERMIT. IF THERE IS A BUSINESS THAT IS NOT SPECIFICALLY LISTED, IT MUST COME BEFORE THE BOARD FOR REVIEW.

2. Miller Land Use Amendment - 02-PZ-068-208-5-12

437.4 acres of Agriculture 3 (AG3) to Rural Residential (RR)
Parcel 5-OL-OR-OS-0000-10300-0100 owned by Mr. Miller
Parcel 5-OS-OR-OS-0000-76200-0200 owned by Aggie Lockwood

Mr. Ballister announced to those present that if they wished to be notified of any proceedings relating to this matter with the Department of Community Affairs, they could do so by signing the sign-in sheet outside the chamber doors.

He then stated that Dan Miller Design and Construction Company had submitted an application for a large-scale land use amendment to change 437.4 acres from AG3 land designation to RR designation. He said that Mr. Miller intends to develop the property into an upscale site built subdivision.

The following facts were stated about the proposed amendment:

1. The property represents a large percentage of the privately held property that is still available on Lake Talquin.
2. Policy 1.1.5(B) requires that land use amendments, which change the densities from agriculture to RR, must be adjacent to some existing RR areas. The two parcels are adjacent to RR on the south. Most of the other boundaries adjoin other AG3 lands.
3. The application proposes some clustering that would create some lots at less than 1 acre. If clustering is done, only site built homes would be allowed.
4. Policy 1.1.5(B) will not allow the developer to use conservation lands or flood plains in his calculations for clustering purposes. Only the net developable land can be used for that purpose.
5. The Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Gadsden County indicate that the shoreline areas of the Lake are in a flood hazard area designation of AE which means that flood elevations have been designed based on flood routing studies on the river-lake system.
6. Flood hazard elevations for this portion of the lake range from about 79.2 to 79.5. By comparison, the USGS quad sheet of the area notes the standard pool elevation of the lake, very little of the non-wetland lands will be affected by flood plain restrictions.

7. There would be approximately 300 to 315 acres of developable land.
8. The proposed site plan indicates 174 lots, which average out to be about 1 unit per 2 acres.
9. There are no known historical sites known to be on the property at this time.
10. This is subject to an environmental inventory.
11. Concurrency - Stormwater - The project proposed to provide stormwater treatment and rate control in accordance with Florida Department of Environment Protection (FDEP) standards. Potable Water - the applicant has contacted Talquin Electric Corporation (TEC) for water services. The current lines would need to be increased to provide service to the entire build out. A new well may be necessary.
12. The water lines will need to be increased to 6" or better water lines to provide proper fire flows and fire protections.
13. Sanitary Sewer - the applicant proposes to build a central sewer system. FDEP may require that the effluent water to be treated to advanced water treatment standards. Permits are subject to FDEP approval.
14. The applicant will need to designate a disposal area, which was not shown on the plat submitted.
15. Transportation - complete build out of the project will generate 1665 average daily trips. This figure might be adjusted downward because the anticipated owners will likely be seasonal residents and not fulltime.
16. Reynolds Road will have to be paved by the developer as well as interior streets. Reynolds Road would have to be paved prior to the County approving the final plat.
17. The property contains a vested subdivision at the northern edge at the waterfront. It is on record. The subdivision can be developed without the land use amendment. (Was this plat developed into the proposed plan?)
18. There are considerable wetland fingers throughout the development, which will be subject to the county's setback requirements.

John J. Mueller, a land planner representing the applicant was administered an oath by Muriel Straughn, deputy clerk. He spoke in support of the land use amendment. He gave the following statements:

- The applicant desires to change the land use designation from AG 3 to RR. They desire to do clustering with some lots (closest to the waterfront) being as small as .5 acres.
- Roads into the subdivision and within the subdivision will be paved.
- The conceptual plat shows approximately 175 lots, which are calculated, based on the number of developable acres. (No

acreage relating to wetlands, rights-of-way, designated stormwater facilities or wastewater disposal sites were used in the calculations.)

- Only site built homes will be developed. Stringent deeds, covenants and restrictions will be applied subject to the approval of the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners.
- The vested subdivision contains 28 lots which will be .5-acre lots on the lakefront.
- No particular sewage system has been selected at this time, but the enclosed material has been researched. The actual sewage site will be selected after research is developed.
- Soil borings will be performed later in the development process.

Danny Miller, the developer, was administered an oath by Hal Richmond. He testified to the following:

- It is his intention to produce an environmentally friendly development and protect the lake.
- The goal is to design, develop and build a "top end" subdivision and to maximize the property and get the property values high. It will add revenue to the property tax roll.
- In order to make the development financially feasible, he needs to get to the 1:1 designation.
- Some lots will be sold as undeveloped lots while others will be sold as developed lots.
- Some of the adjacent property is zoned as residential while others are agricultural.
- The plan will include a lake access ramp for the public.

He demonstrated the development on the map then answered questions from the Board.

Dan and Mildred Webb addressed the Commission after taking an oath as to their testimonies. They stated that they own a small piece of property adjoining the proposed development. Their concerns included the following:

- Increase in property taxes and assessments - the taxes have already increased 80% between 1991 and 2002
- Design and condition of the access road and the proposed increase in traffic
- Potential increase of crime
- Affects on wildlife
- Potential danger to the wetlands

- Concentration of homes and the increase in density and how it could impact their recreational enjoyment of their property

Ann Taylor, resident of Talquin Hide-a-way, was administered an oath by Mr. Richmond. She inquired about paving of the roads and water access. Mr. Miller responded to her questions. He stated that he intends to pave the roads but he would first need to install the infrastructure and underground utilities before he can pave the roads. They would pave the roads before they begin building the homes.

There was discussion again regarding the possibility of public access to the lake.

John Washington addressed the Board. He was administered an oath by Hal Richmond as to his testimony. He stated that he represent Allen Mortham who is has a contract with Charlie Lockwood to purchase a large tract of property due north of the proposed development. He pointed out that much of the property located around the proposed development is deemed conservation and he questioned the wiseness of allowing development. He opposed the land use amendment. He encouraged them to protect the Lake.

Commissioner Dixon stated that he would like to see some other form of clustering and a provision for public access to the lake. He also stated that he felt like the developer should bear the cost of paving of the roads including Reynolds Road.

Commissioner Holt stated she had concerns about the clustering, recreation area, road paving.

Mr. Miller brought up the issue of possible grants to get the roads paved.

There was a consensus among the Board that the developer's promise to build stick built houses and provide the other improvements discussed above was the basis on which the approval to transmit the land use amendment was based. There was some discussion as to what point those requirements can be inserted into this development process. It was decided that after the County receives DCA comments, the Board will still have to adopt the ordinance approving the land use amendment. It was suggested that there could be a development agreement put into place along with the Land Use Change Ordinance.

Richmond:

Mr. Miller, could you step up? Just so that we understand and make this part of the record. You have heard the discussion about recreation and stick built homes. Is there anything you have heard tonight that has come from this Board that you have an objection to that ought to be incorporated into this plan when it comes back.

Miller:

No. Absolutely nothing. The goal here is site built homes. I would be happy to enter into a developer's agreement to agree to site built homes. It is only conducive to the success of the development to have site built homes.

Richmond:

As to the number of units you are requesting. There is concern for some recreation.

Miller:

Absolutely. Access is a major concern. I want there to be access to the people who don't have access. Obviously, it enhances the value of all of the lots to have access.

Watson:

I think what the commissioner is speaking about is public access other than for those who will live in the the subdivision.

Miller:

Absolutely. I understand what the Commissioner is speaking about and I concur. There is limited access to the lake and we intend to set aside access. These will be public roads. They will be dedicated to the County and owned by the County, so there will be public access areas.

Holt:

My concern for recreation is that if you are clustering in that magnitude, you are looking at a lot of people that may or may not have anything to do.

Miller:

Those are concerns and we have a vast amount of property that we are not going to be able to develop. We will have recreational areas set aside. Volley ball courts, basketball courts, whatever the home owners association will elect to have in there. Certainly you want to have something that is conducive to the lifestyle.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE TRANSMITTAL OF THE LAND USE CHANGE TO DCA. IT WAS CLARIFIED THAT THE APPROVAL TO TRANSMIT TO DCA WAS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SOME TYPE OF VEHICLE WILL BE PUT INTO PLACE TO INSURE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT WILL PROVIDE PUBLIC LAKE ACCESS, PAVED ROADS, PROVIDE RECREATION AREA, AND ALLOW ONLY STICK BUILT HOMES.

3. Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church - 03-PZ-013-207.02-5-02

Mr. Ballister stated that the Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church would like to build a new sanctuary at their current site on SR 267. He stated that a true hardship exists in that there is no way that the applicant can meet all of the code requirements because the geometry prohibits it.

Ms. Aleta King addressed the Board and was administered an oath by Mr. Richmond. She was in support of the variance.

Chair McGill called for other public comments.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE FROM THE PARKING REQUIREMENTS SUBJECT TO THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS AS LISTED IN THE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS.

4. Little River Plantation - 03-PZ-012-206-1-2
Variance from the Corridor Landscaping Ordinance

Mr. Ballister reported that Little River Farms anticipates replacing a fence along the frontage of the plantation along US 90 - east of Quincy. The plantation is being managed for hunting and pine production. The proposed installation would be in violation of the Corridor Road Ordinance which prohibits fences within the setback area. The fence was originally a hog wire fence of 4 - 5 feet. 7,000 feet of the fence line lies in the existing power line corridor. The applicant proposed a landscaping plan of native vegetation.

Helge Swanson, biologist representing the applicant, addressed the Board. He was administered an oath by Hal Richmond. He said they were requesting a variance so that they could replace an old agricultural fence. He said they want to enhance the fence line so they would like to remove the diseased trees and replant the entire

segment with native species. He demonstrated examples of the type of fencing and vegetation which they intend to use.

Chair McGill called for public comments. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE REQUEST SUBJECT TO THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS.

5. Luau 2003 - 03PZ-015-206-1-2 Festival Permit

Mr. Ballister stated that he received a permit application for the annual Luau at the Sheffield's Ranch on US 90 east of Quincy. Square Biz Entertainment requested to hold the event on April 12, 2003. (See attachments) The application process was confirmed by Ordinance in 2001 requiring the application to be submitted to the County Manager's office 90 days prior to the event. He said that the date of the application filing is in question. He also stated that the parking plan for last year's event failed and traffic deadlocked. Although parking along US 90 was not supposed to occur, the FHP actually began directing parking along US 90.

Mr. Ballister suggested that if the permit is approved that the applicant be encouraged to contact the School Board and Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy about parking at their facilities.

Discussion followed regarding the incomplete application and the possibility of imposing fines for violation of the ordinance parking requirements.

Robert Seniors of Show Biz Entertainment addressed the Board. He was administered an oath as to his testimony by Hal Richmond. He said that parking will be allowed on the venue grounds (approximately 400 cars) this year. In addition, he said they have provided for multiple remote parking sites with shuttle service. He said they would like to engage with the School Board to see if they would allow them to use their parking area at Gadsden East High School and the school could, in turn, charge a fee for the parking.

Further discussion followed.

Midway Mayor Deloris Madison and Midway City Manager Paul Piller addressed the Board with questions and concerns. They were both administered oaths by Hal Richmond.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2, BY VOICE VOTE, TO WAIVE THE TENANTS

OF THE ORDINANCE, ESPECIALLY THE 90 DAY APPLICATION REQUIREMENT AND THE RULE FORBIDDING ALCOHOL. IT WAS FURTHER MOTIONED THAT THE APPLICANT SUBMIT THE PARKING PLANS (HOW MANY, WHERE THEY ARE, HOW THEY WILL BE MANAGED, ETC.) TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT AND FINALIZE THE PLANS WITH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND THE CITY OF MIDWAY. COMMISSIONERS DIXON, HOLT AND MCGILL VOTED "AYE" AND COMMISSIONERS ROBERSON AND WATSON VOTED "NO."

7. JIM SOUTHERLAND -
LIVE BROADCAST OF COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS

Mr. Jim Southerland addressed the Board regarding a proposal to provide video taping services of the board meetings and then broadcast them unedited at noon of the following day and again on Sunday nights at 9:00 p.m. The charge for the service would be \$500 per meeting. (\$12,00 per year.)

Discussion followed.

Public comments were taken from Sam Hawkins who was in support of the proposal. He also suggested that the County put into place it's own cable services.

Chair McGill called for public comments once again. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2, BY VOICE VOTE, TO NOT VIDEO OR BROADCAST THE BOARD MEETINGS PER MR. SOUTHERLAND'S PROPOSAL. COMMISSIONERS WATSON, ROBERSON AND MCGILL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE DENIAL. COMMISSIONERS DIXON AND HOLT OPPOSED THE DENIAL.

8. BRUCE FRENCH, GANNETT FLEMING

Towers and Wireless Facilities Ordinance Service

Mr. Bruce French, Regional Manager with Gannett Fleming addressed the Board. Mr. Richard Comi then gave a presentation of how their company could help local governments regulate towers and wireless facilities to generate revenue. (See the attached information.)

Discussion followed.

No action was taken.

9. ARTHUR LAWSON - ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. Roadway Resurfacing Contract

There was discussion regarding the contract with C.W. Roberts Construction for road paving and resurfacing. Mr. Lawson requested that if the Board should decide to go out for bid for a new contract that they allow the current projects to continue so that the work would not be disrupted. He also told them that if they move forward to re-bid the contract, the price would most likely be considerably higher.

Commissioner Watson stated that over the past year, the County has done 44 roads using 90,419 tons of asphalt @ \$38.00 per ton. Compared to the City of Quincy's contract of \$42.00 per ton. The difference would have amounted to an additional \$361,676 over the last 12 months. He urged caution in making the decision to re-bid the contract.

He further reasoned that there are only four construction companies that would likely bid - Roberts, Mitchell Bros., Peavey, and Crowder. He reminded them of the bad business deal the County experienced with Crowder on the Rich Bay Road project. He also mentioned recent business problems of Mitchell Brothers. He concluded that it would be unwise to change this contract given the oil prices and the possibility of a war with Iraq looming.

Commissioner Holt questioned when the contract would end.

Mr. Lawson responded that there is no end as long as it is amended by change orders. The original contract was bid in 1998.

Commission Holt contended that there may have been opportunities for savings in the past if the contract had been re-bid sooner.

Chair McGill stated that he is normally in favor of sun setting contracts, but he felt it would be premature to act on this particular contract at this time.

Commissioner Dixon agreed that oil prices are likely to go up as the war becomes more likely. However, he stated that there is an overarching situation in allowing this contract to continue unimpeded. He said that it violates the spirit of the purchasing system.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON TO PUT THE ROADWAY PAVING AND RESURFACING CONTRACT OUT FOR BID.

Further discussion followed.

COMMISSIONER DIXON WITHDREW HIS SECOND AND COMMISSIONER HOLT WITHDREW HER MOTION.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO TABLE THE MATTER FOR FURTHER RESEARCH AND DISCUSSION. (WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION AS TO PROJECTION OF PROJECTS GOING ON IN THE VICINITY AND THE ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING THEM)

Sam Hawkins was recognized for comments. He challenged the accuracy of Commissioner Watson's statistics regarding the price of the asphalt.

Chair McGill called for a point of order stating that the issue was tabled and he would not entertain any more discussion.

2. Personnel Issues - Hiring and Promotions

Mr. Lawson explained to the Board how the application and interview process takes place for job openings in the County. He then stated that he was open to questions and comments.

Commissioner Holt stated that she has received several complaints from people about the County's interviewing process and as a result, she made some inquiries based on those complaints. She stated that the most dominant response she heard was regarding inappropriate questions during the interview.

She went on to say that many counties use an interview committee and she thought it would be advisable for Gadsden County to do the same.

Further discussion followed.

There was a consensus for Mr. Lawson to bring the policy back with some recommendations for improvement to the system.

10. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Certification of Application and Resolution for Construction Grant to Renovate the Lamar Massey Building to Become the Chattahoochee Public Library

Commissioner Holt questioned why this application was on the agenda when the Library Services still has not brought the Five Year Plan forward for the Board's approval. She could not recall having acted on the approval to move the Chattahoochee Library.

Commissioner Dixon stated that his problem was not in the application but he questioned at what point the Board agreed to move the library to this building.

Library Services Director Jane Mock addressed the Board. She stated that she understood from the workshop that she was to apply for the grant to move the library.

Commissioner Dixon contended that there was discussion at the workshop, but no action was taken to move the library. He stated that he was under the impression that she was to write a "shell" grant application.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE. IT WAS FURTHER MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCOMPANING RESOLUTION. COMMISSIONERS WATSON, ROBERSON AND MCGILL VOTED "AYE" AND COMMISSIONERS HOLT AND DIXON VOTED "NO."

Commissioner Dixon then asked that the Quincy Main Library be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

2. Resolution 2003-003 - Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant

Commissioner Holt was opposed to acting on this resolution because the County has decided to hire a parks and recreation director and she thought that person should have input as to what is being done within that department.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED RESOLUTION.

3. Recreation Director Position

Chair McGill reported that the Recreation Committee has been meeting for 18 months and have reached the point that they believe that the County should hire a full time recreation director to prepare a "full blown plan" for recreation in Gadsden County.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO HIRE A CONTRACT PERSON TO SERVE AS RECREATION DIRECTOR AND PREPARE A FULL RECREATION PLAN AND FURTHER MOTIONED TO TAKE WHATEVER FUNDS ARE NECESSARY FROM THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2003.

**4. Dexter Jackson and Buc Gurley Recognition Week-end
Tampa Bay Pro Football Players**

Mr. McKinnon reported that the County agreed (at a joint meeting with the City of Quincy) to pay a third of the cost for the celebration events to honor Dexter Jackson, a Quincy native, who was the "Most Valuable Player" of the national football Superbowl. The cost was estimated to be approximately \$20,000.

Commissioner Dixon stated that there will be a scholarship banquet on Friday, April 11, 2003; a parade on April 12, Saturday morning culminating at Corry Field; and then a Sunday morning service at the Leaf Theater with several speakers including FSU Coach Bobby Bowden. He said that a large part of that cost will be for security, etc.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO PAY ONE THIRD OF THE COSTS RELATING TO THE DEXTER JACKSON RECOGNITION WEEKEND.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA TO WIT:

- a. Request to Extend Existing Contract with RSH for Sampling, Analysis and Reports for Landfills (Reynolds, Smith and Hill)
- b. EMS Grant # M2097 Extension to September 20, 2003 - For the Record
- c. Big Bend Rural Health Network Grant Amendment
- d. Proclamation No. 2003-004 Declaring March 23 - 29, 2003 as Juvenile Justice Week

- e. Revised Memorandum of Understanding Between County Extension Office and FAMU
- f. This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed on the County Manager's Agenda for discussion. See above.
- g. This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed on the County Manager's Agenda for discussion. See above.
- h. Chamber of Commerce - January 2003 Activity Report
- i. Resolution 2003-006 Opposing Governor Bush's FY 2003-2004 Budget that eliminates the SHIP Trust Fund and the Local Government Housing Trust Fund as Dedicated Funding Sources

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

See the public comments that follow the Clerk's Agenda.

13. CLERK'S AGENDA

- Budget Amendments 2003-03-18-01 through 2003-03-18-04

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

- Ratification of the Approval to Pay County Bills
Check Registers Dated 03/07/03; 03/14/03
Payroll Register Dated 03/06/03

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL TO PAY THE ABOVE NAMED COUNTY BILLS.

Ms. Danna Baker-Ible, AICP, Redevelopment Manager for the City of Quincy, addressed the Board. She asked to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting so that she could do a presentation of the proposed downtown redevelopment project which is focused on an eight-block area of Quincy.

14. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

District 2

There was no report.

District 3

There was no report.

District 4

Commissioner Holt asked that the Board address occupational licenses. Mr. Richmond was asked to draft something for the Board's review.

She then asked that employees be required to park the county vehicles on the county parking lot at the end of the day. Mr. McKinnon was asked to bring back some type of policy regarding vehicle use at the next meeting.

She then asked that the Board look into the employee turnover rate in some of the county departments. She stated "We need to look at those exit interviews and find out where the problems are in those departments so we can go and make those corrections."

District 5

There was no report.

District 1

There was no report.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

MEETING NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Workshop,
Tuesday, April 15, 2003, starting 5:00 p.m. to discuss

Library Services

The workshop will be held in the County Commission meeting room
County Governmental Complex, 9 E. Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL

The Regular County Commission Meeting
will start at 6:00 p.m.

GADSDEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FIVE YEAR LONG RANGE

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Gadsden County Public Library is to serve the diverse informational and recreational needs of the people of Gadsden County, to provide quality service and programs in a comfortable setting, and to keep the public aware of these resources. The Library supports students at the elementary and secondary level.

HISTORY

In February 1980, the main library of the Gadsden County Public Library opened in the Quincy Academy. It was decided that the library system would include a main library and two branch libraries and that the branches would be in Chattahoochee and Havana. This was in response to the state standard that driving time to a library for any county residents be no more than 15 minutes in urban areas or 30 minutes or less in rural areas. The City of Chattahoochee signed an Inter-local agreement transferring operation of the Chattahoochee Public Library (the only public library in Gadsden County prior to this time) to the County, and Chattahoochee became the Library's first branch. Later in 1980, the County Commissioners leased a small storefront in Havana and volunteers began renovation of the Havana Public Library, the County's second branch. In July of that year, the renovations to what would become Chattahoochee Public Library (the current library building) began. These renovations were funded by City of Chattahoochee, Gadsden County and concerned citizens, with labor and other services provided by Appalachian Correctional Institute, River Junction Correctional Institute, and the Florida State Hospital.

In 1986, while the Friends of the Library were planning a new main library building, the County Commission entered into an agreement with Tallahassee Community College, wherein the main library of the Gadsden County Public Library moved to the ground floor of the building where the main library is now located and operated as a public library and also as the library for that satellite branch.

The first Havana branch was very small. Upon pointing this out to the County Manager, the Library Director was instructed to find alternative space to renovate and lease. The County Manager then negotiated a lease with the owner of this property. The Havana Public Library moved to this storefront in 1990 and is still there. Deposit collections were initiated in 1990 in Greensboro and Gretna. In Greensboro, the deposit collection is part of the Greensboro Library. In Gretna, the collection was placed in the NFEDC building. The Library provided materials and shelving. The organization where the collection was placed agreed to provide staff and to collect circulation statistics. The Greensboro agreement is still in effect and they still receive materials. In the fall of 1992, NFEDC found that they could not dedicate staff and collect circulation, so their collection

was disbanded. However, in 1992, bookmobile service was started. The Chattahoochee Public Library had minor renovations in 1998 because of their ongoing space problems.

POPULATION STATEMENT

The population served by the Library is very rural in nature. The adult population has a high rate of illiteracy. In the 10 years between the 1990 and 2000 census, Gadsden County grew 9.7%. However, according to the Florida Statistical Abstract 2001, the growth was uneven.

	1990	2000	% Change
GADSDEN	41,116	45,087	9.7
Chattahoochee	4,382	3,287	-25.0
Greensboro	586	619	5.6
Gretna	1,981	1,709	-13.7
Havana	1,717	1,713	-.2
Midway	976	1,446	48.2
Quincy	7,452	6,982	-6.3
Unincorporated	24,022	29,331	22.1

More indicative than the growth of cities and towns of Gadsden County between 1990 and 2000 are the census tract growth. This growth takes into consideration not only a city's population but also the growth in the unincorporated areas around a city.

According to data taken from the Office of Economic & Demographic Research's FREDS 2000, the census tracts in Gadsden County changed in population in the following manner:

Census Tract #	1990	2000	# Change	%Change
201.01	3,472	4,587	1,115	32.1
201.02	5,708	6,329	621	10.9
203	5,604	5,739	135	2.4
204	6,325	5,380	-945	-14.9
205	5,054	5,527	473	9.4
206	1,832	2,590	758	41.4
207.01	3,497	4,220	723	20.7
207.02	5,654	5,845	191	3.4
208	3,959	4,870	911	23.0

The census tract data indicates substantial growth in census tracts 201.01 and census tracts 201.02, the tracts around and including Havana. It indicates slow growth in census tract 203, the tract associated with Gretna. Census tract 204, the tract associated with Chattahoochee, experienced moderate loss. Census tracts 205, 207.01 and 207.02, the tracts around Quincy, experienced moderate growth. Census tract 206, the tract around Midway experienced substantial growth. Unfortunately, Census tract 208 combines the

areas around Greensboro and Lake Talquin, but that tract also experienced substantial growth.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of the Gadsden County Public Library Long Range Five Year Plan is to create a framework for the most efficient development of library service and resource utilization within the county for future needs of its residents. The plan will aid library service by :

1. Working toward improving library service to the county.
2. Improving local service to institutionalized or isolated citizens of the county.
3. Strengthening administrative and library resources.
4. Aiding the library in its capacity to identify the ever-growing demand for services, programming, and technology.
5. Aiding in the budget process.

Costs associated with activities are listed. However, they are only for the first year of the project. Inevitably they will need to be re-evaluated annually. Costs with astericks (*) are new items as opposed to costs we are already incurring.

1.0 GOAL: Residents of Gadsden County will have a library administration that identifies, anticipates, and meets the needs of its residents for library services.

1.1 OBJECTIVE: The library will have a well defined, operating plan of service each year.

1.1 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Continue to utilize and refine the Five Year Plan each year.
- B. Evaluate library service yearly for improvements.
- C. Administer grants for e-libraries in Gretna & Midway. (\$98,480- cost of grant if not funded)
- D. Administer Enhancing Hispanic Services II during the 2003/4 year. (\$25,532 cost of grant if not funded)
- E. Continue the usage of computers in service evaluation, continuously refining information.
- F. Re-evaluate library services corresponding to financial resources available each year to best utilize material resources.
- Revise* ~~G.~~ Write the Library's Policies and Procedures Manual by FY2007.
- H. Add security alarm systems for branch library buildings by FY2006.
- I. Educate the Library Commission, Friends of the Library, and the county residence at large about the Library's funding position. Encourage them to increase their support of the library.
- J. Make sure Patron Code of Conduct is displayed and enforced at each Library.
- K. Review Video Policy and Internet Policy annually.

1.2 OBJECTIVE: Library information will be online in all locations by FY2007.

1.2 ACTIVITIES:

A. Investigate costs for Library web page.

B. Continue to work with Gadsden District School Office to update CHARGE site.

1.3 OBJECTIVE: Accurate circulation figures will be accessible monthly.

1.3 ACTIVITIES:

A. Continue monthly circulation reports (Library automation subscription \$10,700 annually)

→ B. Send overdue notices monthly. (\$4,000-postage annually) *mostly over due notices*
Program Announcements
packets for Library Commission

1.4 OBJECTIVE: A more accurate and definitive registration record will be kept on each patron by FY2007.

1.4 ACTIVITIES:

A. Develop criteria to better verify the granting of library borrowing privileges to patrons to reduce material losses.

1.5 OBJECTIVE: Patrons will have use of modern and accessible facilities.

1.5 ACTIVITIES:

A. Maintain clean, secure facilities continuously. (\$78,390 cost of security, insurance, pest control, Havana rent, utilities, fire extinguisher check, building repair, 3M tattletale security maintenance main library – year 2003/4) [*Only changes from this year is Havana rent is \$2579 currently, lowering to \$2375 and insurance has an \$870 expected increase due to new Havana building]

B. Reconsider custodial situation at all branches by FY2006. (Custodial cost 2003/4 \$3,400*) [Havana's expected to rise \$150 to \$200 per month due to larger building]

C. Construct new main library by FY2005. (*\$1,200,000 grant & loan)

D. Renovate new branch library for Chattahoochee by 2005/6. (*\$580,000 – grant Currently Construction Grants will only pay ½ of this up to \$500,00. Can count appraised value of portion of building to be used as library and property as part of match.)

E. Evaluate adding branches in Gretna, Greensboro & Midway based on e-library success by 2007. (*Cost will vary based on size of facility and local participation. Cost for e-libraries \$67,905 for salaries & materials.

F. Open the main library until 8 Monday through Thursday by 2003/4. (\$6,572 increase in salaries & benefits*)

G. Maintain equipment & supplies for efficient service continuously. (\$17,779)

1.6 OBJECTIVE: Continue to work towards a faster, better telecommunication network.

1.6 ACTIVITIES:

A. Investigate adding Z39.50 capability to library automation system.

B. Search for ways to automate bookmobile circulation by FY2006.

- C. Use Telecommunication Plan replacement schedule to replace outdated computers.
- D. Assure all 3 locations have usable public access computers with up-to-date software. (new & maintenance of computers & software \$18,663)
- E. Assure all 3 current library locations have public access to high speed Internet. (*IP & communications \$20,028)[IP cost is 169./mo but old system was too slow to branches and appeared to need
- F. Continue to improve speed of local area network & circulation.
- G. Add 20 new computers in FY2005 as part of new main library. (\$20,000*)

2.0 GOAL: Patrons will have access to a balanced collection or recreational and educational materials in a variety of formats.

2.1 OBJECTIVE: Adult circulation will increase by 3,000 during the next five years.

2.1 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Improve adult fiction and popular non-fiction collection by a total of \$12,000 per year.
- B. Weed all adult collections before FY2008.
- C. Maintain a rotating video and audiocassette collection program between the main library and its branches, rotating quarterly.
- D. Improve upon the video collection by a minimum of \$2,000 per year.
- E. Improve the large print collection by a minimum of \$500 per year.
- F. Improve the audio cassette collection by a minimum of \$3,000 per year.
- G. Improve the adult non-fiction collection by a minimum of \$7,000 per year.
- H. Improve the Adult Spanish materials collection by a minimum of \$500 per year.
- I. Implement DVD collection by 2004. (\$2,500 the 2003/4 year)
- J. Implement CD collection in branch libraries by 2005. (\$2,000 the 2004/5 year)
- K. Utilize annual circulation statistics to evaluate purchases for collections.

2.2 OBJECTIVE : Circulation of juvenile materials will increase by 2,000 items by FY2008.

2.2 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Weed all juvenile material collections by FY2006.
- B. Improve the easy collection by a minimum of \$4,000 per year.
- C. Improve the juvenile collections by a minimum of \$8,000 per year.
- D. Add "reader" books annually. (\$2,000)

2.3 OBJECTIVE : In-house library use will be measured and increased during the next five years.

2.3 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Measure in-house usage of materials and services twice yearly for a period of one week each.
- B. Continue the usage of the State Library's Film service as long as possible.
- C. Continue to upgrade the materials request system for patrons.

- D. Continue to use & improve Interlibrary Loan services to provide requested materials. (\$4,660)
- E. Provide magazines & newspapers for browsing annually. (\$5,300)

2.4 OBJECTIVE: Adults will receive programming and larger numbers of and more recent reference materials.

2.4 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Improve reference materials collection by a minimum of \$3,000 per year.
- B. Provide 48 hours or less response time on 95% of reference questions received.
- C. Offer a speaker's service to local organizations.
- D. Offer at least 1 adult program per year.
- E. Weed entire reference collection by FY2008.
- F. Continue to use electronic reference materials.
- G. Consider contracting for evening or Saturday computer class teacher by FY2006. (\$7,000*)

2.5 OBJECTIVE : Patrons at branches will receive new materials from the main library weekly by FY2008 to correspond with increased demand for materials.

2.5 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Consider the usage of a weekly courier service to the branches.
- B. Investigate faster acquisitions process for expediting new material availability to patrons by the end of FY2007.
- C. Purchase new library vehicle to replace 1990 van by FY2004/5. (*\$25,000)

3.0 GOAL : Residents who lack access, are institutionalized or are disadvantaged still have access to library materials and services.

3.1 OBJECTIVE: Patrons will increase circulation by an additional 2,000 during the next five years because of increased and improved outreach services.

3.1 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Continue visiting outlying areas through the bookmobile. (\$7,653)
- B. Increase bookmobile visibility by adding a minimum of 2 programs per year.
- C. Write grant for new bookmobile by 2005/6. (*\$160,000)
- D. Continue supplying materials and programming to the deposit collection in Greensboro & implement e-library by FY2004/5. (grant for \$84,767*)
- E. Send bookmobile schedule to newspapers quarterly.
- F. Look for more effective way of scheduling the bookmobile.
- G. Add additional bookmobile library assistant/backup driver by FY2007. (\$22,020 salaries & benefits*)

3.2 OBJECTIVE: New groups of residents in the county needing library services and programming will be encouraged.

3.2 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Make contacts with all of the local senior citizens centers and adult care facilities.
- B. Make contact with all day care centers.
- C. Contact local social agencies about possibilities for cooperation.
- D. Purchase assistive devices for disabled patrons by FY2007/8. (\$595*)

4.0 GOAL: Juveniles and young adults receive a broader range of services and programs.

4.1 OBJECTIVE: Young people of Gadsden County will be provided the opportunity for at least 30 programs each year. (Programming - \$3,600*)

4.1 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Conduct a minimum of 8 preschool programs at the main library and each branch each year for the next five years.
- B. Conduct summer library programs for the next five years.
- C. Conduct 2 programs annually targeting young adults.
- D. Conduct 8 programs annually targeting elementary children.
- E. Increase the juvenile Spanish language collection materials by a minimum of \$1,000 by FY2004.(Enhancing Hispanic Services II, \$25,532)
- F. Investigate ways to purchase incentives for the migrant summer program following the Enhanced Hispanic Services grants.
- G. Add full time Hispanic Outreach/Library Tech. \$22,020

4.2 OBJECTIVE: Programming and other cooperation between the local schools and the library will increase in the next five years.

4.2 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Make a minimum of 3 contacts with each school in the county during each year.
- B. Consider additional library / school co-sponsored programming.
- C. Purchase accelerated readers in use at the public schools.
- D. Acquire list of accelerated reader tests for all schools in Gadsden County.
- E. Continue second grade library card drive.

5.0 GOAL: The county residents are aware of the library as a focal point for community interest and activity.

5.1 OBJECTIVE: Residents of Gadsden County will be informed of library programs and services during each of the next five years.

5.1 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Continue to use publicity to promote library awareness. (\$1,000*)
- B. Continue submitting newspaper articles in local papers.
- C. Participate in the local civic and cultural programs, such as parades in Chattahoochee and the Black History celebration.
- D. Promote public interest through presentations by library staff to local area organizations.

E. Improve community participation in library functions with a volunteer program.

5.2 OBJECTIVE: All branches and the main library will have equipped meeting rooms available for public use.

5.2 ACTIVITIES:

A. Publicize the availability of the meeting rooms.

6.0 GOAL: The students of Gadsden County receive basic reference and curriculum support.

6.1 OBJECTIVE: The library will have a continuing and expanded literacy and adult education program through the next five years.

6.11 ACTIVITIES:

A. Continue to work with the Florida Literacy Coalition and area literacy programs.

B. Continue applying for literacy grants.

C. Continue to apply for VISTA assistance.

D. Continue to cooperate with the Gadsden Adult School and programs like Even Start.

E. Investigate ways to enlarge the "English as a Second Language" program participation.

F. Continue encouraging and working closely with Literacy Volunteers of Gadsden, Inc.

G. Investigate literacy informational display units for the Havana, e-libraries, and Chattahoochee branches and the bookmobile.

H. Investigate working with Quincy Correctional Institute and increasing cooperation with Gadsden Correctional Institute, and Florida State Hospital.

7.0 GOAL : The library will provide an informed, well-trained staff that can identify and meet the needs of each individual patron while performing required tasks. (Current salaries & benefits - \$374,797)

7.1 OBJECTIVE: Staff will increase by at least 3 FTE in the next five years.

7.1 ACTIVITIES:

A. Add full time Reference Librarian as regular staff to allow Reference Librarian / Cataloger more time to catalog by FY2003/4. (\$39,706 salary & benefits*)

B. Make Literacy Coordinator full time position in FY2004. Use money contributed annually by LVA-Gadsden to hire Literacy worker (bilingual) to tutor & help with trainings. (\$15,328*)

C. Provide continuous training on the new technological additions to the library.

D. Search for ways to upgrade salaries and work conditions to overcome high staff turnover.

- E. Purchase materials whenever possible with a data disk to eliminate original cataloging.
- F. Recommend the full time Technology position as regular staff by FY2004/5.(\$39,706*)
- G. Add second Library Assistant II, Chattahoochee branch and institute evening hours by FY 2008. (\$10,747*)

7.2 OBJECTIVE: Staff will be better informed to provide better service.

7.2 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Provide staff meetings on a monthly basis and implement meeting results for library service improvement.
- B. Allow staff to participate in training opportunities outside of the library.
(Travel - \$4,509)
- C. Search for additional no-cost / low-cost training alternatives for para-professional staff.
- D. Examine the potential for working in cooperation with other local libraries in the future for staff development.
- E. Encourage PLAN to provide more programming outside the Panama City area.

Five Year Plan Summary

Year 2003/4	Increased Impact on Budget
•Administer grants for e-libraries Gretna & Midway. If not funded, need 10 computers, other equipment, .5 FTE Branch Librarian & security (\$98,480 grant budget*-not included in total) <i>will know in Aug/Sep 2003</i>	
•Administer Enhancing Hispanic Services II (*25,532- not included in total)	
•Add full time reference librarian to allow Reference Librarian / Cataloger more time to catalog \$39,696*	\$39,696
•Another ½ Literacy Coordinator. Use money contributed by LVA-Gadsden to hire Literacy worker (bilingual) to tutor & help with trainings.\$15,328* salary & benefits	\$15,328
•Continue children's programs, including Summer Library Program. \$3,600 annually	
•Maintain clean, secure facilities. (Cleaning- 3,400, Security- 12,078, Insurance- 8,432, Pest control-1,125, Havana rent- 28,500, Utilities- 23,000, Fire extinguisher check- 75, Repair- 180, 3M Tattletale security – 1,600) \$78,390 annually [*Changes in costs include Havana rent currently \$2,579 per month changes to \$2,375 per month; cleaning \$150 to \$200 per month in Havana; and insurance rises \$870 due to new building in Havana. Counted as annual cost though there are changes.]	
•Continue Interlibrary Loan program (Personnel salaries under staff, Program-3,460, Courier-1,200)\$4,660 annually	
•Continue to add new materials to collections. (materials 57,150; software- 629, periodical subscriptions- 5,300, Library automation subscriptions – 10,700) \$73,779 annually&*Increased 20,000 over current year	\$20,000
•Continue to work for a faster, better telecommunications network (Communications-18,000, new & maint. of computers- 18,034, IP- 2,028)\$38,062 annually [*We are changing IP providers. New provider \$169 more per month (90% e-ratable) because of need for faster service, need to add additional lines, and problems inherent in current system. Counted as annual although change because change is small]	
•Keep competent, trained staff (salaries & benefits –374,797 2002/3, travel- 4,509) \$379,306	
•Open main library until 8 PM 4 nights per week (add 4 hours to part-time Library Assistant's salary – 1879 ; hire part-time person to work nights & supply branches & e-libraries – 4,693)*\$6,572 plus current costs	\$6,572
•Continue to visit outlying areas through the bookmobile (diesel- 932, supplies- 485, repair- 6,162, travel- 74) \$7,653 annually	
•Maintain equipment & supplies (Copiers- 4,060, postage meter- 1,200, Supplies- 12,519) \$17,779 annually	

security & electricity } will increase with extended hrs.

•Send overdue notices (Postage- 4,000) \$4,000 annually	
•Evaluate bandwidth & Internet service & make changes as necessary.	
•Use publicity to promote library awareness. (*\$1,000)	\$1,000
TOTAL	*\$82,596 new costs 607,229 continuing costs

in addition to State and local budget

Year 2004/5	Increased Impact on Budget
•All of the items in year 2003/4 with the following additions. Dollar amounts are based on current pricing and subject to increase	
•Write grant to add Greensboro to e-libraries with grant & continue e-libraries in Gretna & Midway. (Approximately \$84,767)	
•Add full time Hispanic Outreach/Library Tech. *\$22,020	\$22,020
•Add new library vehicle. *\$25,000	\$25,000
•Chattahoochee renovation before legislature if funded.	
•Purchase 20 additional computers. *\$20,000	\$20,000
•Computer person or firm on retainer. *\$39,706	\$39,706
TOTAL	*\$106,726 new costs

Year 2005/6	Increased Impact on Budget
•All of the items in year 2003/4 & 2004/5 with the following additions. Dollar amounts are based on current pricing and subject to change.	
•E-libraries last year. Evaluate effectiveness & ask County Commission their pleasure.	
•Write grant for new Bookmobile. Approximately \$160,000* not included in total	
•Renovate new branch library in Chattahoochee.(\$580,000 Currently construction grant will pay ½ . Can count appraised value of portion of building being used as library and property as part of match)	
TOTAL	\$0.00

Year 2006/7	Increased Impact on Budget
•All of the items in year 2005/6 with the following additions. Dollar amounts are based on current pricing and subject to change.	

•Add branches Gretna & Midway. (Costs will vary depending on facility & if local city managers will continue to supply electricity, etc. *Cost \$67,905 for salaries and materials only.	\$67,905
•Additional bookmobile clerk/backup driver. *\$22,020	\$22,020
•Consider contracting for evening or Saturday computer classes. *\$7,000	7,000
TOTAL *\$96,925 new costs	\$96,925

Year 2007/8	Increased Impact on Budget
•All of the items in year 2006/7 with the following additions. Dollar amounts are based on current pricing and subject to change.	
•Add second Library Assistant II, Chattahoochee branch. \$10,747*	\$10,747
•Purchase assistive devices for disabled library patrons.\$595*	\$595
TOTAL *\$11,342 new costs	\$11,342

LIBRARY FUND REVENUE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2001	PRIOR BUDGET 2002	APPROVED BUDGET 2003
118	118	3317000	Communication Aid	\$ 11,648	\$ 7,625	\$ 7,692
118	118	3347001	Aid to Libraries	267,141	250,770	282,589
118	118	3377010	Library-City of Quincy	6,000	6,000	6,000
118	118	3377020	Library-Town of Havana	10,000	10,000	10,000
118	118	3377030	Library-City of Chattahoochee	4,000	4,000	4,000
118	118	3471001	Fees-Photo Copies	1,749	1,620	2,000
118	118	3471002	Fees-Late Video	2,069	1,900	2,200
118	118	3471003	Fees-Membership	681	660	675
118	118	3661005	Literacy Volunteers-Wages	13,904		
118	118	3691001	Misc. Rev. Other	102		
118	118	3700001	Less 5% Estimated Revenue	-	(14,129)	(15,758)
118	118	3811000	Transfer from General Fnd	287,000	293,751	287,446
TOTAL REVENUE				604,294	562,197	586,844
118	118	3899001	Appropriated Fund Balance	-	500	14,000
TOTAL AVAILABLE				\$ 604,294	\$ 562,697	\$ 600,844

LIBRARY EXPENSE - STATE PORTION

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2001	PRIOR BUDGET 2002	APPROVED BUDGET 2003
118	123	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 54,397	\$ 76,343	\$ 89,134
118	123	51300	Other Salaries & Wages	4,827		-
118	123	51400	Overtime	22		-
118	123	52100	Fica Taxes	4,467	5,840	6,819
118	123	52200	Retirement Contributions	4,624	5,573	5,134
118	123	52300	Health Insurance	4,718	9,324	12,864
118	123	52310	Life Insurance	69	104	139
118	123	52400	Worker's Compensation	312	377	506
118	123	52500	Unemployment Compensation	-	639	857
			PERSONAL SERVICES	73,436	98,200	115,453
118	123	53405	Contractual - Custodial	2,850	3,000	3,000
118	123	53406	Contractual - Security	10,228	10,030	12,078
118	123	54000	Travel & Per Diem	2,601	3,493	4,509
118	123	54100	Communication Services	10,730	16,000	18,000
118	123	54102	Inter Library Loan Chrges	2,679	3,700	4,700
118	123	54200	Postage	3,881	4,000	4,000
118	123	54300	Utility Services	12,390	12,300	10,300
118	123	54400	Rentals & Leases	20,917	19,600	24,500
118	123	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)	3,312	8,500	8,500
118	123	54622	Repair & Maint. Build/Grd.	1,053	2,700	1,455
118	123	54630	Maint. Agreement Copier	739	3,575	3,575
118	123	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl.	356	-	-
118	123	54918	Ed.-Pub. Awareness	714	1,300	1,500
118	123	55100	Office Supplies	7,793	7,200	7,700
118	123	55110	Miscellaneous Expense		400	600
118	123	55210	Gas & Oil	1,433	1,007	1,100
118	123	55223	Operating Exp - Janitorial	499	800	600
118	123	55230	Operating-Equip Under \$500	532	1,800	1,800
118	123	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	20,950	19,248	25,300
118	123	55402	Software Purchase	320	2,000	2,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	103,977	120,653	135,217
			TOTAL EXPENSES	177,413	218,853	250,670
118	123	56400	Machinery & Equipment	19,856	4,500	10,000
118	123	56600	Books/Publicat/Libr. Matl	1,821	3,500	4,000
118	123	56601	Books	68,052	23,917	17,919
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	89,729	31,917	31,919
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 267,142	\$ 250,770	\$ 282,589

*FY 2003

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Server for Computer Network
Computers
Books and Publications

Total

\$ 6,000
4,000
21,919
\$ 31,919

LIBRARY EXPENSE - LOCAL PORTION

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2001	PRIOR BUDGET 2002	APPROVED BUDGET 2003
118	125	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 187,912	\$ 208,768	\$ 218,692
118	125	51400	Overtime	56		-
118	125	52100	Fica Taxes	14,179	15,971	16,730
118	125	52200	Retirement Contributions	16,249	15,240	12,597
118	125	52300	Health Insurance	15,878	19,248	22,511
118	125	52310	Life Insurance	249	279	244
118	125	52400	Worker's Compensation	2,632	3,045	3,041
118	125	52500	Unemployment Compensation	2,204	2,057	2,103
			PERSONAL SERVICES	239,359	264,608	275,918
						-
118	125	53150	Prof. Svc. Engineering	5,000	-	-
118	125	54300	Utility Services	10,450	13,000	7,500
118	125	54400	Rentals & Leases	10,000	10,000	10,000
118	125	54500	Insurance	4,520	3,000	6,174
118	125	54502	Vehicle Insurance	1,612	1,800	1,450
118	125	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl.	-	2,000	2,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	31,582	29,800	27,124
						-
			TOTAL EXPENSES	270,941	294,408	303,042
						-
118	125	56400	Machinery & Equipment	-	5,600	12,000
118	125	56601	Books	25,972	11,919	3,213
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	25,972	17,519	15,213
						-
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 296,913	\$ 311,927	\$ 318,255

*FY 2003

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Server for Computer Network
Upgrade Children's Computer
Books

\$ 9,000
3,000
3,213

Total

\$ 15,213

LIBRARY SERVICES

Program Description:

The Library serves the informational, educational and recreational needs of the people of Gadsden County, providing quality service and current information in a comfortable setting. There is a main library plus two branches and a bookmobile. The main library and branches are automated and linked by a local area network. Materials available to circulate include a variety of print formats, video cassettes and audio cassettes. There are also reference materials in print and on CD-Rom computer programs, as well as magazines, newspapers and indexed articles on computers for research. Typewriters, computers (for word processing as well as Internet access), meeting rooms and copiers can be used by the public. Children's programming includes pre-school story times, after-school programs and the summer library program. In addition, for the last four years Outreach Services have been provided, taking the library out to day care centers, schools, camps, the senior center and community events. This service is essential due to the County's rural nature, the lack of transportation and the high adult illiteracy rate. The Quincy library also houses a literacy program.

Staffing Detail:

Library Services Director	1.00
Children's Librarian	1.00
Reference Librarian	1.00
Branch Librarian (.50 State Aid)	1.50
Outreach Librarian (1.00 State Aid)	1.00
Bookmobile Librarian	1.00
Library Assistant I	1.00
Library Assistant II (2.0 State Aid)	4.50
Literacy Project Coord.(Program Funded)	<u>1.00</u>
Total	13.00

This is a verbatim record of the proceedings of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners that took place on March 18, 2003 concerning the matter of Lawson Commercial Park. This portion of the meeting has been transcribed verbatim upon request after the official summary minutes were already approved by the Board. They are true and accurate to the best of my ability.

Ballister:

Good evening, Commissioners. I have a fairly full agenda. This is the last month in which we will hear applications that were heard previously in the same month by the Planning Commission due to our notice requirements. Some things were already scheduled and they are continuing.

Because of that delay, we had that meeting after you already had the agendas prepared. So, I have some supplemental information that was in your box. I want to make sure you saw it and had time to time to review it and had any comments on the two first projects.

Richmond:

Mr. Ballister, before we begin -

In this matter and all matters on the agenda tonight, will you please raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you will give will be the truth, so help you God?

Ballister:

I do.

Richmond:

Will you please submit on every matter that is presented tonight, copies of your entire file to Muriel for the benefit of the record.

Ballister:

Sure.

The entire file or the file that is submitted in evidence?

Richmond:

I want the entire file.

Ballister:

O.K. I can do that.

We also have a letter that was delivered the Department on this first application. Mr. Piowtroski, ah.

Dixon:

We got the letter.

McKinnon:

We already have one.

Ballister:

To preface the Lawson Commercial Park site, it was approved as a Land Use Change in 2000-2001. It changed a little less than 12 acres, (there is kind of an ambiguous amount there) from AG 2 to Commercial. The rear section of the property (approximately 20 acres) is still AG 1.

The site is currently covered in planted pines. There are some volunteers. There is a (inaudible) tobacco barn near the back of this property and a several-acre storm water pond that was constructed for a previous subdivision that was never finished.

Originally, this was submitted and was characterized as a commercial subdivision. No sub-division of the property is intended. It is meant to be constructed as commercial space for lease. So, we won't see it here again as individual lots get developed.

The original comments that I made, currently I had edited and lost that edited version - the parking discussion in the first agenda package indicates there is some shortages. In the supplement that you have, all the parking criteria have been met in terms of number. The application will have to show the appropriate ADA compliance in the preliminary site plans, but the appropriate number of spaces have been provided for the square footage that he has got.

The comment that we had in the Planning Commission was if there is a site-specific application or use-specific

application, we allow applicants to state their actual use of the buildings and structures and get a modified parking demand, but since we have no idea what the intended applicants or tenants are going to be, we had to press for the maximum. The site has been modified to do that.

The site plan indicates that they will be able to comply with the landscaping, the corridor landscaping issues, there is virtually no, ah, there is no development in the front 50 feet except for the drive-way in and a site sign. The landscaping plans for this will have to be submitted and approved. Most of the trees up front are small juvenile pines. There are a few oak trees at the north end of the property.

The stormwater pond that is already on the site is intended to be used for this project. It is just east of the boundary of this park or this site. We would require that this storm water easement or the stormwater area be granted an easement for perpetuity to serve the needs of this site for run-off.

Staff recommendations were that fire protection be provided with a minimum 6" water line. That has been provided by the engineer.

Shielded dumpster pads should be located throughout the site at locations convenient to the building occupants but shielded from the general public. They have been added.

Most of the original staff comments and recommendations that we had in our first agenda package have been met by the engineer in the second application.

The stormwater pond is up along the rectangle to the right. We also asked that the existing overflow facility that is immediately adjacent to the property line be re-located so that it can dissipate and run over land before it gets to the adjacent property line.

The orange rectangles are the buildings. The lime green areas are drain fields. Everything else that you see is parking for the structures.

There is a 50 ft. setback to any of the parking from the right-of-way line.

In the Planning Commission meeting, much of the discussion centered around the use of the facility. There have been recollections from the Planning Commission hearings at the Land Use Change that there be residential oriented neighborhood type facilities offered at this establishment. The testimony ensured for the evening, it was apparent that the applicant was not willing to do more than make an effort to get neighborhood commercial uses in these - I guess what was at issue was the sites that face the street and face the public.

It was intimated or suggested or promised, however you want to couch that, but there would be neighborhood uses in these front sites whether it be local food oriented businesses or retail video store, dry cleaners or that kind of thing. It was left open, but that was the intimation at the Planning Commission meetings. There was a lot less said at the Board meeting to that effect. Those proceedings centered around whether there was a letter - you remember the letter from staff about whether it was commercial or not. That side-tracked a lot of discussion on the use that we had in the Planning Commission. There is no minutes, there are no surviving minutes of the Planning Commission minutes on the Land Use Change due to the staff we had at the time. So, what we have is recollections and the recollections vary.

Richmond:

What is the status at this time of that project? What was approved? What restrictions were placed on it in any development order?

Ballister:

There were or are not development orders at land use amendment time unless there is a development agreement reached.

Richmond:

But this was made commercial?

Ballister:

It was re-zoned commercial - the area west of the section line were re-zoned commercial. Eleven-something acres.

Richmond:

It still got to meet all those requirements?

Ballister:

Right.

The Code allows, in a listing of Commercial Class II uses, for some light industrial uses per the Light Industrial Section of the Code.

There is at issue among the privacy trackers that it is not the intent of the Code to have a project zoned light commercial, excuse me, light industrial if it happens to be zoned commercial - even though those uses are allowed. I don't think it was the intent to go totally Light Industrial, even though it is an allowed use. So, that is at issue, too.

At any rate, I have some additional staff recommendations which are in your supplement.

It was revealed that the project is to be built over time - not all at once. In light of that, the project should be marked in phases when it gets preliminary site plans so that the individual phases can be completed, development orders have times on them and the only way you can satisfy that is to indicate phasing on the plan.

Item 2. The applicant has not been shy about the open door he would offer to any and all potential rental clients. The commercial park itself is a Class II use and is therefore before this Board for approval. Certain individually clients may wish to occupy space in the commercial park, they would themselves trigger Class I review and may have more egregious offsite impacts that is presently envisioned. We basically don't have any idea who some of these clients might be.

The Conflict Mitigation Section of the LDC recognizes that not all situations can be foreseen and that mitigation requirements might vary. Although the Land Development Code allows some cross code uses between commercial parks and light industrial parks, it is not the intent of the code to have a commercial park dominated by light industrial uses.

It is proposed that prior to any Building Department permits being issued to tenants or built to suit issues, the proposed uses get planning review of each intended use if it is determined that the intended occupants will trigger a greater impact. There might be some other issues involved if those specific uses be allowed to come back to the Board as individual Class II approvals. Since this is not a subdivision, we don't have a second look at these. We just know that there is a lot of space out there that is subject to review.

I don't think that anybody will have much problem with contractors rental spaces in the back or light warehousing and that kind of thing. I don't think anybody, ah, in speaking to the neighborhood community, the intent that I got at the first meetings is they would not be happy about an auto body shop banging away and emitting a lot of odors or say, a mill shop that had a turbine blowing into the night. So, we wanted to have a second shot at the (inaudible) of the tenants conversion of the space - at building inspection or building permit time.

Other than that, I think the applicant is here and is very interested in addressing the Board. There are also members of the public here. If you have any other questions for me, I will be happy to answer them.

McGill:

Are there any questions of Mr. Ballister on the Lawson Commercial property?

Holt:

Mr. Ballister, the closes resident to that property, how many feet away?

Ballister:

Less than 100. Immediately to the south of this property corner is the northeastern side of Ochlockonee Estates, a mobile home subdivision. In fact, this area that is a rectangle down here, I suppose, is about a 20 acre spot that is wrapped around by Ochlockonee Estates. There is a Baptist Church right about where the lighting is. There are a few empty parcels to the north and then you get into Sandy Creek, which you all know, and Lantern Lane is across the street. So, I is surrounded by 3 residential neighborhoods.

McGill:

I am concerned with, ah, were you finished, Commissioner Holt?

Holt:

Well, I had one other question. What about environmental impact as far as any type of air contamination, soil contamination, water contamination, depending on who they lease to?

Ballister:

Run-off from the site will be controlled by the storm water pond. Any specific issues, I can't speak to. Some might have an off-site impact. A dry cleaner, for instance, would have a specially designed larger than average drain field and there are some pre-treatment requirements for anything left of that building. The same would happen if they had a mortuary in there. Some uses have specific environmental permitting that is already established by DEP.

Presumably, if there were to be a paint and body shop, there would be air scrubbers, but, I know that I have been past some furniture factories where there is a smoke coming from them. So, most of those are handled by permitting. There are other impacts, though, that are unknowns.

Holt:

That is all, Mr. Chairman.

McGill:

Are there any other questions of Mr. Ballister?

I have one along the same lines as Commissioner Holt. I was concerned about the impacts on Ochlockonee River, itself. How far will the river be from the actual development?

Ballister:

About a mile and a quarter, maybe a mile and a half.

McGill:

So there is no risk that there will be a run-off from the site into the Ochlockonee River.

Ballister:

Well, the stormwater pond should be designed to handle your initial flush of, it is designed to hold the first two inches of rain. And it will let it percolate back into the soil or run through filters. Anything more than the two inch storm, that is a pretty good size storm, will go off-site into a creek. It takes about a mile and a half to get to the river.

McGill:

Any more questions of Mr. Ballister?

McKinnon:

I think there are some people out there.

Dixon:

Bruce, let me ask just one question. He is applying for what?

Ballister:

A commercial park of, I don't remember how many square feet it is now. Ah, that is to be, his site will be in the back - that is his own business - Lawson Plumbing will have it's storage and offices there. It is big parking and the rest of it is rental space of mixed commercial nature.

Dixon:

Why the concern about the commercial/light industrial? Don't we have commercial zoning and a light industrial zoning.

Ballister:

We do. The Code allows cross-pollination within those.

Dixon:

But he didn't ask for cross-pollination. He asked for commercial, so why

Ballister:

The application that we got in December said "Light Industrial Park". And that, as much as anything, got the antenna up. That was possibly an error in characterization by the engineer.

Dixon:

But why didn't we kick that out if he asked for a "light industrial" park in a "commercial" slot that we just gave him. Why wouldn't we kick that out?

Ballister:

That is why we discussed all the uses at great length in the Planning Commission. The Class II Commercial use allows a pretty lengthy list of activities. Among them, light industrial is included.

He also made the unfortunate characterization of originally calling it a "commercial subdivision" in which no land is subdivided. No land is sub-divided, it was just a clerical error. I have been calling it "park" ever since - not subdivision because there is no subdivision intended.

Dixon:

Options before us now to approve what he asked for - the "commercial/light industrial" park - to give him what he asked for earlier, which is the "commercial" designation, which means he can only put "commercial" operations in there or some other modification as we may see fit.

Ballister:

Or some other negotiations can come up, I guess.

Dixon:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

McGill:

O.K. Is Mr. Lawson in the audience?

All of you who would like to speak for the proposal, come forward now. Those who want to speak for it will be after the applicant.

Lawson:

My name is O. Z. Lawson.

Richmond:

Mr. Lawson, will you raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give here tonight will be the truth so help you God?

Lawson:

I'll do it. My name is O.Z. Lawson. My nick name is Skeets, not Keith. I am not a plumbing contractor, I am an electrical contractor. You seem to have that confused all the way up and down the line along with a lot of other issues associated with this piece of property as to what I have said and what I haven't said.

I'm, you know, this has been an experience for me and I am just doing my best to get it done and I appreciate the help that I have been given. I want to comply with the Codes and the Law. I have looked at 1 and 2 - Commercial 1 and 2. Just for information purposes, 14 on the stuff that Bruce sent to me today on Class I Commercial - at the bottom, it lists body shops as an accepted use. I am an environmentally responsible person. I recycle light bulbs. I could throw them in the garbage can, but I know that my grandkids are going to have to drink the water and eat the fish out of these rivers, so I don't put any mercury in there. Nobody makes me do that. I do it.

I am trying to be a good citizen over there and I want to develop a nice looking commercial development. I told the adjoining land owners that I would not call this a "commercial park". I told them in the meeting the other night that when I build the permanent signs, what I thought they understood, the permanent signs will not say "commercial park." The 4 x 8 sign that I had up there says "commercial park", so, as soon as they fussed about it, I took it off. It is off of it today. I am just trying to get along, you know, but I don't want to give my rights. I want to do - I want to be able to develop it and do the best I can with it, just like you would.

The neighborhood commercial, the set back of 50 ft. and all like they are going to make me do - it is going to be impossible almost, but I will try my very best to find somebody. If somebody comes by and wants to be in there, and I get to build it, I will be tickled to death to have them in there. I would love to put a County Tax office or Driver's License office or something like that up there in the front. In the front part of this thing, that is what I am going to try to get. But, in you come in there and want to put an office in there and sell insurance out there, you know, and I've got a space available, I am going to rent it to you. But, I am going to comply with what you tell me to. I am going to do what is right.

I thought you had a Code Enforcement Board. I don't know if you do or not, but in Leon County, when you get your permit, they make sure that where you are going is applicable and that it is zoned correctly for you to be in there. I know you have occupational license, so, I am sure that any tenant would get an occupation license and tell you exactly what they are going to do and whether they are using is correctly or not.

I will do my best to help you police it, but, you know, I can't tell any of you are going to do tonight when you leave here, you know. I will do my best and that is all I can say.

I have been working on this thing since 1989. Every way I brought it for a while wasn't right. So, I was just thankful when it got through this last time. You know, ya'll made it 32 acres and at the next meeting, you took all that away. At the next meeting, you gave me back 12. So, you have run me up and down. So, you know, I am just asking for some help and let me get through with this thing. I have had it a long time and I have spent a lot of money, I want to do a nice development and I want to improve the tax base and I want to do my best to get along with the neighbors if it is possible. Sometimes you can't do everything. I am driven by the profit motive. I've got a lot of money in this and I've got to make some money off of it, but I am still not going to create an environmental catastrophe up there.

One building here, Building E, is my new office. I am going to re-locate here. I am presently on the truck route in Tallahassee and I don't like it. I don't have enough room. I've got two acres there and I am on lake protection if that tells you anything. They don't come out there and give me any trouble. My retention ponds work. My trees are there, my landscaping is there and my grass is mowed. I do what I am supposed to do. That is all I have to say unless you have questions for me.

McGill:

Questions of Mr. Lawson?

I do have two, not exactly a question, but I do have a statement that I received from one of your neighbors out

there who talked to you earlier. His name is Bill Piotrowski- he indicated that you were not clear on the agreement to go strictly "commercial" business on the property."

It goes on to say "At the Planning and Zoning Commission presentation, he was not willing to restrict its uses to those that will not be offensive to the community."

He is saying that you are saying that what you put out there might not be agreeable and it could be offensive to the community. Do you remember making that statement?

Lawson:

Well, maybe I was misunderstood, o.k? I am going to do my best to do what is right and I am going to comply with the Law. That is what it is for, I think. I mean, I want to make Mr. Piowtroski and his neighbors happy, but I want to make me happy, too.

McGill:

Did you say that you changed the sign that they were protesting about?

Lawson:

I changed the sign today and it was my intention, and I called this lady right here today and asked her what was said in the meeting. And I didn't say "the new sign", but I talked all around the new attractive sign that I was going to put up there and I said that it wouldn't say "commercial" property.

The temporary 4 x 8 sign that I have out there on the project right now advertising - looking for somebody to come in there - it said "Northside Commercial Park". Today it says "Commercial" period. No Northside.

McGill:

There won't be any junk yards out there?

Lawson:

Sir?

Holt:

Junk yards.

McGill:

There wont' be any junk yards out there?

Lawson:

No. No.

McGill:

There won't be any chicken processing plant out there?

Lawson:

It is not my intention to put a chicken processing plant out there. It is not my intention to put a junk yard out there. Even though it says in here that I could put a flea market, I don't think that is what I want to do either. I want to do the plans.

McGill:

You understand, there is a clear distinction between "commercial" and "light industrial"? Do you understand that?

Lawson:

I think I do. I have looked at this land use - commercial land use, Class II. And light industrial uses - no off-site impacts that are primarily oriented toward enclosed manufacture or re-distribution assembly warehouse. This includes self storage facility.

McGill:

So, what are you classified - commercial or light industrial?

Lawson:

Would you classify me - I would classify me as a "commercial." You know, I don't manufacture anything on site. Everything I make is off-site.

McGill:

And you fully understand the corridor rule setback requirement?

Lawson:

I think this meets it. I think that is what Mr. Ballister said, isn't it?

McGill:

But do you understand it?

Lawson:

No, sir, I don't understand it. I have hired an engineer to do it for me. It is supposed to be right and I am assuming that it will be checked by the County and it will be correct. As far as me understanding it, no, sir, I don't. But if you ask me what how that light up there works, I can tell you about that. I don't know about this, here. This is my first experience with trying to be a developer and it will probably be my last one.

Huge laughter.

McGill:

Is there anybody else to speak for the proposal?

Will anybody like to speak against the proposal?

O.K. Starting with the lady, I guess, and going down to those next to the wall. You all can come stand in line and maybe that will speed it up a little bit.

Richmond:

Please state your name for the record.

Piotrowski:

My name is Cindy Piotrowski.

Richmond:

Ms. Piotrowski, because of the nature of this, will you please raise your right hand?

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give is the truth so help you God?

Piotrowski:

I do.

Mr. Chairman, members of the County Commission, thank you for letting me speak. My husband would have been here, but he is at a School Board meeting.

I am speaking about the fact that we originally understood that Mr. Lawson was going to put his business on this property and that he would have some warehouses and things like that behind him.

Now, we have him coming in asking to put a commercial park here. Whether or not he will decide to call it that or not, that I exactly what he is putting in here. And I think, you know, that I know that since I have walked up around there, as the crow flies, from that holding pond, he is only 150 yards to my neighbor, Mr. Kelley who is also here to speak tonight.

What we would like is for that, since the property has been zoned commercial, there is nothing we can do about that now, but what we would like is that the uses of these buildings be restricted to very light commercial - that absolutely no light industrial be put in there.

These three neighborhoods and the churches and everyone else was there long before Mr. Lawson came. I have been in house on the Sandy Creek property for 27 years. We have spent a lot of sweat, tears, money and everything else to make our property nice and to be good members and good residents of Gadsden County. And that goes for the rest of the people in Sandy Creek.

Mr. Lawson has been there since 1989. He thinks, as he said, "I have a right to make a profit off my property."

However, when he came out there, he knew that we were there first. So, therefore, I really feel like his uses should be very compatible with us because we were there first and he knew when he bought his property that we were there. Now, what he wants to do is put in whatever and whoever comes, he is going to take because he is in it for profit and he is in it for business and he is telling everybody "Well, I'll try to make it compatible for the neighborhood." But trying and doing is two different things.

I think the County Commission needs to make sure that he has to make it compatible with the neighborhoods that are there.

As I said, we were there first. We have been there twice as long, ah, two and a half times as long as he has been holding that property. I think that his argument of making a profit on his property doesn't hold water when you consider the fact that he knew we were there and when he

came there, he should have known that whatever he did with the property would be compatible.

Personally, I don't think, ah, I think that what is going to happen here is that as soon as he gets this o.k., he is going to come back and he is going to say, "There is no reason why I can't have the rest of my property be a commercial park, too."

And what is everybody going to say? Well, we've got light industrial use in there, we've got commercial use in there. We can't tell this man that he can't have light industrial right in the back yards of the people who have lived there, as I said, who have been good citizens of Gadsden County for a long time.

We bought with the idea in mind that we would be somewhat protected by your zoning - it is not called zoning now, it is called land use planning. I think that if each member of this County Commission was there, you would have to agree that you would have some understanding of being protected in the investment that you made.

And, that is all I have unless anybody has any questions.

McGill:

Are there any questions for Ms. Piotrowski?

I do have a confusing question, Ms. Piotrowski.

Your husband writes in his opening paragraph "I regret that my wife's illness?"

Piotrowski:

Well, if you can't tell, I can hardly talk. I have had laryngitis and I was not able to talk all day Sunday and all day yesterday. But, as the day has come on, my voice, I have a little bit of voice, but this is not my normal voice. I normally can speak a little better than this.

McGill:

You do a good a job.

Watson:

That is not his normal voice either.

Laughter.

Piotrowski:

That is why I was not going to be able to come because I would squeak at you instead of being able to talk.

McGill:

So, your primary concern is that he would develop some neighborhood preservation activity?

Piotrowski:

I would like it to be restricted to uses that are compatible with all the neighborhoods that are there. We were there first. You know, his idea of I can come in and buy a piece of property, then present to the Zoning Commission that I'm going to put my business there, then a year later, come back and say I want to put a commercial park in there and that, you know, nothing restricts me from putting light industrial use in that commercial park except that I am going to try not to - I think that we need a little bit more protection than that.

McGill:

I think though, when he comes back with a development order, we can look at each one individually.

Piotrowski:

Well, that is true. But, the problem is that neighbor who is, as the crow flies, is 150 yards from this development and he never got a notice that this particular - when Mr. Lawson was asking to have this commercial park o.k.'d.

So, we didn't get the notice, so how are we going to know when each business comes in? How are we going to know? I mean, we aren't because we didn't get notice the first time, so how are we going to get notice this time? He will be bringing in these different uses. And so, we are not protected as it is now.

McGill:

Mr. Ballister, are there some people who live in these neighborhoods that are within 1,000 ft. of this development?

Ballister:

There would be, yes.

McGill:

Some people would be notified out there? (Inaudible)

Ballister:

We do have some Sandy Creek addresses on the list of mail-outs.

Piotrowski:

So, as it stands now, he can propose to put light industrial there and we have to come in as the opponent and try to defeat it - is that it? Each time? Because that is the way it is now. Presumptuously, he gets to put that use in there?

Dixon:

Presumptively, he can put commercial in there.

Holt:

Commercial, not light industrial.

Piotrowski:

But, Mr. Ballister says that

Dixon:

There are some light industrial uses in the commercial slot.

Watson:

But they are defined in the Code.

Dixon:

Yeah.

Piotrowski:

Is there any problem with saying that he can't do that?

Dixon:

We don't know. But we are going to find out tonight.

Piotrowski:

I mean, that is, I mean - light industrial does not go with residential. It just doesn't. There is no - that doesn't make walking-around common sense. You know, I mean, it just doesn't protect the people who have been there for a long, long time. These are established neighborhoods.

This is not fly-by-night jobs. In fact, I think that Sandy Creek is almost built out. So, I think that - what I am asking for is more protection than I feel like we have right now for our investment and for all our hard work. We are Gadsden County citizens and we pay property taxes, too and have been for longer than Mr. Lawson.

McGill:

Are there anymore questions of Ms. Piotrowski?

Mr. Ballister, could we require a buffer to be put up there between the neighborhood and the development?

Ballister:

The Code's buffer is a Type A buffer which is a 25 ft. opaque buffer. A 25 ft. space has been provided.

If I may continue, one of the things that Mr. Lawson had said is that we have commercial licensing which is a stop gap and a Board of Zoning Adjustment or something. We don't have those. This is our last shot. We don't have commercial licensing and we don't have any other step that Leon County does or that he is used to where there is another review period. So, this is our shot. I want to make that clear.

McGill:

NO, we don't have occupational licenses?

Dixon:

No.

Richmond:

What is your specific recommendation?

Ballister:

One thing we don't have is a instituted plan. What would normally cover this is a review at the building permit stage to do exactly what the Zoning Board does in Leon County to say that this is a fit use for this site. We are looking at it at the building permitting stage.

McGill:

Come forward please and state your name for the record.

Kelly:

Members of the Commission, my name is Thomas Kelly. I have lived at Sandy Creek for approximately 20 years.

Richmond:

Will you raise your right hand, please?

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give here tonight will be the truth so help you God.

Kelly:

I do.

I just learned about this last week and I have spoken with my neighbors in regard to this particular situation. They believe, as I do, that this is a residential area and we moved out there to have a good residential community. We would like for it to stay that way. But there is a very big problem besides that. The problem is the water run-off there. I feel that if we alter the watershed to any great extent that the flow of water will not be able to run off sufficiently and will flood some of the lands.

McGill:

Even with the holding pond?

Kelly:

Sir?

McGill:

Even with the holding pond there, the water would not?

Kelly:

I don't know whether it would work or not, but I know that it is not working now. We are right to a maximum. We could not take anymore flow going across the property there to the creek. I think that this is a very, very big problem.

McGill:

Thank you.

Are there any questions of Mr. Kelly.

Is there anybody else to speak against this proposal?

If not, it is back to the Commissioners.

Watson:

Bruce, would you read one more time the light industrial uses that would be allowed?

Dixon:

Before he does that, Commissioner, if I may.

Now, he has a commercial designation?

Ballister:

Yes, sir.

Dixon:

O.K. Which means that he is able to do whatever you are about to read on that list?

Ballister:

This is under our current list.

Dixon:

Right.

Ballister:

Class II Commercial Uses. I will read just the light industrial section under 7.

Light industrial uses with no off-site impacts that are primarily oriented toward enclosed manufacturing, redistribution assembly and warehousing. This includes self-storage facilities over 10,000 ft. These would be fairly benign uses.

Watson:

It is not all light industrial uses that can be in here. Only the ones that you just defined?

Ballister:

Correct.

McGill:

And what are the commercial activities?

Ballister:

Under Class II, you include the entire list of Class I - (inaudible), medical walk-ins, small shopping centers

Then Class II is recreational RV parks, mobile home parks, truck stops, taverns, bars, nightclubs, lounges, flea markets, vets with outside kennels, civic and fraternal organizations, theaters, auditoriums, circuses, fairs, carnivals and any other activities to be determined to be Class II and we are about to include childcare daycare, and adult daycare and congregate facilities.

McGill:

I gather that the residents don't like that. Recreational vehicle park - I don't think they want that.

Ballister:

Well, an RV park is not what is being permitted and it would be really, I mean, that site plan is not set up to be an RV Park.

McGill:

O.k.

Anymore questions?

Dixon:

I guess this is a question for the attorney.

How far can we go in limiting someone that we have given a commercial designation?

Richmond:

As long as it is proper under the commercial designation, you have limited rights. If it is outside the designation of commercial, and it is defined, then you have the right on a site by site basis to deny it. In other words, they are going to have to comply with the definition of commercial as approved by this Board.

Dixon:

So. The point is that as long as he brings before this body or Planning and Zoning and Building body, something that is on that list, we don't have any authority to stop it.

Ballister:

If it is allowed by Code.

Dixon:

Right.

Richmond:

That is correct.

Dixon:

So, what are we debating here exactly?

Ballister:

There are uses that could be considered commercial or light industrial that aren't here. There is a whole gamut of activity.

Dixon:

So, if it is not there, is it automatically triggered to come back to the Board?

Ballister:

It normally wouldn't. We are already doing a Class II use. That is the thing. If something came before the Building Department and got referred to me to look at and it was some use that is cited in those other Class II's, the only other thing would be to bring the specific use back to the Board to say "We have a situation here."

Watson:

Why can we not approve that with that?

Ballister:

What we don't have upstairs is a procedure use review when we do commercial make over.

Roberson:

So, what you are saying is that you need us to approve a site by site review?

Ballister:

Not a site by site, but if something is not on this list, and we are having a hard time realizing that this is going to be beyond what we thought would be the level of impacts expected.

Speaking for the neighborhoods, if they all wanted to see the frontage restricted to some sort of mutual retail. I don't think that somebody minds an insurance company.

Dixon:

But we can't do that though, can we?

Ballister:

I think the attorney is right. I think that you probably have limited power to do restrictions.

Richmond:

If I find that you can on your Type II review, review each application that goes in out there, if you chose to - if there is some question about whether it fits within a commercial designation. If it fits under the commercial designation, then you have to follow the (inaudible)

Watson:

If there is something that does not fit, then we want to review it. Otherwise, we need to approve this as it - as long as he is compliant with the Code - I don't see where we - we can't tell the gentleman that we give you commercial zoning and then get here to the site plan and say "Well, we didn't really mean that." We can't do that. That is not operating in good faith.

McGill:

What about a development order? Is there something that will come before the Board with development orders?

Ballister:

No, sir. This is a site plan, not a subdivision. So, it won't come back here again for a secondary review.

Watson:

I move that we approve this and if there is a use that

Dixon:

Just accept the staff recommendations.

Watson:

Yeah. That is fine.

Holt:

Second.

Dixon:

I think that covers all of it.

McGill:

We have a motion and second that we accept staff recommendations.

Is there discussion on the motion?

Dixon:

Just explain to them what we just did because I don't think it was plain.

Watson:

Well, I was trying to make it in my motion and you cut me off.

Dixon:

I ain't apologizing.

I call the question, Mr. Chairman.

McGill:

Called the question.

All in favor, say "Aye."

All:

Aye.

McGill:

Opposers, say "Nay."

It is unanimous.

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
APRIL 1, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

Bill McGill, Chair
Sterling Watson, Vice-Chair
Carolyn Roberson
Brenda Holt
Edward J. Dixon
Hal Richmond, County Attorney
Howard McKinnon, County Manager
Muriel Straughn, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. He then led in pledging allegiance to the US Flag and Mr. Arthur Lawson led in a prayer.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. McGill stated that Mr. Carlton Sheffield had asked to address the Board regarding the land use designation of his property located on East US 90. He amended the agenda to hear Mr. Sheffield's request following the County Attorney's Agenda.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER DIXON THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO
APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 25, 26, 2003 Special Meeting

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE STATED MEETING.

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

Family Law Ordinance

County Attorney Hal Richmond requested permission to advertise an ordinance under the Family Law Assistance Program

(FLAP). He introduced Ms. Loretta Galeener, Deputy Court Administrator to explain the purpose of the ordinance.

Ms. Galeener, the Circuit Liaison Officer for Gadsden County, spoke very briefly and then introduced Ms. Dana Dowling who explained the program and how it works.

Ms. Dowling stated that they had been assisting the litigants do self-representation in Gadsden, County since 2001. She asked that the County pass an ordinance that would allow them to charge an additional service fee to offset the costs of the program. The additional fee will help fund another person to come to Gadsden County and assist the Family Law litigants.

Discussion followed.

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(B)CARLTON SHEFFIELD - REQUEST FOR LAND USE MAP CORRECTION

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Mr. McKinnon reported that the County considered occupational licenses in the 1990's and decided against imposing it because the cost to administer it was greater than the income that could be derived from it. He went on to say that the State now allows local governments to impose larger fees. He said that he has requested information from the Property Appraiser that will show the number of businesses in the unincorporated areas of the County. He asked for more time to develop the data. There was a consensus to bring this information back on May 1, 2003.

Redistricting

Mr. McKinnon reported Vince Long, Assistant County Administrator of Leon County, is willing to do a workshop on redistricting - the process and the issues that will emerge from it. Mr. McKinnon stated that it would be appropriate for the County to pay his expenses.

Workshops - Redistricting and Library Services

He then requested that the Board set two workshops - one on April 15, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. and April 21 also at 5:00 p.m.

9. CONSENT AGENDA - FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Nancy Gee called attention to Item 9C. The proclamation should refer to "Critical Economic Concern".

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE TO WIT:

- A. Agreement with ARPC - Development of Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) Terrorism Grant 03-FT-1B-02-30-01 - ? \$25,000.00
- B. Award of Bid 03-03 to Clark-Munroe Tractor Co for \$25,500.00 Purchase of Flex Wing Mowers
- C. Request from Holmes County - Counties of "Critical Economic Concern" Resolution
- D. EMS Interlocal Agreement with City of Chattahoochee for Training Grant # M2097 to provide weapons of mass destruction training for Gadsden EMS personnel. This grant also includes training for the Chattahoochee Police/EMS station. This agreement is to facilitate reimbursement to the City of Chattahoochee for their costs associated with salary and benefit costs for their personnel attending this training.

10. CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE RECORD

- A. February 2003 Economic Development Report
- B. Letter to ARPC Advising of Appointment of Commissioner Dixon to Work on School Planning Interlocal Agreement
- C. Approval of Modification # 2 to Grant Award Agreement # 01DB-79-02-30-01-H04 The modification reflects a reinstatement of the agreement and a twelve month time extension with new grant termination date of December 11,2003.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sam Palmer addressed the Board regarding the process of redistricting the County for election purposes. He stated that he did not see the purpose in hiring a consultant to do the redistricting in Gadsden County. He stated that he believed that a committee of local people could do the job.

12. CLERK'S AGENDA

Budget Amendments 2003-04-01-01 through 2003-04-01-11

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSISIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

Ratification of the Approval to Pay County Bills- Check Registers dated March 21 and March 28, 2003 and Payroll Register dated March 20, 2003

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF THE COUNTY BILLS STATED ABOVE.

13. District 2 Report

Commissioner Watson inquired as to the mosquito control measures that are taking place. He was told that the Public Works Department is taking measures daily.

District 3 Report

Civility Resolution

Commissioner Roberson passed out a copy of the resolution which the Board adopted. She read aloud "Whereas, display of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience and lack of respect and personal attacks distract from the open exchange of ideas and prevent fair discussion of issues and can discourage individuals from participating in government." She went on to say that she would like for all of the commissioners to remember that when discussing items before the Board.

Public Comments

She said that the entire Board likes to take public comments and it provides the time and place for it on the agenda. She went on to say that there have been instances where the public will make "outbursts" from the audience. She suggested that the Board should not have to tolerate the outbursts. She then called on the Chairman to not tolerate public outbursts and disruptive behavior in the audience. She then asked that the Chairman to instruct the bailiff to escort people from the chambers when outbursts are made. She reminded them of the adopted procedures by which the Board operates.

District 4 Report

Commissioner Holt encouraged training of the fireman as opportunities arise within the County.

She then referenced Commissioner Roberson's comments regarding civility among the Board members and acknowledged that there was room for improvement. She thanked the commissioner for bringing the resolution to their attention.

District 5 Report

Commissioner Dixon also thanked Commissioner Roberson for here attention regarding civility among the commissioners.

**RESOLUTIONS ACKNOWLEDGING OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY
DEXTER JACKSON AND BUCK GURLEY TO THE TAMPA BAY BUCANEERS
IN THE FOOTBALL SUPERBOWL GAME**

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE,
TO AUTHORIZE THE STAFF TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION DESCRIBED
ABOVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN IT AND PRESENT IT
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 12 AT THE PARADE AND FESTIVITIES
HONORING THEM.

District 1 Report

Chair McGill had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

MEETING NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Workshop,
Tuesday, April 15, 2003, starting 5:00 p.m. to discuss

Library Services

The workshop will be held in the County Commission meeting room
County Governmental Complex, 9 E. Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL

The Regular County Commission Meeting
will start at 6:00 p.m.

GADSDEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FIVE YEAR LONG RANGE

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Gadsden County Public Library is to serve the diverse informational and recreational needs of the people of Gadsden County, to provide quality service and programs in a comfortable setting, and to keep the public aware of these resources. The Library supports students at the elementary and secondary level.

HISTORY

In February 1980, the main library of the Gadsden County Public Library opened in the Quincy Academy. It was decided that the library system would include a main library and two branch libraries and that the branches would be in Chattahoochee and Havana. This was in response to the state standard that driving time to a library for any county residents be no more than 15 minutes in urban areas or 30 minutes or less in rural areas. The City of Chattahoochee signed an Inter-local agreement transferring operation of the Chattahoochee Public Library (the only public library in Gadsden County prior to this time) to the County, and Chattahoochee became the Library's first branch. Later in 1980, the County Commissioners leased a small storefront in Havana and volunteers began renovation of the Havana Public Library, the County's second branch. In July of that year, the renovations to what would become Chattahoochee Public Library (the current library building) began. These renovations were funded by City of Chattahoochee, Gadsden County and concerned citizens, with labor and other services provided by Appalachian Correctional Institute, River Junction Correctional Institute, and the Florida State Hospital.

In 1986, while the Friends of the Library were planning a new main library building, the County Commission entered into an agreement with Tallahassee Community College, wherein the main library of the Gadsden County Public Library moved to the ground floor of the building where the main library is now located and operated as a public library and also as the library for that satellite branch.

The first Havana branch was very small. Upon pointing this out to the County Manager, the Library Director was instructed to find alternative space to renovate and lease. The County Manager then negotiated a lease with the owner of this property. The Havana Public Library moved to this storefront in 1990 and is still there. Deposit collections were initiated in 1990 in Greensboro and Gretna. In Greensboro, the deposit collection is part of the Greensboro Library. In Gretna, the collection was placed in the NFEDC building. The Library provided materials and shelving. The organization where the collection was placed agreed to provide staff and to collect circulation statistics. The Greensboro agreement is still in effect and they still receive materials. In the fall of 1992, NFEDC found that they could not dedicate staff and collect circulation, so their collection

was disbanded. However, in 1992, bookmobile service was started. The Chattahoochee Public Library had minor renovations in 1998 because of their ongoing space problems.

POPULATION STATEMENT

The population served by the Library is very rural in nature. The adult population has a high rate of illiteracy. In the 10 years between the 1990 and 2000 census, Gadsden County grew 9.7%. However, according to the Florida Statistical Abstract 2001, the growth was uneven.

	1990	2000	% Change
GADSDEN	41,116	45,087	9.7
Chattahoochee	4,382	3,287	-25.0
Greensboro	586	619	5.6
Gretna	1,981	1,709	-13.7
Havana	1,717	1,713	-.2
Midway	976	1,446	48.2
Quincy	7,452	6,982	-6.3
Unincorporated	24,022	29,331	22.1

More indicative than the growth of cities and towns of Gadsden County between 1990 and 2000 are the census tract growth. This growth takes into consideration not only a city's population but also the growth in the unincorporated areas around a city.

According to data taken from the Office of Economic & Demographic Research's FREDS 2000, the census tracts in Gadsden County changed in population in the following manner:

Census Tract #	1990	2000	# Change	%Change
201.01	3,472	4,587	1,115	32.1
201.02	5,708	6,329	621	10.9
203	5,604	5,739	135	2.4
204	6,325	5,380	-945	-14.9
205	5,054	5,527	473	9.4
206	1,832	2,590	758	41.4
207.01	3,497	4,220	723	20.7
207.02	5,654	5,845	191	3.4
208	3,959	4,870	911	23.0

The census tract data indicates substantial growth in census tracts 201.01 and census tracts 201.02, the tracts around and including Havana. It indicates slow growth in census tract 203, the tract associated with Gretna. Census tract 204, the tract associated with Chattahoochee, experienced moderate loss. Census tracts 205, 207.01 and 207.02, the tracts around Quincy, experienced moderate growth. Census tract 206, the tract around Midway experienced substantial growth. Unfortunately, Census tract 208 combines the

areas around Greensboro and Lake Talquin, but that tract also experienced substantial growth.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of the Gadsden County Public Library Long Range Five Year Plan is to create a framework for the most efficient development of library service and resource utilization within the county for future needs of its residents. The plan will aid library service by :

1. Working toward improving library service to the county.
2. Improving local service to institutionalized or isolated citizens of the county.
3. Strengthening administrative and library resources.
4. Aiding the library in its capacity to identify the ever-growing demand for services, programming, and technology.
5. Aiding in the budget process.

Costs associated with activities are listed. However, they are only for the first year of the project. Inevitably they will need to be re-evaluated annually. Costs with astericks (*) are new items as opposed to costs we are already incurring.

1.0 GOAL: Residents of Gadsden County will have a library administration that identifies, anticipates, and meets the needs of its residents for library services.

1.1 OBJECTIVE: The library will have a well defined, operating plan of service each year.

1.1 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Continue to utilize and refine the Five Year Plan each year.
- B. Evaluate library service yearly for improvements.
- C. Administer grants for e-libraries in Gretna & Midway. (\$98,480- cost of grant if not funded)
- D. Administer Enhancing Hispanic Services II during the 2003/4 year. (\$25,532 cost of grant if not funded)
- E. Continue the usage of computers in service evaluation, continuously refining information.
- F. Re-evaluate library services corresponding to financial resources available each year to best utilize material resources.
- Revise* ~~G.~~ Write the Library's Policies and Procedures Manual by FY2007.
- H. Add security alarm systems for branch library buildings by FY2006.
- I. Educate the Library Commission, Friends of the Library, and the county residence at large about the Library's funding position. Encourage them to increase their support of the library.
- J. Make sure Patron Code of Conduct is displayed and enforced at each Library.
- K. Review Video Policy and Internet Policy annually.

1.2 OBJECTIVE: Library information will be online in all locations by FY2007.

1.2 ACTIVITIES:

A. Investigate costs for Library web page.

B. Continue to work with Gadsden District School Office to update CHARGE site.

1.3 OBJECTIVE: Accurate circulation figures will be accessible monthly.

1.3 ACTIVITIES:

A. Continue monthly circulation reports (Library automation subscription \$10,700 annually)

→ B. Send overdue notices monthly. (\$4,000-postage annually) *mostly over due notices*
Program Announcements packets for Library Commission

1.4 OBJECTIVE: A more accurate and definitive registration record will be kept on each patron by FY2007.

1.4 ACTIVITIES:

A. Develop criteria to better verify the granting of library borrowing privileges to patrons to reduce material losses.

1.5 OBJECTIVE: Patrons will have use of modern and accessible facilities.

1.5 ACTIVITIES:

A. Maintain clean, secure facilities continuously. (\$78,390 cost of security, insurance, pest control, Havana rent, utilities, fire extinguisher check, building repair, 3M tattletale security maintenance main library – year 2003/4) [*Only changes from this year is Havana rent is \$2579 currently, lowering to \$2375 and insurance has an \$870 expected increase due to new Havana building]

B. Reconsider custodial situation at all branches by FY2006. (Custodial cost 2003/4 \$3,400*) [Havana's expected to rise \$150 to \$200 per month due to larger building]

C. Construct new main library by FY2005. (*\$1,200,000 grant & loan)

D. Renovate new branch library for Chattahoochee by 2005/6. (*\$580,000 – grant Currently Construction Grants will only pay ½ of this up to \$500,00. Can count appraised value of portion of building to be used as library and property as part of match.)

E. Evaluate adding branches in Gretna, Greensboro & Midway based on e-library success by 2007. (*Cost will vary based on size of facility and local participation. Cost for e-libraries \$67,905 for salaries & materials.

F. Open the main library until 8 Monday through Thursday by 2003/4. (\$6,572 increase in salaries & benefits*)

G. Maintain equipment & supplies for efficient service continuously. (\$17,779)

1.6 OBJECTIVE: Continue to work towards a faster, better telecommunication network.

1.6 ACTIVITIES:

A. Investigate adding Z39.50 capability to library automation system.

B. Search for ways to automate bookmobile circulation by FY2006.

- C. Use Telecommunication Plan replacement schedule to replace outdated computers.
- D. Assure all 3 locations have usable public access computers with up-to-date software. (new & maintenance of computers & software \$18,663)
- E. Assure all 3 current library locations have public access to high speed Internet. (*IP & communications \$20,028)[IP cost is 169./mo but old system was too slow to branches and appeared to need
- F. Continue to improve speed of local area network & circulation.
- G. Add 20 new computers in FY2005 as part of new main library. (\$20,000*)

2.0 GOAL: Patrons will have access to a balanced collection or recreational and educational materials in a variety of formats.

2.1 OBJECTIVE: Adult circulation will increase by 3,000 during the next five years.

2.1 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Improve adult fiction and popular non-fiction collection by a total of \$12,000 per year.
- B. Weed all adult collections before FY2008.
- C. Maintain a rotating video and audiocassette collection program between the main library and its branches, rotating quarterly.
- D. Improve upon the video collection by a minimum of \$2,000 per year.
- E. Improve the large print collection by a minimum of \$500 per year.
- F. Improve the audio cassette collection by a minimum of \$3,000 per year.
- G. Improve the adult non-fiction collection by a minimum of \$7,000 per year.
- H. Improve the Adult Spanish materials collection by a minimum of \$500 per year.
- I. Implement DVD collection by 2004. (\$2,500 the 2003/4 year)
- J. Implement CD collection in branch libraries by 2005. (\$2,000 the 2004/5 year)
- K. Utilize annual circulation statistics to evaluate purchases for collections.

2.2 OBJECTIVE : Circulation of juvenile materials will increase by 2,000 items by FY2008.

2.2 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Weed all juvenile material collections by FY2006.
- B. Improve the easy collection by a minimum of \$4,000 per year.
- C. Improve the juvenile collections by a minimum of \$8,000 per year.
- D. Add "reader" books annually. (\$2,000)

2.3 OBJECTIVE : In-house library use will be measured and increased during the next five years.

2.3 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Measure in-house usage of materials and services twice yearly for a period of one week each.
- B. Continue the usage of the State Library's Film service as long as possible.
- C. Continue to upgrade the materials request system for patrons.

- D. Continue to use & improve Interlibrary Loan services to provide requested materials. (\$4,660)
- E. Provide magazines & newspapers for browsing annually. (\$5,300)

2.4 OBJECTIVE: Adults will receive programming and larger numbers of and more recent reference materials.

2.4 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Improve reference materials collection by a minimum of \$3,000 per year.
- B. Provide 48 hours or less response time on 95% of reference questions received.
- C. Offer a speaker's service to local organizations.
- D. Offer at least 1 adult program per year.
- E. Weed entire reference collection by FY2008.
- F. Continue to use electronic reference materials.
- G. Consider contracting for evening or Saturday computer class teacher by FY2006. (\$7,000*)

2.5 OBJECTIVE : Patrons at branches will receive new materials from the main library weekly by FY2008 to correspond with increased demand for materials.

2.5 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Consider the usage of a weekly courier service to the branches.
- B. Investigate faster acquisitions process for expediting new material availability to patrons by the end of FY2007.
- C. Purchase new library vehicle to replace 1990 van by FY2004/5. (*\$25,000)

3.0 GOAL : Residents who lack access, are institutionalized or are disadvantaged still have access to library materials and services.

3.1 OBJECTIVE: Patrons will increase circulation by an additional 2,000 during the next five years because of increased and improved outreach services.

3.1 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Continue visiting outlying areas through the bookmobile. (\$7,653)
- B. Increase bookmobile visibility by adding a minimum of 2 programs per year.
- C. Write grant for new bookmobile by 2005/6. (*\$160,000)
- D. Continue supplying materials and programming to the deposit collection in Greensboro & implement e-library by FY2004/5. (grant for \$84,767*)
- E. Send bookmobile schedule to newspapers quarterly.
- F. Look for more effective way of scheduling the bookmobile.
- G. Add additional bookmobile library assistant/backup driver by FY2007. (\$22,020 salaries & benefits*)

3.2 OBJECTIVE: New groups of residents in the county needing library services and programming will be encouraged.

3.2 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Make contacts with all of the local senior citizens centers and adult care facilities.
- B. Make contact with all day care centers.
- C. Contact local social agencies about possibilities for cooperation.
- D. Purchase assistive devices for disabled patrons by FY2007/8. (\$595*)

4.0 GOAL: Juveniles and young adults receive a broader range of services and programs.

4.1 OBJECTIVE: Young people of Gadsden County will be provided the opportunity for at least 30 programs each year. (Programming - \$3,600*)

4.1 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Conduct a minimum of 8 preschool programs at the main library and each branch each year for the next five years.
- B. Conduct summer library programs for the next five years.
- C. Conduct 2 programs annually targeting young adults.
- D. Conduct 8 programs annually targeting elementary children.
- E. Increase the juvenile Spanish language collection materials by a minimum of \$1,000 by FY2004. (Enhancing Hispanic Services II, \$25,532)
- F. Investigate ways to purchase incentives for the migrant summer program following the Enhanced Hispanic Services grants.
- G. Add full time Hispanic Outreach/Library Tech. \$22,020

4.2 OBJECTIVE: Programming and other cooperation between the local schools and the library will increase in the next five years.

4.2 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Make a minimum of 3 contacts with each school in the county during each year.
- B. Consider additional library / school co-sponsored programming.
- C. Purchase accelerated readers in use at the public schools.
- D. Acquire list of accelerated reader tests for all schools in Gadsden County.
- E. Continue second grade library card drive.

5.0 GOAL: The county residents are aware of the library as a focal point for community interest and activity.

5.1 OBJECTIVE: Residents of Gadsden County will be informed of library programs and services during each of the next five years.

5.1 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Continue to use publicity to promote library awareness. (\$1,000*)
- B. Continue submitting newspaper articles in local papers.
- C. Participate in the local civic and cultural programs, such as parades in Chattahoochee and the Black History celebration.
- D. Promote public interest through presentations by library staff to local area organizations.

E. Improve community participation in library functions with a volunteer program.

5.2 OBJECTIVE: All branches and the main library will have equipped meeting rooms available for public use.

5.2 ACTIVITIES:

A. Publicize the availability of the meeting rooms.

6.0 GOAL: The students of Gadsden County receive basic reference and curriculum support.

6.1 OBJECTIVE: The library will have a continuing and expanded literacy and adult education program through the next five years.

6.11 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Continue to work with the Florida Literacy Coalition and area literacy programs.
- B. Continue applying for literacy grants.
- C. Continue to apply for VISTA assistance.
- D. Continue to cooperate with the Gadsden Adult School and programs like Even Start.
- E. Investigate ways to enlarge the "English as a Second Language" program participation.
- F. Continue encouraging and working closely with Literacy Volunteers of Gadsden, Inc.
- G. Investigate literacy informational display units for the Havana, e-libraries, and Chattahoochee branches and the bookmobile.
- H. Investigate working with Quincy Correctional Institute and increasing cooperation with Gadsden Correctional Institute, and Florida State Hospital.

7.0 GOAL : The library will provide an informed, well-trained staff that can identify and meet the needs of each individual patron while performing required tasks. (Current salaries & benefits - \$374,797)

7.1 OBJECTIVE: Staff will increase by at least 3 FTE in the next five years.

7.1 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Add full time Reference Librarian as regular staff to allow Reference Librarian / Cataloger more time to catalog by FY2003/4. (\$39,706 salary & benefits*)
- B. Make Literacy Coordinator full time position in FY2004. Use money contributed annually by LVA-Gadsden to hire Literacy worker (bilingual) to tutor & help with trainings. (\$15,328*)
- C. Provide continuous training on the new technological additions to the library.
- D. Search for ways to upgrade salaries and work conditions to overcome high staff turnover.

- E. Purchase materials whenever possible with a data disk to eliminate original cataloging.
- F. Recommend the full time Technology position as regular staff by FY2004/5.(\$39,706*)
- G. Add second Library Assistant II, Chattahoochee branch and institute evening hours by FY 2008. (\$10,747*)

7.2 OBJECTIVE: Staff will be better informed to provide better service.

7.2 ACTIVITIES:

- A. Provide staff meetings on a monthly basis and implement meeting results for library service improvement.
- B. Allow staff to participate in training opportunities outside of the library.
(Travel - \$4,509)
- C. Search for additional no-cost / low-cost training alternatives for para-professional staff.
- D. Examine the potential for working in cooperation with other local libraries in the future for staff development.
- E. Encourage PLAN to provide more programming outside the Panama City area.

Five Year Plan Summary

Year 2003/4	Increased Impact on Budget
•Administer grants for e-libraries Gretna & Midway. If not funded, need 10 computers, other equipment, .5 FTE Branch Librarian & security (\$98,480 grant budget*-not included in total) <i>will know in Aug/Sep 2003</i>	
•Administer Enhancing Hispanic Services II (*25,532- not included in total)	
•Add full time reference librarian to allow Reference Librarian / Cataloger more time to catalog \$39,696*	\$39,696
•Another ½ Literacy Coordinator. Use money contributed by LVA-Gadsden to hire Literacy worker (bilingual) to tutor & help with trainings.\$15,328* salary & benefits	\$15,328
•Continue children's programs, including Summer Library Program. \$3,600 annually	
•Maintain clean, secure facilities. (Cleaning- 3,400, Security- 12,078, Insurance- 8,432, Pest control-1,125, Havana rent- 28,500, Utilities- 23,000, Fire extinguisher check- 75, Repair- 180, 3M Tattletale security – 1,600) \$78,390 annually [*Changes in costs include Havana rent currently \$2,579 per month changes to \$2,375 per month; cleaning \$150 to \$200 per month in Havana; and insurance rises \$870 due to new building in Havana. Counted as annual cost though there are changes.]	
•Continue Interlibrary Loan program (Personnel salaries under staff, Program-3,460, Courier-1,200)\$4,660 annually	
•Continue to add new materials to collections. (materials 57,150; software- 629, periodical subscriptions- 5,300, Library automation subscriptions – 10,700) \$73,779 annually&*Increased 20,000 over current year	\$20,000
•Continue to work for a faster, better telecommunications network (Communications-18,000, new & maint. of computers- 18,034, IP- 2,028)\$38,062 annually [*We are changing IP providers. New provider \$169 more per month (90% e-ratable) because of need for faster service, need to add additional lines, and problems inherent in current system. Counted as annual although change because change is small]	
•Keep competent, trained staff (salaries & benefits –374,797 2002/3, travel- 4,509) \$379,306	
•Open main library until 8 PM 4 nights per week (add 4 hours to part-time Library Assistant's salary – 1879 ; hire part-time person to work nights & supply branches & e-libraries – 4,693)*\$6,572 plus current costs	\$6,572
•Continue to visit outlying areas through the bookmobile (diesel- 932, supplies- 485, repair- 6,162, travel- 74) \$7,653 annually	
•Maintain equipment & supplies (Copiers- 4,060, postage meter- 1,200, Supplies- 12,519) \$17,779 annually	

security & electricity } will increase with extended hrs.

•Send overdue notices (Postage- 4,000) \$4,000 annually	
•Evaluate bandwidth & Internet service & make changes as necessary.	
•Use publicity to promote library awareness. (*\$1,000)	\$1,000
TOTAL	*\$82,596 new costs 607,229 continuing costs

in addition to State and local budget

Year 2004/5	Increased Impact on Budget
•All of the items in year 2003/4 with the following additions. Dollar amounts are based on current pricing and subject to increase	
•Write grant to add Greensboro to e-libraries with grant & continue e-libraries in Gretna & Midway. (Approximately \$84,767)	
•Add full time Hispanic Outreach/Library Tech. *\$22,020	\$22,020
•Add new library vehicle. *\$25,000	\$25,000
•Chattahoochee renovation before legislature if funded.	
•Purchase 20 additional computers. *\$20,000	\$20,000
•Computer person or firm on retainer. *\$39,706	\$39,706
TOTAL	*\$106,726 new costs

Year 2005/6	Increased Impact on Budget
•All of the items in year 2003/4 & 2004/5 with the following additions. Dollar amounts are based on current pricing and subject to change.	
•E-libraries last year. Evaluate effectiveness & ask County Commission their pleasure.	
•Write grant for new Bookmobile. Approximately \$160,000* not included in total	
•Renovate new branch library in Chattahoochee.(\$580,000 Currently construction grant will pay ½ . Can count appraised value of portion of building being used as library and property as part of match)	
TOTAL	\$0.00

Year 2006/7	Increased Impact on Budget
•All of the items in year 2005/6 with the following additions. Dollar amounts are based on current pricing and subject to change.	

•Add branches Gretna & Midway. (Costs will vary depending on facility & if local city managers will continue to supply electricity, etc. *Cost \$67,905 for salaries and materials only.	\$67,905
•Additional bookmobile clerk/backup driver. *\$22,020	\$22,020
•Consider contracting for evening or Saturday computer classes. *\$7,000	7,000
TOTAL *\$96,925 new costs	\$96,925

Year 2007/8	Increased Impact on Budget
•All of the items in year 2006/7 with the following additions. Dollar amounts are based on current pricing and subject to change.	
•Add second Library Assistant II, Chattahoochee branch. \$10,747*	\$10,747
•Purchase assistive devices for disabled library patrons.\$595*	\$595
TOTAL *\$11,342 new costs	\$11,342

LIBRARY FUND REVENUE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2001	PRIOR BUDGET 2002	APPROVED BUDGET 2003
118	118	3317000	Communication Aid	\$ 11,648	\$ 7,625	\$ 7,692
118	118	3347001	Aid to Libraries	267,141	250,770	282,589
118	118	3377010	Library-City of Quincy	6,000	6,000	6,000
118	118	3377020	Library-Town of Havana	10,000	10,000	10,000
118	118	3377030	Library-City of Chattahoochee	4,000	4,000	4,000
118	118	3471001	Fees-Photo Copies	1,749	1,620	2,000
118	118	3471002	Fees-Late Video	2,069	1,900	2,200
118	118	3471003	Fees-Membership	681	660	675
118	118	3661005	Literacy Volunteers-Wages	13,904		
118	118	3691001	Misc. Rev. Other	102		
118	118	3700001	Less 5% Estimated Revenue	-	(14,129)	(15,758)
118	118	3811000	Transfer from General Fnd	287,000	293,751	287,446
TOTAL REVENUE				604,294	562,197	586,844
118	118	3899001	Appropriated Fund Balance	-	500	14,000
TOTAL AVAILABLE				\$ 604,294	\$ 562,697	\$ 600,844

LIBRARY EXPENSE - STATE PORTION

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2001	PRIOR BUDGET 2002	APPROVED BUDGET 2003
118	123	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 54,397	\$ 76,343	\$ 89,134
118	123	51300	Other Salaries & Wages	4,827		-
118	123	51400	Overtime	22		-
118	123	52100	Fica Taxes	4,467	5,840	6,819
118	123	52200	Retirement Contributions	4,624	5,573	5,134
118	123	52300	Health Insurance	4,718	9,324	12,864
118	123	52310	Life Insurance	69	104	139
118	123	52400	Worker's Compensation	312	377	506
118	123	52500	Unemployment Compensation	-	639	857
			PERSONAL SERVICES	73,436	98,200	115,453
118	123	53405	Contractual - Custodial	2,850	3,000	3,000
118	123	53406	Contractual - Security	10,228	10,030	12,078
118	123	54000	Travel & Per Diem	2,601	3,493	4,509
118	123	54100	Communication Services	10,730	16,000	18,000
118	123	54102	Inter Library Loan Chrges	2,679	3,700	4,700
118	123	54200	Postage	3,881	4,000	4,000
118	123	54300	Utility Services	12,390	12,300	10,300
118	123	54400	Rentals & Leases	20,917	19,600	24,500
118	123	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)	3,312	8,500	8,500
118	123	54622	Repair & Maint. Build/Grd.	1,053	2,700	1,455
118	123	54630	Maint. Agreement Copier	739	3,575	3,575
118	123	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl.	356	-	-
118	123	54918	Ed.-Pub. Awareness	714	1,300	1,500
118	123	55100	Office Supplies	7,793	7,200	7,700
118	123	55110	Miscellaneous Expense		400	600
118	123	55210	Gas & Oil	1,433	1,007	1,100
118	123	55223	Operating Exp - Janitorial	499	800	600
118	123	55230	Operating-Equip Under \$500	532	1,800	1,800
118	123	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	20,950	19,248	25,300
118	123	55402	Software Purchase	320	2,000	2,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	103,977	120,653	135,217
			TOTAL EXPENSES	177,413	218,853	250,670
118	123	56400	Machinery & Equipment	19,856	4,500	10,000
118	123	56600	Books/Publicat/Libr. Matl	1,821	3,500	4,000
118	123	56601	Books	68,052	23,917	17,919
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	89,729	31,917	31,919
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 267,142	\$ 250,770	\$ 282,589

*FY 2003

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Server for Computer Network
Computers
Books and Publications

Total

\$ 6,000
4,000
21,919
\$ 31,919

LIBRARY EXPENSE - LOCAL PORTION

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2001	PRIOR BUDGET 2002	APPROVED BUDGET 2003
118	125	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 187,912	\$ 208,768	\$ 218,692
118	125	51400	Overtime	56		-
118	125	52100	Fica Taxes	14,179	15,971	16,730
118	125	52200	Retirement Contributions	16,249	15,240	12,597
118	125	52300	Health Insurance	15,878	19,248	22,511
118	125	52310	Life Insurance	249	279	244
118	125	52400	Worker's Compensation	2,632	3,045	3,041
118	125	52500	Unemployment Compensation	2,204	2,057	2,103
			PERSONAL SERVICES	239,359	264,608	275,918
						-
118	125	53150	Prof. Svc. Engineering	5,000	-	-
118	125	54300	Utility Services	10,450	13,000	7,500
118	125	54400	Rentals & Leases	10,000	10,000	10,000
118	125	54500	Insurance	4,520	3,000	6,174
118	125	54502	Vehicle Insurance	1,612	1,800	1,450
118	125	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl.	-	2,000	2,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	31,582	29,800	27,124
						-
			TOTAL EXPENSES	270,941	294,408	303,042
						-
118	125	56400	Machinery & Equipment	-	5,600	12,000
118	125	56601	Books	25,972	11,919	3,213
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	25,972	17,519	15,213
						-
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 296,913	\$ 311,927	\$ 318,255

*FY 2003

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Server for Computer Network
Upgrade Children's Computer
Books

\$ 9,000
3,000
3,213

Total

\$ 15,213

LIBRARY SERVICES

Program Description:

The Library serves the informational, educational and recreational needs of the people of Gadsden County, providing quality service and current information in a comfortable setting. There is a main library plus two branches and a bookmobile. The main library and branches are automated and linked by a local area network. Materials available to circulate include a variety of print formats, video cassettes and audio cassettes. There are also reference materials in print and on CD-Rom computer programs, as well as magazines, newspapers and indexed articles on computers for research. Typewriters, computers (for word processing as well as Internet access), meeting rooms and copiers can be used by the public. Children's programming includes pre-school story times, after-school programs and the summer library program. In addition, for the last four years Outreach Services have been provided, taking the library out to day care centers, schools, camps, the senior center and community events. This service is essential due to the County's rural nature, the lack of transportation and the high adult illiteracy rate. The Quincy library also houses a literacy program.

Staffing Detail:

Library Services Director	1.00
Children's Librarian	1.00
Reference Librarian	1.00
Branch Librarian (.50 State Aid)	1.50
Outreach Librarian (1.00 State Aid)	1.00
Bookmobile Librarian	1.00
Library Assistant I	1.00
Library Assistant II (2.0 State Aid)	4.50
Literacy Project Coord.(Program Funded)	<u>1.00</u>
Total	13.00

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON APRIL 15,
2003, THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE
HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING L. WATSON, VICE-CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER
MURIEL STRAUGHN, DEPUTY CLERK

ABSENT: EDWARD J. DIXON
(Excused due to emergency)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. He led in pledging allegiance to the US flag and Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Bradwell of Galilee MB Church of Midway led in a prayer.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was amended to include a grant amendment to the FY 2003 Byrne State Law Enforcement grant.

Mr. Sam Palmer also asked to remove his item from the agenda. (Item No. 8 - Willie Neal/Sam Palmer - Redistricting.)

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE
TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE.

3. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

Resolution No. 2003-009 - Sheffield's Ranch

Mr. Richmond called attention to the above named resolution prepared by Growth Management Director Bruce Ballister. He said that the resolution addresses a concern that was raised at the last meeting by Mr. Carlton Sheffield regarding the zoning of his property located on US 90 east of Quincy. Mr. Richmond stated that he assumed that proper notice was given to all people. Mr. Ballister replied that no notices were mailed out,

but he said that the matter is not a site specific application. He then explained the net effect of the resolution.

Mr. Ballister stated that the applicant believes that his property was improperly zoned in 1991 and he brought the matter to the Board's attention. He went on to say that the Board determined at the last meeting that an error had occurred on the 1991 Future Land Use Map. They also decided that the Commercial designation should be restored. It can be grouped with the other errata changes that will be made to the Future Land Use Map later this year. It was further decided by the Board that if DCA should decline to grant the reclassification, the County would entertain an application from Mr. Sheffield that could allow a hotel to be erected on the site.

Mr. Richmond stated that there is not a dispute regarding the previous use of the property. It is a known fact that there was a motel, restaurant, liquor store and rental homes on that property for many years. He then clarified that the Board recognizes that Mr. Sheffield has continually operated a business on the property and that he has likewise been assessed as commercial by the Property Appraiser for all of those years.

He clarified that the Board is not changing the land use with the proposed resolution. It will merely set the record straight and verify that Mr. Sheffield's property will be included in the errata changes that will be heard at a full public hearing later in the year.

Mr. Ballister asked Mr. Richmond if a precedent could be derived as a result of this resolution. It was determined that it could possibly set a precedent.

Chair McGill stated for the record that Commissioner Dixon could not be present at this meeting due to an emergency.

Mr. Richmond asked if the Board would like to extend a personal privilege to the absent commissioner regarding the proposed resolution. Following discussion, it was established that Commissioner Dixon had not requested that the Board delay action on the resolution for Mr. Sheffield.

Commissioner Watson inquired as to how many errors like this one are known to exist. Mr. Ballister answered that there were 25 - 30 graphical transcription errors made that are greater than 50 acres.

Commissioner Watson then stated that the obvious criteria for him to support Mr. Sheffield's request is that when the Comp Plan was adopted in 1991, Mr. Sheffield had multiple businesses in operation on the property and commercial activity has not ceased since that time. He called attention to the fact that there is substantial evidence to document his claim.

Commissioner Holt inquired as to how long it will take to resolve the issue for Mr. Sheffield. Mr. Ballister responded that he hoped to have the errata changes ready to submit to DCA by the end of August.

She then asked if the County had any liability for the possible loss of a financial transaction due to the County's error.

Mr. Richmond stated that Mr. Sheffield could have a valid law suit.

Mr. Carlton Sheffield addressed the Board once again and requested that the matter be expedited within a reasonable time frame.

Mr. Ballister stated that it depends of the kind of response DCA will have. If there are not lengthy objections, recommendations and comments, the matter can be clarified by the end of the summer.

Mr. McKinnon recommended that the P & Z Commission hear the errata changes in June.

Marion Lasley voiced concern about the way this matter was being handled. She asked that the Property Appraiser be questioned and make it a part of the record. She then called attention to the minutes of the meeting of October 20, 1992 when Mr. Sheffield applied for an expansion of the liquor store in order to have a lounge. During that meeting, the Board denied the expansion because of the nature of the business in the neighborhood.

Mr. Richard Thompson addressed the Board. He made several observations with reference to the errata changes proposed for the Future Land Use Map. He also said that he owns property which is incorrectly coded on the map also. However, he believes that the "Future Land Use Map" is a reflection of what the County wants itself to look like in the future - not necessarily a reflection of how the land is currently being

used. He added that by comparison, the Property Appraiser's "use" categories would not be much different than the County's "Current Land Use Map." He then stated that he felt that the resolution proposed for Mr. Sheffield's property was improper and he was opposed to it.

Commissioner Watson stated that he feels like Mr. Sheffield did not know his property had been changed from "commercial" until he came to the Board for an expansion. He also stated that he vividly recalls how confusing the entire process of adopting the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map was at 1991 because he attended them as a spectator.

Mr. Ballister interjected that the Future Land Use Map was created for the purpose to guide the future development of Gadsden County. He said for that reason, there should never be a nexus between the Property Appraiser's system and the Future Land Use Map. There should never be a connection.

Mr. Richmond stated the following: "When we first got into the Comprehensive Plan and designed the first Future Land Use Map and the current Land Use Map, it was not the intent of this Board - because we couldn't afford to do it and it would be improper here in the United States of America - to take away vested property rights from individuals. At the time we passed it, the map was supposed to reflect the current use because the owners of that property had the absolute right to continue and use the property in the same manner they had in the past.

What Mr. Sheffield and Mr. Butler and others have come in and said is "Look, somehow there was a mistake made. I don't care what you've got on your map, this has been commercial and this is what I do." We had absolutely no right to take it away from them without compensating them. So, if we are going to take the rights away from the people now because of some "use" or changes on the map, be prepared to compensate. That is the bottom line on it.

When we changed and mapped this entire County, as Bruce said, we didn't have the capability to get it down to within five feet of what was going on. We did the best we could and some pieces of property got overlooked and got mis-zoned or errata'd. Call it anything you want. There are people who will take advantage of you that will come in and claim that "Oh, this was commercial in 1991" and you have to look at it and determine either yes, it was, or no, it wasn't. In this case, I don't think there is anyone up here that reflects that this property

wasn't. There was a liquor store out there. He came in and wanted to make it a bar and the citizens who he was renting to out there didn't want a bar out there. These are the homes he was renting to people. This Board said "No, we don't think with the kids out there and everything that there ought to be a bar out there. You can have a liquor store because you already got it." That is what is going on."

Commissioner Holt voiced concern about the possible liabilities involved and the amount of confusion that is still so prevalent among the population regarding the zoning process.

Mr. Ballister stated that the Future Land Use Map is intended to guide future development and it comes into action when someone brings forth an application for development. Existing uses are protected by the text of the Comp Plan wherever it might lie. He concluded by saying "The issue you are considering is -in the crafting of that map in 1991, did somebody make an error in judgment? That is the simple thing to decide."

Commissioner Watson stated "I am basing my decision on the fact that I think there was an error made. If someone can show proof that their property has been changed from what it was before that map was adopted, then I am going to work with them. That is what I am basing my decision on. If 20 years ago, there was no business there, I don't want to hear it. But, if the time that map was adopted and they were a commercial piece of property and they are now zoned rural residential and they can prove to me that there was a commercial business or commercial use on that property when that map was adopted, I am going to work with them."

Marion Lasley stated that she would like to see the Board remove the words "review favorably" from the proposed resolution. She added that she would like to know that the Board would review it objectively when it comes back before them.

Commissioner Watson stated that he would review the application favorably because he thought Mr. Sheffield was wronged.

Ms. Lasley implored them to be consistent in their dealing with matters such as this. She stated that it would be very helpful if they could provide minutes of the discussions that

stated that the Board's intent was never to take away anyone's property rights.

Mr. Richmond responded "I refer back to the Constitution of the United States, and I am not trying to be trite with you. We did not have the right to change the uses of the lands as it existed in 1991. This Board never did that because we couldn't. The map was supposed to reflect the uses as they existed on the ground at that time and there were some mistakes made and because of the whole process, it was a zoo back then!

Mr. Thompson, you know about Shanks and that there were thousands of people there. Everybody had to get their comments in either in writing or presentation during this period of time or they were waived forever. Most people did, but a lot of them got overlooked. What Mr. Ballister has said is that a lot of those old records are gone. Now, we've got to go back and rebuild and look at what was there.

This is an obvious situation. From one sense, we know what was out there and I don't think that anybody is disputing what was out there or at least there is nobody coming forward. This resolution does not do anything except to attempt to facilitate Mr. Sheffield in his ongoing negotiations while he prepares the necessary papers requesting the necessary changes on the map through the errata process. This Board is, as I have stated, not committing. We cannot commit. Mr. Thompson is 100% correct on the notices and everything. The language is just for the purpose of getting that done and this Board will keep an open mind. There will have to be a hearing. Anybody that wants to come in and testify under oath that this was not a commercial piece of property in 1991, feel free to do it. I apologize, I am not preaching."

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD 4 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO
APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN
IT.**

Grant Registry Ordinance

Mr. Richmond stated that he had talked with Ms. Nancy Gee about the Grants Registry Ordinance. He said that he had a concern about the need to inform those people who come before the Board with requests for funding assistance of the new ordinance and all other information that is required by the

County. He said that it was suggested to him that there should be a workshop for those people. He asked for directions.

Mr. McKinnon agreed that there should be a workshop held with the affected agencies prior to the adoption of the ordinance. There was a consensus for the staff to set up the workshop.

Request for Litigation Meeting

Mr. Richmond stated that he would like to have a confidential attorney/client meeting with the Board for May 6, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss possibly two suits - Ashford Healthcare and Metropolitan Cathedral of Truth. He asked for authority to advertise the meeting.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD 4 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO AUTHORIZE A SPECIAL ATTORNEY/CLIENT SESSION FOR MAY 6, 2003.

JAIBUN K. EARP, PHDL, ARNP

FAMU School of Nursing Wellness Clinic - Grant Proposal

Dr. Earp addressed the Board. She stated that she had two objectives for appearing at this meeting: 1) To update the Board as to the activities that are taking place in the Wellness Center Clinic and 2) Ask for a letter of support to apply for a Closing the Gap Grant for cardiovascular services. She then explained that the Wellness Center has been in existence for the last five years providing healthcare to western Gadsden County adults. She said that they are currently opened only two days a week and it has been well received. She went on to say that they conducted a community assessment and found that the need for children services is great and they would like to extend their services to include children and open for additional days per week.

Dr. Earp called attention to a two page summary that she passed out to each commissioner. It is part of a grant that she sent to the Department of Health as a part of the "Closing the GAP" Grant Program. She then asked the Board for a letter of support for the grant application. She added that while the clinic is located in Gretna, their services would not be restricted to just one area of the County, they would serve the entire County and would not exclude anyone.

Dr. Earp stated that she had talked with Ms. Gee and was aware of the ordinance requiring the registration of the grant and she expects to do that. However, she said that her schedule and grant deadlines prohibited her from attending the last meeting. She pointed out that the grant was written prior to the ordinance going into effect.

Chair McGill explained that the purpose of the ordinance was to allow the County to be aware of the grant monies coming into the County and know what they are for and whom they are intended to serve.

Commissioner Watson asked Ms. Gee to explain how this grant would fit into the overall health program.

Ms. Gee stated that Dr. Earp had talked with her about the application. At that time, she told Dr. Earp that if she moved forward with writing the grant, she would still have to come before the Board to get the letter of support for the application and register the grant. She then explained that she would be competing with Pastor Sims of Shepherd Hand's Ministry for the "Closing the Gap" cardiovascular funds. She reminded the Board that they had given Pastor Simms a letter of support of his application.

Dr. Earp reiterated that the clinic has been operational for five years and this grant will allow them to extend the hours of service. She stressed that they are providing services that patients cannot get otherwise unless they appear at the emergency room of the hospital.

Commissioner Holt stated that she would like to see Dr. Earp continue to work with Ms. Gee and move the project forward.

Ms. Gee stated that Dr. Earp has a dynamic proposal and it is being looked at on a national level which would also bring federal funding in from the outside. She recommended that the Board give her the letter of support which she requested.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE GRANT AS WRITTEN BY DR. EARP.

5. GROWTH MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

LUAU Update

Growth Management Director Bruce Ballister reported that he had received a telephone call from Dwight Wilson who has taken over some of the promotion efforts from Mr. Robert Seniors regarding the annual Luau at Sheffield's Ranch. Mr. Wilson stated that they had cancelled because there was not adequate time to prepare for it. The Sheriff's Department confirmed that the Luau had been cancelled.

Commissioner Watson stated that he would like to see the Board require people who want to do special events to get letters of approval from the state agencies that regulate such events - Department of Revenue (for purposes of paying sales taxes) and Business and Professional Regulation (for regulation of the alcohol.)

Mr. Ballister stated that he would like for the promoter to also provide a list of performers who will be entertaining earlier in the process.

It was determined that DPR does require single day special event permit for alcohol sales and sales tax are also due on admission tickets.

Mr. Richmond voiced some concern that there is nothing in writing to document the fact that they are withdrawing the application for the Luau.

There was a consensus that the Festival Ordinance should be amended to delete the alcohol provision, provide that the applicants be required to show proof that they have filed appropriate documents with the Department of Revenue for the purpose of collecting sales taxes and with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation for the purpose of their regulation of alcohol.

6. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Gradall Ditch Excavator

Public Works Director Robert Presnell addressed the Board requesting authority to replace the old ditch excavator. See attached description as stated in the State Contract 760-840-650 quotes from Gradall Company for \$263,318.50. He stated that it was in the 2002-2003 budget.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSISONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 0, BY VOICE**

VOTE, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE GRADALL DITCH EXCAVATOR.

Road Grading Rotation Schedule

Commissioner Holt requested a copy of the rotation schedule for grading roads.

7. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

Vehicle Usage Policy

Mr. McKinnon called attention the proposed policy for personal use of county-owned vehicles. He stated that the policy is based on maintaining the current level of service.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED POLICY.

Commissioner Holt called attention to the fact that the proposed policy reduces the number of vehicles which are driven home overnight from 16 to 9. She explained that her main interest in adopting such a policy is to insure that the level of public services are appropriate to the cost of that service. She then said that she had talked with several surrounding counties and came to the conclusion that Gadsden County allows considerably more personal use of vehicles than counties of comparable size. She suggested that all the departments could possibly adjust their scheduling to offer prompt service and implement these cost saving measures.

Mr. Richmond called for a point of order in that the motion on the floor did not get a second.

COMMISSIONER WATSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED POLICY FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION.

Marion Lasley was recognized for comments. She encouraged the Board to remain flexible with the staff to accommodate the public need.

Further discussion followed. Commissioner Holt did make a point of saying that she felt the proposed policy is an improvement but she felt that they could still do even better and would bring the matter up again at a later time.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MOTION.

Redistricting Workshop

There was discussion regarding getting a person to come to the County to do a presentation regarding the process of redistricting. Mr. McKinnon was directed to contact possible presenters who have expertise with redistricting and knows the Florida Law (perhaps more than one presenter); set a date; then report back to the Board. There was a consensus to contact Mr. Spitzer and one other person. However, it was clarified that if only one person can be obtained, the Board should proceed with only one. A tentative date was set for May 1, 2003.

Mr. Willie Neal was recognized for comments. He encouraged the Board to expedite the process.

Workshops

The following workshops were set:

May 13 - Parks and Recreation - 5:00 p.m.
May 20 - Fire Services - 5:00 p.m.

8. WILLIE NEAL/SAM PALMER

This item was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA TO WIT:

1. Proclamation No., 2003-008 Pledge of Civility
2. Gadsden County Development Council - Feasibility Study to be prepared by Preble-Rish (Possible facilities that could be utilized as community centers within the boundaries of each commission district) Funded by DCA Grant \$16,500
3. Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement - US 90 at Midway (Flying J. Truck Center) with City of Tallahassee 999839

4. Continuation of Contract with Ackuritlabs, Inc. for Landfill Analytical Services
5. Vertical Assessment Associates Inspection Contracts - Elevator Inspections 5-year contract Serial No. 40662 at the W A Woodham Justice Center; Serial No. 26294 at Courthouse, 10 East Jefferson St.
6. Contract for Rehabilitation Work - Lucy Sanders
7. [Ordinance No. 2003-001](#) - Registry for Grants - For the Record
8. FY 2003 Byrne State and Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair McGill called for public comments. There was no response.

11. CLERK'S AGENDA

Ratification of the Approval to Pay County Bills: Check Registers dated April 4 and 11, 2003 and Payroll Register dated April 3, 2003

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL TO PAY THE ABOVE STATED COUNTY BILLS.

12. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

District 2

Commissioner Watson requested that the Board revisit the RFP for the Road Paving and Resurfacing Bid. He asked that they amend it to be a contract for only one year rather than two.

Chair McGill concurred as did Commissioners Roberson and Holt.

District 3 Report

Commissioner Roberson reported that she had attended a smallpox tabletop exercise and found it to be very informative.

She recommended that any commissioner who has the opportunity to attend such an exercise to do so.

Chair McGill stated that he had asked Major Spooner to do an demonstration of an all out terrorism attack. There was a consensus to have Emergency Management to do a Powerpoint presentation at the second meeting in May.

District 4 Report

Commissioner Holt stated that she had been approached by citizens to bring the issue of broadcasting of the commission meetings back to the Board for consideration. She also suggested that workshops might also be televised. She asked that it be placed on the next meeting agenda.

District 5 Report

Commissioner Dixon was excused from this meeting because of an emergency.

Commissioner Watson stated that he had heard great compliments on the Dexter Jackson Day celebration events. He thanked those who were responsible for bringing about such a grand occasion for which the community could be very proud. He mentioned Alice Dupont and Linda Harris by name.

Commissioner Holt added her compliments also.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR MCGILL ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY ON APRIL
30, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

Sterling Watson, Vice-Chair
Carolyn Roberson
Brenda Holt
Howard McKinnon, County Manager
Muriel Straughn, Deputy Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Watson called the meeting to order and then turned the meeting over to Mr. McKinnon.

Mr. McKinnon introduced Kurt Spitzer who was present to give a brief overview of the redistricting process. He stated that he has had a governmental consulting firm for 14 years and is located in Tallahassee, FL. He said that they focus on local government services, management consulting, charter governments, redistricting, etc. Prior to being in business, he was the Executive Director for the Florida Association of Counties for 10 years.

He said that his firm redistricted a dozen counties during 2001/2002 ranging in size.

Spitzer:

Most local governments (if they had to redistrict) probably did it in 2001. The Statutes seem to indicate that it be done in the first odd number year after the census was made available. The FL Legislature redistricted themselves in 2001.

Redistricting is the process by which differences in the population between one commission district and another are equalized. The way that you do that is by adjusting the district boundaries. It furthers the principle of one person, one vote which is embedded in the US Constitution. The Florida Constitution requires that districts be as nearly equal in population as is practical.

Redistricting has become, in many ways, has become an exercise that is much easier than it was 10 years ago and vastly easier than it was 20 years ago. Through the use of new computer software, you can relatively easily manipulate lines in a computer and the software will relatively quickly tell you what the new population is of the new boundaries and what the racial mix is of the new population. We will see here shortly how you can layer bits of data on top of one another. The census blocks, district boundaries, roads, water features, even aerial photographs, if that is available.

There are several criteria that are commonly used in the redistricting process. The dominant criteria are that the districts must be as nearly equal in population as is possible or practical. That is the dominant criteria.

I am not a lawyer, but there are various bits of case law out there that give you guidance as to what that really means. Generally speaking, most jurisdictions try to get the districts where the difference is between the average population, the target population of your county commission districts, the actual population of your 5 districts is not greater than 2 - 3% difference. It can be up to 5% difference. In unusual circumstances, it might be higher than that. In most places, you try to keep it within this 3% threshold. Where it winds up, as long as it doesn't trigger any flags with the federal courts, is a matter of purely legislative policy decisions that you can make.

The Legislature, 10 years ago had a target of 3%. This year, it is lower than that. Most of the jurisdictions that we have worked with have tried to keep it at about 2% points, give or take over or under the average district size.

Secondly, your districts may not dilute minority-voting strength. The Courts over the past twenty or thirty years have come a little bit into circle now. Ten years ago, the plans that they were looking at, they strongly, strongly encouraged, aggressively encouraged, some would say, the creation of a minority/majority districts. They don't seem to be as aggressive in that view as it was some time ago. But nonetheless, you may not draw districts that would serve to dilute minority-voting strengths in your

community. And I can talk to you a little bit about what that means.

You can use census blocks. Census blocks are the smallest unit that the data from the Census Bureau comes down in. There are widely variable shapes; they are certainly not blocks as you might think of them. They try to follow the existing boundaries of either a city block or a road that is bounded by a creek or some other natural feature. But census block is the smallest unit you can use. It is readily available and it just makes sense to use census blocks.

You may not have what are called bizarre shapes in districts. Bizarre, in terms of what the courts mean vs. what you or I might think a bizarre shape is might be different. The courts have said a bizarre shape is a truly bizarre shape. The classic case is in North Carolina; a congressional district line followed an interstate highway. At the intersections to the highway, it reached out and grabbed populations along the intersecting roads with the interstate highway. It did that for many, many, many miles. The courts found that it was a bizarre shape created for only the purpose of creating a minority majority district. The courts threw that out a few years ago.

Let me say this though, similar shapes have come back where it has been shown that it was not created just to further the creation of a minority by district, but it also had party affiliation involved. That was upheld by the court. But in any event, a minority, if the sole intent is to create a minority majority and it has a bizarre shape, that might be subject to increase scrutiny by the court system.

We often try to recognize existing boundaries of the county commissioners, where that is possible to do. The voters have elected each person here from their districts and the voters have expressed their intent in supporting these particular folks, so you should try to recognize the boundaries of the county commission districts, as they currently exist.

Next, you should try to recognize significant natural and man made boundaries. Significant roadways, significant water features, lakes, rivers which can be easily

understood as a political boundary by the members of the electorate.

And last, you try not to split neighborhoods, precincts, cities and those sorts of things. That is your discretion. We try not to split different communities of interest. Typically, those communities of interest are bounded by neighborhoods or cities and that sort of thing.

By far and away, the dominant criteria are that the districts should be as nearly equal in population as is possible.

In Brevard County, the county charter requires the creation of a redistricting committee. It is the only charter in Florida which provides for a citizens redistricting committee. It is comprised by 15 people, 3 each appointed by the 5 county commissioners. They met for 2 - 3 months and held public hearings and invited members of the public to come and testify and get suggestions and that sort of things. They looked at, I believe before all was said and done, a total of 14 different maps. Generally speaking, the maps initially went off in 4 different directions. Then from some of those maps, there were other permutations that were developed. It was a very extensive process with a lot of opportunity for public input there. They probably had 8 - 10 hearings over the course of their work. Pursuant to their charter, their recommendation was provided to the County Commission and the County Commission adopted their recommendation.

One the other end of the spectrum, and it really doesn't matter in terms of the size of the jurisdiction because both small and large jurisdictions have chosen this method, is a process by whereby the County Commission provides direction to the consultant in terms of the redistricting criteria to use. We look at the date remembering that districts must be as nearly equal in population as possible and come up with two, three or four initial alternatives. We can meet with each of the commissioners and explain the differences between the two or three alternative maps and try to get a sense from the Commission as to what your preferences might be. Then we can bring those back to a public meeting and get testimony from the public and an interaction period from the members of the County Commission in terms of what the preferences might be in

terms of the alternatives. Then go from there. We can sort of settle in on one particular or two alternatives and come back another time or another time after that with alternatives for your consideration.

I don't believe that there is any particular procedure in the Statutes in terms of how you go about adopting districting plans. The latter example has been used in Levy, Pinellas, and Nassau Counties. It was effectively used by the Brevard School Board. This sort of a process was really - the ones that we have been involved with, the process with the extensive amount of hearings and public meetings (in terms of where we redistricted) just in Brevard County and the City of Ft. Lauderdale. But that is your discretion as to how you want to garner public input - which method you would feel most comfortable with.

Let me go through this little bit of software here. This is actually several different pieces of software. ARC Explorer is a geographic information system software. On top of that we have layered the census data.

Back in 2001, these were the existing boundaries of the 5 County Commission districts in Brevard County, FL. These are the city governments in Brevard County. You can layer additional features on and we can also zoom in a second. Let me layer in the major roads. This is the major roads and railroads. This is census blocks. For the ease of looking at this, I will shut this city layer off so you can just focus in on the census blocks. This is zooming in here - each of the shapes that you see is a census block. You can see that generally speaking, they try to follow a neighborhood streets. But there is great variety in terms of what the actual shapes are. They are by no means uniform shapes. We can click on each one of those blocks and it will tell you how many people live there. That block there, if I can find it, has a population of 34 people.

Let me show you this other block now. This block has no people. You can do that throughout the whole jurisdiction. The software that we have, when you layer the district line on top of here, it will automatically sum up all the populations of those different census blocks in each particular district. Then when you change the lines, it will re-sum those totals for you.

Now, to give you another couple of examples here, this was the existing districts and these are the different plans that were considered by the County Commission over the course of the effort here. You can see how they differ slightly.

In Brevard County, from a consulting point of view, one of the beneficial conditions early on in this process that we discovered was that two districts out of five were almost right on the money in terms of what the new target was. One policy decision that was available to the County Commission to consider was - if they are otherwise acceptable and they are pretty much right on the money in terms of what the population should be for the current year for 2001, why not just leave those alone. Then they only had to work with three other districts.

We have two maps here for you to look at. One is the Brevard Existing Plan. The other is the Plan I-D which is what they eventually ended up with. Down at the bottom of each of these maps, you can look at the target population, they will show you the percentages over or under with the existing plan and with the final plan that was adopted. It will also show you the percentages of the African American and white and Hispanic population. The demographics of Brevard County are such that the minority population is very evenly dispersed throughout the County. It is nearly impossible to create even a minority influence district much less a minority majority district. So, these are for your review, here.

I will be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Watson:

You mentioned that the County - if you went private consultant, independent consulting, you said that the County Commission could provide you direction. Can you give me some examples of that?

Spitzer:

My suggestion would be - this might be the first time you all have thought about this - I am not sure - I could provide you with a summary of what I have just said in written form giving you an idea that at your leisure you

could look it over and decide what sort of criteria you might want to focus in on during the redistricting process. As a group, you could give me direction in terms of which criteria you feel strongly about. I could meet with you either as a group or individually to get a sense as to where you want to come from there.

There are also other places where the districts need to be as nearly equal in population as possible. You need not to dilute minority-voting strength. These other criteria are very common, but they are not mandatory beyond those.

We could develop 3 or 4 alternative plans and bring them to you. But it is really, at the end of the day when this process is over with, this is a legislative decision on the part of the legislative body for the Gadsden County Commission which is you. You all will be the ones making the final decision on what the new district boundaries are. But, our role is to help facilitate that process along and to try to make sure that the plans that are finally adopted are legal and would stand up to a court challenge.

Watson:

Can we say to try and keep the lines as close as to what we have now as you can?

Spitzer:

You sure could. You sure could say that. I have no idea what the data shows now. I really have not looked at this. I know that in Franklin County there was some shifts in population. One district had to lose a significant number of its current area so that it could get closer to its target population. That was just a fact of life. It was just given the configuration and geography of the County, it bordered Apalachicola Bay and you really couldn't take it from the southern tip. Because of geography, you are almost forced to take it from the northern tip of that particular district. So, sometimes you are guided by the data, but certainly trying to keep the districts to the extent possible fairly similar in shape to where they are now is a very legitimate criteria and one that we could try to accommodate. We would just need to know what the data indicates. If there are a couple of districts that are way over the new average, you just can't keep them too much the same. You could maybe keep a couple of boundaries the same. You could try to do that, but I don't know what the

data would indicate, but we could try to do that for sure.
Yes.

Watson:

What about keeping the demographics as close as you can -
Is that a legitimate criteria?

Spitzer:

You could try to do that, I think. I would have to see if
there has been significant changes in the mix of the
population since the last time you did redistricting. Was
it longer than 10 years ago?

Longer than that. A lot of places have done that. Was it
a result of court order?

Dixon:

It was the result of court order. It wasn't us, but we
responded to the court order.

Spitzer:

In the mid-eighties, a number of rural counties in Florida
were the subjects of lawsuits. Back then, until the
Florida Constitution was changed, you were required by the
Constitution to have at-large districts. There was really
nothing a County Commission could do other than have at-
large districts except when the federal courts tell you to
do something differently. So, there were a number of
lawsuits, mostly in the smaller counties, were consent
decrees, I guess. I have noticed that there are a number
of the smaller jurisdictions that have not re-districted
themselves since the mid-eighties.

We could look at the current boundaries if it has been 15 -
16 years. Intuitively you would think that there might
have been some significant changes. All of this is a lot
clearer when you - the first step, by the way, is to dump
the existing boundaries and layer them in electronically or
by hand. Once those are in the computer, then you can use
the software that will tell you district x, y, z is 20%
over the average size. That is the first step to take.
Then we will know what the demographics of each district
are at that time.

But, yeah, looking at trying to keep the shapes the same as much as possible is certainly a legitimate criteria that we can take under advisement.

Watson:

What purpose does the committee and public input have?

Sptizer:

Well, remember that this was in their charter. Of the 67 counties, there are now 19 charter counties and this is the only one out of the 19 that has a redistricting committee like this. My understanding of the reason for having a redistricting committee that is embedded in their charter was to try to "remove the politics" from the redistricting process.

Watson:

An the redistricting committee was appointed by the politicians?

Sptizer:

The committee was appointed by the County Commission and at the end of the day; the Florida Statutes say that it is the County Commission that approves redistricting plans - not some charter committee. Fortunately that County Commission followed the work of the committee and they were pretty happy with the plan and took the plan as was recommended by the committee. It would have presented an interesting problem had the County Commission not liked the plan and sent it back to the Committee. Timing was running short and if it had gone back and forth a couple of different times, I am not quite sure what would have happened there.

Their County Commission, pursuant to their charter, were not authorized to amend the plan, they could only accept it or reject it.

But that was the reason. This is the only process that I have been involved with where there was an official citizens committee - charter or otherwise - looking at redistricting. There are other places that have had a fairly extensive setting of meetings in different parts of the jurisdiction for hearings. We have helped to facilitate them. We go through the criteria and the process and look at the data, put the new lines into the data and we can see that this district is 10% over and this

one is 50% under. You can get input from the public in terms of them saying "We'd like you not to move this line through this neighborhood here" and that sort of stuff. You could do that if you think that is important. Or we could just develop a few alternatives working with you all and they could obviously be considered at public meetings like this and get the input from the public at that particular point in time.

Again, all of this is much more clear once you look at the data. The data may show that you don't have to redistrict. I don't know. You may be all five or you may be pretty close. I don't know.

Dixon:

We don't think so.

Watson:

No.

Spitzer:

You don't think so, well, o.k.

Watson:

Not even close. We have one that is in line and that is it. We have one district that is about where it ought to be as far as population.

Spitzer:

What do you think your average is now?

Watson:

About 9,000. I mean we have one that is 5,000

What is yours?

Dixon:

My is much closer to the 9,000; it is 8.5 or something like that.

Roberson:

We have one that is 10,000, one that is 11,000 and

Watson:

You should be able to tell me some standard criteria that Boards have instructed you to do.

Spitzer:

Well what we just went through, and I will be happy to give you this in writing. This is pretty much the -

Watson:

Well, all I have heard you say was that you have to get the population even and try to keep incumbents in their district.

Spitzer:

Well, ah

Watson:

Well, that is what he said.

Laughter.

SPITZER:

THAT'S RIGHT, I SAID THAT, BUT WHAT I SAID WAS THAT THE DOMINANT CRITERIA ARE KEEP THEM AS EQUAL IN POPULATION AS POSSIBLE, DON'T DILUTE THE MINORITY VOTING STRENGTH.

Watson:

Explain that to me.

Spitzer:

Well, if you had a

Dixon:

Wait, Kurt, I think you need to add - explain that to him in Gadsden County standards - where the minority is a majority population - would the same situation hold true or no?

Spitzer:

Well, let me answer that this way first and then we will see if I can answer it in terms of Gadsden County.

If there was a district that was - there are a couple of different ways where a majority voting strength can be diluted. The common terms are stacking and cracking. Let's say you have two different districts.

One was a minority majority district and maybe another one was a minority influence district. You re-drew the lines so that the minority population from the second district was included with the minority population of the minority majority district.

Whereas, under the existing plan, you possibly have two minority incumbents. Under the new plan, you might only have one minority incumbent. That is called stacking where you shift the minority population from two different districts into one district.

Another way to dilute minority voting strength is to crack a particular district. If there is a district with 90% African American population, you draw a line so that you create a couple of districts that no longer have a majority minority population. That is cracking.

That is another effective way to dilute minority-voting strength. I just don't know the demographics of Gadsden County. I don't know that

Dixon:

Gadsden County, let's assume is 60% African American. Does minority still hold true, so to speak?

Spitzer:

I think you would have to look at the data. I would have to look at the data to see where the distribution of the population might be. I mean, is the question "should there be 60%".

Dixon:

No. No.

Roberson:

Would it not be that the minority would be in reverse, then? Would it not?

Spitzer:

I don't know. I am not a lawyer, I don't know.

Roberson:

I am just asking, I mean, a minority is a minority.

Dixon:

It is not that simple, I don't think.

Roberson:

I don't know either. I am asking a question.

Dixon:

It is easy to think it, but

Watson:

Would it make sense that if you have a district that doesn't have enough population and you've got a district right beside it with more population, to just grab from that district and you would only deal with those two districts without shifting everything? Would that make sense?

Spitzer:

Well, if the data is such that you have the luxury to do that and it meets these other criteria, intuitively, that makes sense, yes.

In Brevard, the district on the southeast corner was almost right at the new target. The district up north was not as close as the southern district but pretty close. So really, what we did in Brevard was just work with the middle three districts and move those lines around there. If that condition exists here, you could try to do that. But you would need to be as equal in population as practical. There is some variation that you can look at.

Watson:

You said that you could go greater than 5% in special cases. What is an example of a special case?

Spitzer:

In Ft. Lauderdale, we looked at the data is all based on people - not voters, but people. And not voting age of people. Most jurisdictions relied exclusively on total population. In Ft. Lauderdale, there is one district, and I am trying to recall now whether it was either encroached the greater than 5% thresholds and it might have actually exceeded it a little bit, but we had data that showed that the percentage of voting age people and registered voters in that particular district was lower than that in other districts of Ft. Lauderdale.

So, counsel gave an opinion, I think they exceeded the threshold by a little bit, and if there is a good record developed as to why it was done this way, that would be an example. Like that.

Holt:

I looked at a disk that we have that they have throughout the state and it has all that information on it and you can look at it yourself and see what is there. You are right; it has to be loaded for this particular county.

What I was hoping to see, and I know yours is layered, that is true, but I was hoping by having two or three people to say make a choice at least so that we could look at something. That is what I am trying to say. Is there other software out there or are there other options that we are not looking at today? What do you think?

Sptizer:

Well, this GIS software is very common. I am sure that your Planning Shop has this particular GIS software. The redistricting software is not really shown here. The one that adds and subtracts - that is called Maptitude for Redistricting and it is pretty commonly used. It was one of the soft wares that the FL Legislature used. There are probably other soft wares, but it that had been loaded on this machine, you could see, you could do real live changes here.

Toward the end of processing for Ft. Lauderdale, there were a couple of commissioners who felt strongly about one particular neighborhood. We could show them that when we changed one particular census block and move it from District A to District B, how that would reconfigure all of the population data.

That can be done on the spot here. I mean, it is not something that is real simple, just like that, but it can be done quick enough so that it could be done in a public meeting.

So, in answer to your question, I think there are other soft wares out there. I don't know if they are more powerful than this or not.

Holt:

One other question.

Mr. McKinnon, Apalachee Planning Council said they would charge. Who charges? I was wondering. I didn't quite understand that.

McKinnon:

Apalachee Regional Planning Council has done some assistance, too in redistricting. They would, I mean, they also would charge for that service.

Holt:

I understand. If someone else came by, that is the reason that when I looked at this software, I kept saying, is there is something else, do we need to go with this. I was trying to make a decision between when I looked at this software, that this company does this compared to something else and the people that we are dealing with. I need more choices. That is my only point. I looked at that. I am looking at it on different slides, but I could see how it overlaps. Once we put our county in and put in our information in, and look at that information, they would need to know whether we want to go with this type of software, another type of software and it helps you make a decision as to what you want to do. That is my point.

You are right, until it is loaded, you can look at other counties all you want. It doesn't do any good because I looked at two or three. I just -

Watson:

But there is not much - not that many different software packages out there. I wouldn't think, I mean Maptitude -

Spitzer:

Maptitude is very adequate. There are probably other things out there. But then the Legislature - if you are into this for an extended period of time and they develop their own in-house software and criteria that they can dump in, then

Watson:

Well, all the software is going to do is just show you what happens to the population and the demographics when you move this particular line, right?

Spitzer:

Right.

Dixon:

Kurt, in a process like this, how do you go about it. What is the first step? Do you just lay the County out, take the existing lines -

Spitzer:

Right. I should mention that our GIS person that does this is Post Buckley. They have extensive libraries of data state-wide. The first thing that we would do is layer in, pull up Gadsden County in the system. We would layer in the census data, then we would layer in the existing commission boundaries. You can say that in about 15 seconds, but that takes some time to do because none of this stuff is ever completely compatible with one another. So, there is some clean up exercises that have to be done. And, by the way, I would bet you a dollar that your existing boundaries split census blocks.

Holt:

They do.

Dixon:

And demographic neighborhoods.

Spitzer:

When they split neighborhoods. Well, yeah, remember that they can split neighborhoods, but you may not want to do that. That is not necessarily something that a court will say is bad. Most places, that doesn't mean that you have to, but most places try to avoid doing that. Most places don't want to split blocks. I am assuming that your voting precincts probably follow blocks.

I don't know, is your Supervisor here? They probably follow census blocks. To get to the initial map like that one there from Brevard that showed the existing map, if they split a particular census block, to get to the first guestimate on population, we would just have to eyeball that and just say "if it splits it right down the middle, 50% of that population goes to district 1 and the other 50% goes to district 2.

But remember for the purposes of that first map, this is just to get an idea of the extent to which your populations

might be out of balance. You can always come back and correct those things later on. That is the first step in terms of looking at the criteria.

Then concurrent with that you can be thinking about what criteria that you would like to stress in addition to the population being as equal in population as possible. Like not splitting cities if you think that is important.

Then you could come up with one or two alternative maps or however many you direct us to look at, but in all of the succeeding maps, we would not split census blocks. We would follow block boundaries. In most cases new block boundaries would follow major roadways and streets and things like that. That is criteria that you would want to use anyway. That is the first couple of steps you would want to do.

Watson:

Butch, did you want to say something?

I have a question about what the federal guidelines are with respect to inmate populations.

Spitzer:

The criteria is to look at population. Whether they are voters or not. In fact, one county left as though that was pretty unreasonable sort of idea and asked for an attorney general on that point. The Florida Attorney General. He came back with that answer that you have to look at the present population.

Now, having said that, if, I am not a lawyer, but I mean, if it is an egregious extreme, unusual situation that looking a present population does, there may be a way to develop a record where you could not be as strict at looking at that population.

In one county west of here, there are two prisons in one particular commission district. The prison population is by far much greater than the non-prison population in that particular district. I think that in that county, I wasn't personally involved in that county, but I think in that situation they did not count that prison population. I don't know if they have ever been challenged in court and I don't know, you know, what the outcome would be if they

were challenged. I will just say that the opinion of the Florida Attorney General is that you need to look at present population, period.

In Ft. Lauderdale, there have been a couple of jails which is a little bit different situation. A couple of jails in one particular district and they counted that population in their process.

McKinnon:

Mr. Spitzer, I just wanted to say that most of the members from the School Board are here and I don't know, but they might want to ask some questions.

Watson:

Are there any other questions from the commission. If not, anybody here have questions? Let's take the School Board first.

Issacs:

Of the School Boards that you have done, how many of them have you seen where the County Commission and the School Board have the different istrict lines?

Spitzer:

Well, it is probably 50/50. I think that in most smaller jurisdictions, there are conterminous districts with the School Board and County Commission Districts. Is that the situation here?

Issacs:

No.

Spitzer:

Then that is another factor to consider. One of the first things, in addition to looking at the boundaries that we do, we will electronically punch in the address of each incumbent. Whenever you produce a map, it will put a little dot where the incumbents live. So, if you want to try to keep the districts the same (School Board Districts the same as County Commission Districts) that could pose another complicating factor. If this is the district and the School Board Member that lives here and County Commissioner that lives here, then it is hard to draw the line without bumping one person out the district.

Issacs:

Have you ever had a situation where the two government bodies like the County Commission and then the School Board and one of those parties was under a court decree to go single member districts and they had somebody to come by and say we got to look at that district equal but you have to make it meet the litigation pending that basically prohibits that, there are some guidelines that you have to go through. We got to this point through the courts. It was not a voluntary process. Some of the bodies are still under that court order.

Spitzer:

Well, we need to look at the order of the Court and see what it says. In other ones that I have seen, they order, the agreement is to go to a system of single member districts, but it does not bind you to the boundaries of those districts forever. So, I don't think that would be hampered by keeping the districts the same indefinitely. That would have the same effect as why these lawsuits were brought originally. You could run into situations where there is extreme variations in populations, you know, growth patterns in the County and things like that. To not have flexibility to re-do these lines just wouldn't make sense to me. But you would have to look at the order to see what it says.

Excuse my back, I am sorry that I had my back to you.

Helms:

Is it my understanding that the districts must be as equal as possible according to population and that has nothing to do with the number of registered voters in that district?

Spitzer:

That is right. You could consider party affiliation but the dominant criteria is that districts must be as nearly equal in population as is possible. Does not mean registered voters, does not even mean voting age people, just people. Present issue as an example. But certainly you could consider party affiliation if you wanted to. You could consider, it would be another layer of information to put on, but you could layer in registered voters on top of this. The data that we get from the Bureau of the Census is total population and voting age population, then various indication of minorities. You had 6 criteria that you

could check off and any permutation of those six. It wasn't just pick one out of six. So, there are numerous permutations that could be indicated. Hundreds from the Bureau of the Census data. But we don't have registered voters, but it could be layered in, I would assume. We would have to look at it through the Supervisor of Elections, you could layer that in. That would just be an indicator. That would be something secondary that you fitted in, it would not be the dominant criteria.

Unidentified

School Board Member:

How closely do you and the Supervisor of Elections work? Do you give it to them and say "What do you think?" Then go to the Commissioners and say "This is what we want, regardless of what they say?" Do you all cooperate together?

Spitzer:

We cooperate with the Supervisor pretty closely. This process is inherently one of the legislative body for either the county government or for the School Board. But we would work with the Supervisor. I would guess that there would be, ah, we can layer voter precincts in, by the way. I am wondering if in Gadsden County would find a situation where there would be 2 census blocks inside a voter precinct or if you might find situations where you would find there might be 2 precincts inside one census block. I'm not sure how that would work. But we would work with the Supervisor especially now that the other boundaries are already done. I don't know if you are split by a legislative district or under -

Watson:

We are.

Dixon:

Three.

Spitzer:

Three? Really?

So, we would, that could be another criteria that you want to think about - those boundaries, too.

Unidentified

School Board

Member:

In some cases when they give you numbers and you put it all in and then you overlay it, and you say "This is the proposal that the software says", what are some of the objections that you would have so far as - You put the numbers in and say "This is what we ought to do." - then present it. Aside from an incumbent being taken out of his district, do you get many rejections that say "No, we don't want this."? I am just wondering once you get the numbers and say "This is the way it ought to be." How do you work it out?

Sptizer:

I think that one person could probably come up with a plan that they like pretty darn quickly. But it is a matter of building a consensus that obviously with 5 County Commissioners and now the 5 School Board members, but also the public. I don't live here and I might draw a line that splits right down the middle of your neighborhood or something. You all are much more familiar with this area than I am. There are things that might be more obvious to you than they would be to me. So.

Helms:

When you talk about districts may not dilute minority voting strength, that is where this 5% max comes into play?

Spitzer:

No. The 5% max comes into play where they need to be as nearly equal in population as possible. So, you could have some, I think in the Brevard example, there was not one district that was not more than 2% over or under the average size for the new population.

Watson:

Any more from the School Board? Let's stick with the School Board, when they finish, then we will go to the public.

Unidentified:

I just have one - in districts where you have worked where the School Board and County Commission district lines were the same, how have they done that? Have they had one group to take the lead role and do the lines on the map and say "Yes, we like that. We will go with it." Or have you

worked with them simultaneously to try to get both groups to agree on the lines at the outset?

Spitzer:

In Nasseau County, it was more than that. It was the School Board, County Commission and the Port Authority. They have an elected Port Authority in Nasseau County. So, there were 3 different bodies that we had to be aware of where the elected official resided. So, you know, we need to get the database going first, but in Nassau County, we were mindful of not drawing boundaries that would move one incumbent, no matter where he or she was located from their current district and putting them into another district. As a matter of practice, we work mostly with the County Commission. In Nassau County, there were at-large elections. You had to reside to in a particular residence district, but you were elected by all of the County voters. That is different than here.

In Levy County where the School Board and the County Commission boundaries are the same and there are single member districts, we maintained close communication with their staffs and we would come back from time to time with a different map and get input from the elected officials and then go back and redraw the thing and then come back. Most of the day to day communication was done with one single person on their staffs. Just keep in good contact with them, with bodies, throughout the process.

Simmons:

We went through this in the City of Chattahoochee (I can't say what year it was, but NAACP filed suit against the City of Chattahoochee for single member districts), but we went through this process and it wasn't that complicated. And then when I sit here and listen to what you say and when I reflect back on what Commissioner Dixon said, you know, you take a snap shot of what you have now; look at those that needs to be expanded and to what degree and percentage. We have the current lines already established.

Now, I think that the key to what you said is the word "bizarre." You can't have bizarre lines. That is where the problem comes in - when you've got to draw the line and try to pick up a group of people or whatever. So, that being the object word, if you have to stay within those guidelines, to me, it seems that you take the picture, you

sit down and get a working group and expand that to populate those areas with certain numbers. And you may wind up on having to only do 2 or 3 districts. Maybe not, but whatever, but I know those on the west end, our district is the smallest based on numbers. You can't go to the west because of the river; you can't go to the north because of the Georgia. So, we've got to come this way somehow. We know we have to start working from that point.

I just don't like taking a simple process and making it very complicated. I think if we approach it that way and we work together, we can resolve it. I don't see where it is that complicated, myself. I think I could do it within a matter of a week if I had a chance.

Laughter.

Dixon:

May I?

The Member is right. I mean, your district will get severely smaller, so your lines will get smaller. Her lines will get much larger. That means that your lines will get much smaller. It will all probably happen right around Greensboro, Gretna and St. John. That is about it.

Watson:

That's it?

Dixon:

When you look at it in quick snap shots. No, it isn't all that difficult.

Holt:

Let's put an RFP out there let's get started.

Watson:

Hold on. Is the School Board done?

Any more County Commissioners?

I am going to ask the public to come forward and state their name for the record. The secretary needs to know who you are.

Parramore:

Joe Parramore. An observation and a couple of questions.

Watson:

Will you come to the table so that it can be recorded?

Parramore:

My observation is first of all, I have heard the word incumbent on numerous occasions. So, my first question would be - who do you see as your customer? The Board of County Commissioners or the citizens of Gadsden County? Keeping in mind that the Board of County Commissioners customers are the citizens of Gadsden County.

Spitzer:

My client is the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County. Maybe the School Board, too.

Having said that, we would not recommend a particular plan that we think, on it's face, would violate the law. I mean, that would not make any sense at all. We would just simply do that.

Parramore:

So, with the Board of County Commissioners as your client, if there is an issue where it is unresolvable in the eyes of the Board of County Commissioners because there is a shift in lines so drastic that someone is going to be cut at some point or someone is going to loose a power base in a particular district, as them being your customer, how are you going to resolve that on behalf of the citizens so that there is equality in the districts across the County?

Spitzer:

Well, we have only encountered one situation toward the end of the process, there was an on-going issue between the elected body. In this case, it was the City of Ft. Lauderdale. In every other place that we have been involved with, you can always work this out. I mean, you keep everyone involved in the process - public and elected officials alike and we are able to work these differences out. In Ft. Lauderdale, I think I mentioned this little issue with the neighborhoods, there were two commissioners. We had gone through maybe a dozen maps. We came down to - we were headed down one particular path with (inaudible) one general thought - process on a map and towards the last, apparently at the last meeting that they

had, there was still a debate about one particular central city neighborhood. At that point in time, going either way, it would have been legally acceptable to keep that neighborhood in one commissioner's district or move it into another district. The Commission took a vote at the last meeting and they voted to put it into one commissioner's district. Then they voted on the entire map. The final vote on the entire map was adopted unanimously by all five of them.

Watson:

Say that the County Commission, we choose new lines and the School Board doesn't like them, they can go off on their own if they choose, right?

Spitzer:

They can do their own thing. Most of the time, in this exercise, you try to develop lines that are acceptable not just to the County Commission, but to the School Board also. In Brevard County, prior to this exercise, the Commission and the School Board lines were different.

We went through a lot of agony to try to draw districts that were legally acceptable to keep one School Board Member and one County Commissioner within their district boundary. In order to do that, it was just too much of a change for the School Board. Maybe at some point in the future, they can come back and revisit that, but at the end of the day, we couldn't do that.

The short answer to your question is that we would certainly try to keep the lines concurrent. It is cheaper for the Supervisor of Elections to run elections. It is easier to understand for voters, so that there are a lot of different public policy reasons to keep the lines same. If you can't get there, the School Board can certainly draw their own lines.

Watson:

Yes, would you come down?

Allen:

Hi. I am M.H. Allen. Mary Holland Allen. I know Kurt from many years ago. I guess my question, as a citizen, I would kinda like to know and not a big long explanation, but generally, what is the ultimate purpose for us going

through this redistricting process? My thought would be and I think, or I hope, that the goal for you all is that if we discover that we need more fair population representation for our county government, and those kinds of things, then I am very, very pleased and I hope that is one of the main goals.

I wonder if there is anyway, using the computer technology that we have, and if the Commission would consider this, if there would be some way that the initial information could be put into the system and have maybe the first map to come out to be objective, not so political in terms of worrying so much about protecting the existing power bases, but apply those demographic things that are so important and be considered the most important criteria. Then, if the Commission would consider that, maybe, at least, have that be a starting base. So that it would be a more objective beginning rather than a power struggle of holding on to existing things. If ya'll are brave enough, maybe, ya'll would let the chips fall where they may. Then, we could start anew it would be a different kind support.

Another thing I would like to say is that I would appreciate that at some level, not just at the public hearing process, because many of us know that often times when you get to the public hearing process, the decisions have been made and we are going through the motions. I do think some sort of citizen involvement, I don't know if you need a group of 15 people, but I think you need at least half as many to balance out the political interest of our School Board Members and our County Commissioners. I do think there needs to be a balance of citizens.

Thank you.

Watson:

Any other public comment?

Yes, would you come down?

Fay:

My name is Suzie Fay. As I understand from what I am hearing, basically, you, the County Commission are going to be the ultimate deciders of the boundaries. What I wonder is with the whole State being in a budget crisis. Gadsden County is not rolling in money. Would it possible to get a

citizen group together like the lady just suggested? Use the County's GIS system, assuming that there is a GIS system, I don't know. And, have that be a volunteer group.

We, the people who live in Gadsden County, know the County better, just as Mr. Spitzer said. We know the County.

As Mr. Dixon, Commissioner Dixon, said, it should be a fairly simple process if you know the sides of the boundaries and little bit here and a little bit there. I would like to suggest a citizen group give input to the County Commission and save that money.

Dixon:

Question, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Spitzer, God forbid two of us end up in the same district, but just for sake of conversation, Commissioner Roberson and I are in the same redrawn district - First question - After the lines are redrawn and accepted by the Board, does now every commissioner come up for re-election? And two, if we are in the same district and that seat has just had an election, let's say, does that seat now come up for re-election?

Spitzer:

The latter question is a tougher one for me to answer. If you are able to stay in your existing districts and the numbers of the districts stay the same, and if there is two years left in your particular term of office, you continue in your term of office. You don't have to have a brand new election.

Dixon:

And the fact that allows that is what? As long as I am in the district? What is population goes from 8,000 to 9,500. Is there a cut-off point?

Spitzer:

That is a good question. Every place that I have been involved with, the changes to the demographics have not been so significant that the question really came up. To my knowledge, all of the incumbents continued with their existing terms of office.

Now, if this was a particular district here and you lived in this particular corner of the district and the district boundaries shifted like this so that the population of district might have been the same, the people whom you represent could be 90% of them might be new. I don't know the answer to that question.

Dixon:

How would we get to that answer to that question?

Spitzer:

Well you would have to ask a competent counsel who is familiar with these concept issues.

Dixon:

So, there is no set of circumstances that triggers it?

Spitzer:

I am not familiar with any particular criteria. I think there are some criteria, I would have to look at the statutes, that would discourage or make it not possible to have two incumbents put into the same district. I think that is in the Statutes, but I am not sure of that. I can easily find that out. But in terms of how significant of a change to the people in your district does there have to be before you trigger a new election, I just don't know the answer to that question. But we could find out.

Dixon:

Does my moving into another district - who does that trigger another election for? Me or her or both of us?

Watson:

Both, I would think.

Spitzer:

I am not sure. The election cycle is based on the district numbers. I think that is the discretion of the County Commission to number the districts just like it is the discretion to adopt the boundaries and redistrict the districts.

Watson:

You would have to have an election because you both cannot serve that same district.

Spitzer:

Well, we know that, but I think there is criteria in the Statutes that discourage or maybe prohibit you from putting two incumbent commissioners into the same district. We would have to look at that.

Ballister:

Comment. I know where most of you live. Most of these districts boundaries are 30-40 miles long, some of them. They are long boundaries and they are adjacent to literally hundreds of census tracks/blocks. It probably is not going to be as hard as you think it might be to shift a line eastward or whichever direction you want to go and still leave you in your own districts.

would suspect that on random distribution, we are going to find that this is not as big a problem as you might think.

Simmons:

We have our attorney here who has already researched that and if you don't mind, let him speak to that?

Watson:

Is he here? Yeah.

Dixon:

What is he doing back there? Holding out on us?

Finnley:

My name is Shawn Finnley and I am here with Ausley McMullen. We have researched this with the School Board to the extent that those are those issues are the same for the County Commission. The way it works is when the district lines are redrawn, the incumbents, even if they are thrown into a different district, they stay in their seats until the next election that they would normally have. Then the election is held for that new district at that point in time. No one loses their seat as a result of redrawing lines.

Watson:

No matter if they've got a year left or 3 years.

Finnley:

At least that is the way it is for the School Board.

Holt:

We have elections coming up next year. So you are saying that when the lines are redrawn, the person who has been pushed over into another district, the next year they would be running for the new district?

Dixon:

It depends on where they live next year.

Finnley:

So, if they are pushed over, they are combined with another district, will they have to run in that new district next year? 'Cause we have an election next year.

Finnley:

If they were in the new district and that position was up for election,

If their seat would have an election, say next year - if that person, as a result of the redistricting, the commissioner was in a new district, then the district that is now up for election would have to have an election for that seat. The person who had rolled into a new district, if they wanted to run again, they could run in that district, presumably.

To be honest with you, I haven't looked at that part of it, but they would not be in the district anymore. They would have finished out their term and then the new district line would kick in for the election as to that district.

Dixon:

Do you know the answer to the previous question about the trigger? What triggers an election for - well, I guess that answers that as well. Yeah. O.K.

Spitzer:

The change could be significant right now, but it won't affect them until the next election.

McKinnon:

Whenever that district is to normally come up.

Dixon:

That answers my question.

Watson:

Anymore from anybody?

If not, do I hear a motion to adjourn?

Dixon:

Was there some other supposed to come forward?

McKinnon:

No, sir. Just this tonight.

Dixon:

Before we adjourn, the question before us come Tuesday or whenever we decide, how do we go about it? One or two people, I assume, offered up another suggestion. You do it in-house, hire a consultant or you allow ARPC to do it. Those are the three choices before us, as I understand it.

Watson:

Well, the ARPC, in my opinion is just a consultant, too, cause they are going to charge us too.

Dixon:

But they can't compete in the general consulting realm. They are out there by themselves. Am I correct, that is what is before us?

I motion to adjourn, Mr. Chairman.

Watson:

We appreciate the School Board coming.

Sterling Watson, Vice-Chair
Presiding

ATTEST:

Muriel Straughn, Deputy Clerk

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
MAY 6, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
STERLING WATSON, VICE CHAIR, PRESIDING
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Sterling Watson called the meeting to order. He then led in pledging allegiance to the U.S. flag and Mr. McKinnon led in a prayer. Chair McGill was participating in the meeting via teleconference call.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The following changes were made to the agenda:

ADD:

Local Mitigation Strategy Grant (following the County Attorney's agenda)

Metropolitan Cathedral of Truth Lawsuit - It was noted for the record that this issue was included on the agenda which was advertised in the newspaper for this meeting.

Vice-Chair Watson stated for the record that no public comments would be taken on the Metropolitan Issue. He said that it was added to the agenda for the purpose of taking a vote only.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA AS STATED ABOVE.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 1, 2003

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MCGILL, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES STATED ABOVE.

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

Metropolitan Cathedral of Truth

Mr. Richmond reported that the Circuit Court judge had rendered a decision in the law suit of Metropolitan Cathedral of Truth against Gadsden County. He stated that a Writ of Certiorari was issued directing that the Board comply with the ruling and allow the church to relocate their school from Tallahassee to their Church on Rich Bay Road. He also stated that the ruling can be appealed, but it must be done on or before May 9. He stated that there was a discussion at the private attorney/client meeting at which time there was discussion but no vote was taken. It was decided at that meeting as a personal privilege to Mr. McGill to delay the vote until he could cast his vote. The vote was delayed until this meeting so that Chair McGill could join via telephone conference.

Richmond:

Mr. Theriaque, after the litigation meeting, had requested that we either vote to approve the appeal or deny the appeal so that we can do that on the record, approve the funding to do that and also to get it done by May 9. We need a motion one way or the other on that issue.

Watson:

So, there is really no discussion, we just need a motion.

Richmond:

It is housekeeping at this point solely by you. This is a legal decision for the Board to make.

Watson:

There will be no comment about this.

Fred Flowers:

You are not going to allow any public input, is that it?

Watson:

No, sir. We decided at our litigation meeting that this is how we were going to handle this.

Flowers:

I would request on behalf of Metropolitan Cathedral of Truth -

Watson:

This is something that would normally would have happened in the meeting when Mr. McGill could not be there. So, you would not have been able to have responded normally anyway. But he was not present and we decided to wait until he could be present to voice his vote.

Flowers:

Mr. Chairman, that was a closed meeting. I could not attend that meeting.

Watson:

I know. This vote would normally have happened at that meeting.

Flowers:

This is the only public meeting that you have had. This is the only time that I will have a chance to represent the applicant. I am asking you, on the behalf of the applicant, to let us tell you what our views are on the judge's order, to allow us to speak to the Commission as a body.

Watson:

I really don't think that would be appropriate. This is an action that would have occurred at the closed meeting. He could not occur because Mr. McGill was not present. I am going to deny you that. I am going to deny that there be any public comment about this.

Flowers:

Let me comment on your decision not to let me speak.

Watson:

I really don't think that is appropriate. We have one item of business here.

Flowers:

Only on that comment.

Watson:

You are out of order here, sir. O.K. I am the Chairman tonight.

Flowers:

Mr. Chairman, I am not out of order to comment on your comment about not letting me speak. I am not speaking about the merits of the issue.

Watson:

This is the way that we decided to handle this. We all agreed that this is the way we were going to handle this. So, I do think it is inappropriate for you to say anything here tonight. What I would like to do -

Flowers:

Mr. Chairman, you had a closed meeting and I could not comment at the closed meeting. I couldn't be out of order because I couldn't attend the meeting. This is the first public meeting that you have had. I have asked for an opportunity to talk about that, but you couldn't say that I couldn't speak because Mr. McGill wasn't at that meeting. I couldn't have spoken at that meeting anyway. So, I am not going to address the merits, but I just want you to know that as a procedural issue, I think that it is incorrect.

Watson:

Commissioners, I need a motion for whether or not we are going to appeal this decision.

Dixon:

Mr. Chairman, I move that we do not appeal the decision.

Holt:

I second.

Watson:

There is a motion and a second on the table that we do not appeal this decision - that we do not appeal this decision. All those in favor of the motion, say "aye."

Dixon and Holt:

Aye.

Watson:

Is there a motion any other way?

Roberson:

I make a motion that we appeal.

McGill:

I second the motion.

Watson:

There is a motion and second that we do appeal. All in favor, say "aye."

Roberson, McGill, Watson: Aye.

Watson:

Opposed?

Dixon and Holt:

No.

Watson:

The motion to appeal passes 3 - 2. That is it.

What is next?

Richmond:

Commissioner McGill, for the record, could you please state that you are not here tonight due to a medical situation?

McGill:

I will do that. I am under a doctor's attention and I could not attend the meeting.

Richmond:

But you have been able to hear the discussion here tonight?

McGill:

I did hear the discussion and I did make the second for the motion to appeal.

Flowers:

I just want it on the record that Metropolitan opposes this procedure that occurred tonight. We think that it is absolutely out of order. We think that it is appropriate for the applicant to have the opportunity to present what they thought happened at that, in the judge's order. We should have had that opportunity and we want to put that objection on the record. We also want to object to the notice of the hearing. We think that it was not properly noticed. Just want to make that clear.

Watson:

It is noted. Thank you.

Public Hearing Family Law Assistance Program Ordinance

Mr. Richmond announced the opening of a public hearing to take public comments regarding the above stated proposed ordinance. It was noted for the record that the public notice requirements had been met and it was properly advertised.

Ms. Loretta Gilleaner and Dana Dowling were present and explained that the ordinance is for the purpose of helping litigants in Gadsden County to represent themselves in civil matters.

Chair McGill called attention to the last sentence in Item No. 4. He suggested that the word "alleviate" be changed to "reduce."

He then called for public comments. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS AMENDED ABOVE.

PLANNING GRANT TO REVISE THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY

Emergency Management Co-ordinator Jimmy Devane and Chris Floyd of the American Red Cross appeared before the Board. They called attention to the attached application for a small planning grant which will assist the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Working Groups in bringing the LMS into compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K) criteria. He explained the Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM) will provide each county with a grant of up to \$20,000 in federal funds on a 75% federal share and 25% local contribution which will be met by the Red Cross in "in-kind services." DCA will allow counties to contract with the American Red Cross to update the LMS for Gadsden County. The turn-around time for completion is 4 - 5 months.

Commissioner Holt stated that she was in favor of the grant, but she asked that they register with the County's Grants Department.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED GRANT APPLICATION.

7. REDISTRICTING

Joe Parramore, Willie Neal and Sam Palmer addressed the Board. Mr. Parramore spoke on behalf of the Gadsden County Democrat Executive Committee and made a presentation as to how they could assist the County in the upcoming task of redistricting. He explained that they sampled 12 counties in the state (6 counties with total number of registered voters that are above and below the total number in Gadsden County) to see how many of them have completed the redistricting process since the 2000 census. See the attachment for the results of that survey. He concluded by requesting that the Board establish a committee to accomplish the task then allow the Supervisor of Elections to draw the lines. They recommended that the committee be comprised of representatives from the County Commission, School Board, Democratic Party and the Republican Party.

Commissioner Watson stated that he was in favor of going out for a bid to have an independent consultant to conduct public hearings and accomplish the re-districting boundary lines. He said that there is a possibility of some grants through the Small Counties Assistance Program to help defray the costs of a consultant. He stated that he was concerned that the job could not be accomplished objectively with the use of the local resources.

Commissioner Holt was in favor of the proposal submitted by the DEC.

Commissioner Roberson pointed out that the School Board will not be changing their district lines because of a court order that is still in force.

Commissioner Dixon commended the DEC for the work they had done in their proposal. He said that he was in favor of the proposal, but he was not opposed to removing the School Board representative from the committee. He recommended that any action coming out of the proposed committee have a supra-majority vote to pass in an effort to preserve the objectivity. He added that the Supervisor of Election could act as the consultant.

Mr. Parramore stated that he was present at the workshop and he was concerned that a consultant might take the position that his client would be the Board of County Commissioners and not the citizens of the County.

Commissioner Dixon clarified that the Board's position would be to make certain that whatever decision is made in the interest of the public.

Commissioner Holt suggested that a consultant could always be drawn into the process if the public participation avenue should break down. She supported giving the public the opportunity to be actively involved in the process.

There was some discussion as to whether the district lines would be markedly different. There was a consensus that the biggest change would most likely be to Districts 3 & 4, however, it is possible that there could be overall drastic changes.

COMMISSIONER ROBERSON MADE A MOTION TO PUBLISH AN RFP FOR A CONSULTANT TO REDRAW THE DISTRICT LINES. COMMISSIONER MCGILL SECONDED THE MOTION.

Commissioner Dixon recalled that when there was discussion about having someone come in to explain the redistricting process, he had requested that the presenter not be considered as a vendor if the Board should ultimately decide to go out for RFP. He then asked if Mr. Spitzer (the presenter on April 30) was going to be considered for the job.

Commissioner Watson stated that he remembers the discussion, but he never agreed to it. He recalled that the Board wanted to get someone to come in and do a workshop on the process of re-districting. He said that the staff tried diligently to find someone other than a private individual to do that. He also recalled that there was strong encouragement from the Democratic Party to get on with the process. He said that there was a diligent effort to get someone other than private vendors to come in and put on the workshop. When it was determined that only vendors were willing to come, the Board decided to try to get more than one vendor to participate in the workshop. However, it was understood that if multiple vendors could not be obtained, the workshop should proceed as scheduled even if it was with a single vendor.

Commissioner Holt again stated that it is not fair to other vendors to allow one vendor to make a presentation and then bid on it.

COMMISSIONER HOLT CALLED FOR THE QUESTION. THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2 TO PUBLISH THE RFP FOR A CONSULTANT. COMMISSIONERS WATSON, ROBERSON AND MCGILL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND COMMISSIONERS DIXON AND HOLT OPPOSED THE MOTION.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISISONER DIXON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLT TO NOT ALLOW MR. SPTIZER TO SUBMIT AN RFP FOR THAT PROPOSAL. THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 3 - 2 TO NOT ALLOW MR. SPITZER TO BID ON THE RFP. COMMISSIONERS DIXON, HOLT AND MCGILL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND COMMISSIONERS ROBERSON AND WATSON OPPOSED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLT FOR THE BOARD TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH THE CONSULTANT. IT WAS FURTHER MOTIONED THAT THE BODY BE COMPOSED OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS (WHO SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR), A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, A MEMBER OF DEC, A MEMBER OF THE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD IF THEY CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE. IT WAS FURTHER MOTIONED THAT ANY ACTION COMING OUT OF THE COMMITTEE WOULD REQUIRE A SUPRA MAJORITY VOTE FOR ANY MAP THAT WILL ULTIMATELY COME BACK TO THE BOARD. (4 OUT OF 5 VOTES WITH THE VENDOR NOT CASTING A VOTE)

Discussion followed.

There was a consensus that the vendor would draw the district lines with the committee input.

THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER DIXON NOMINATED COMMISSIONER HOLT TO REPRESENT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON THE COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER MCGILL SECONDED THE NOMINATION. THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2 IN FAVOR OF THE NOMINATION. COMMISSIONERS DIXON, HOLT AND MCGILL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND WATSON OPPOSED THE MOTION.

6. Lorenzo and Phyllis Moore - Large Scale Land Use Amendment

- 02PZ-029-201.01-1-10 AG 1 and Ag2 to RR; Dev. No. 01PZ-051-201.2-3-7; Class 2 Site Plan Application Parcel ID 2-11-3N-2W-0000-00431-4200

Mr. Ballister told the Commissioners that there is a current requirement that land use amendments going from another designation to rural residential designation would have to be adjacent to areas that are already rural residential. However, the rule should not apply to the Moore's application because they filed their original application in July of 2001 before that rule was adopted.

He went on to say that the land is in two parcels and the total of the two parcels is between 15.04 and 15.95 acres. (A boundary survey will be required to obtain exact size.) It is located off of US 27 North of Havana. He said that the Moores desire to develop a major subdivision with a private road. He noted that central water and sewer is not available at this site at this time.

Mr. Ballister then reviewed the project going over all of the points made in the attached document. (See attachment.)

Staff Recommendations:

1. The text of the application should be changed to indicate that there is a stream on the property.
2. There should be a stipulation in the development agreement that there can be no clearing of the vegetation along US 27 or its buffer area until the subdivision approval is granted by the BCC.
3. There should be no clearing on the rear lots of the proposed development - other than what would be allowed as buffer area in a subdivision.
4. Graphic design should be in greater detail - the Department will assist the applicant.

The applicants were present. Ms. Phyllis Moore addressed the Board. She was administered an oath by Hal Richmond, a Notary Public. Upon discussion with the Board, she agreed that they would build only site built homes in the subdivision and she would be willing to sign some kind of binding agreement that will run with the property to that effect.

Vice-Chair Watson called for public comments. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MAJOR LAND USE CHANGE AND THE CLASS 2 SITE PLAN APPLICATION SUBJECT TO THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND A BINDING AGREEMENT TO RESTRICT THE HOMES TO SITE BUILT HOMES.

Bruce Ballister was administered an oath by Hal Richmond as to the testimony above and any testimony that may follow in this proceeding.

Type III Appeal of Staff Denial to Subdivide Property
94PZ-017-209-5-10

Mr. Ballister told the Board that Ms. Maurice Mitchell, through her son Garry, recently made an application with the Planning Department to subdivide their land located on Cooks Landing Road into half-acre lots. See the attached documentation for further detail.

Mr. Ballister explained that the applicant first initiated the process of creating a subdivision to be called Talquin Corners and they went so far as to receive conceptual plat approval. However, the applicant withdrew the project in 1994 because they were told by the staff that they could sell one lot per year without having to go through the subdivision process. Since that time, they have sold 3 lots. Subsequently, the Land Development Code (LDC) was revised (2000) and the minimum lot size was changed to one acre. Since the applicant never went through with the subdivision approval, it is not protected by a plat and the staff denied the application to further subdivide the land. Thus, Ms. Mitchell has appealed the staff denial and requested that the Board grandfather the unplatted subdivision and allow her to subdivide the property into ½ acre lots.

Mr. Ballister stated that he could see two alternatives.

The following people gave testimony after having been administered an oath by Hal Richmond:

Garry Mitchell - in support of the application
Maurice Mitchell - in support of the application

George Hamilton (adjacent property owner) - opposed to the application

Jo Ann Hamilton (adjacent property owner) - opposed to the application

Marion Lasley

Ed Allen - opposed

E.H. Allen - opposed

The Board determined that in order to grant the Mitchells relief, it would have to break its own law. It was also determined that the Mitchells are not legally entitled to the relief they have requested, but they would not commit to build site built homes if the relief was granted.

Discussion followed.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCGILL AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO UPHOLD THE STAFF DENIAL.

There was discussion regarding the applicant's right to go through the minor subdivision process through the Planning and Zoning Commission. It was clarified that he is entitled to put two mobile homes on the lots after going through the re-subdivision process with a new application.

Land Development Code Revisions

The attached information was presented for information purposes only. Mr. Ballister stated that the LDC revision is ready to be reviewed by the Board. There was a consensus to hold two noticed special meetings at which time the Board can review the proposed changes. It was determined that the meetings would have to be noticed 30 days in advance of the adoption. A special meeting was set for June 17 at 5:00 p.m. It was also determined if the work is not completed on June 17, it will be continued to June 24.

Mr. McKinnon called attention to several other dates of which the Board would need to be mindful. He suggested May 27, 28, 29 for budget workshops. The City of Quincy has also requested a joint meeting on Wednesday, May 14; however, there was a conflict. Mr. McKinnon was asked to seek alternative dates with the City Commissioners.

Meeting Procedures Ordinance Amendment and Agenda Notices

Commissioner Dixon stated that since the adoption of the meeting procedures ordinance, some routine agenda items are taking far too long to get through the system. He added that the Statutes require two weeks notices for Land Use and things relating to Land Use and it is the meeting itself that must be noticed - not necessarily the text of that meeting. He asked the attorney to draft an amendment to the ordinance and bring it back for discussion on June 17, 2003.

First Reading of the Ordinance to Transmit Small Land Use Amendments to DCA - Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy (TCC) (10 Ac. AG3 to AG2 and Blair (10 Ac. AG3 to AG2)

Mr. Ballister announced the opening of a public hearing for the purpose of taking input from the public regarding the above stated ordinance. He then read the title of the ordinance into the record. He said that a Notice of Intent to adopt the ordinance had been advertised for the first and second readings for May 6 and 20 respectively.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLT TO APPROVE THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE ON MAY 20, 2003.

Vice-Chair Watson called for public comment. There was no response.

THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED MOTION.

6. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

SHIP Interlocal Agreement and Addendum with City of Gretna

Mr. McKinnon stated that the attached Interlocal Agreement is for \$50,000 for the SHIP Program to supplement the CDBG grant in Gretna. The Addendum strictly lays out the terms and guidelines of the agreement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCGILL TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Vice-Chair Watson called for public comments. There was no response.

THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MOTION.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY CHAIR MCGILL, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA TO WIT:

1. Road name change from Branchrelli Lane to Mini Acres
2. Florida Municipality Benefit Plan Service Agreement with Q & A Insurance Services, Inc.
3. Waiver of Application Fee and Permit Fee for Bethlehem Church of God in Christ, Inc.
4. Proclamation No. 2003-010 - Elder Law Month - May 2003
5. Proclamation No. 2003-011 - Honoring Dexter Jackson
6. Proclamation No. 2003-012 - Honoring Sheddrick "Buck" Gurley
7. Resolution No. 2003-013 - Emergency Medical Services Week - May 18-24, 2003
8. Extension of Lease - Gadsden County State Farmers Market - Unit #1, Annex, Land and Scales
9. Housing Rehab Contract for Earl and Tiness Dickens
10. Rehabilitation Agreement and Special Assessment Lien Earl and Tiness Dickens
11. Response from Capital Health Plan to Add Providers For the Record

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Watson called comments or questions from the audience. There was no response.

10. CLERK'S AGENDA

Budget Amendments 2003-05-06-01 through 2003-05-06-07

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MCGILL, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS STATED ABOVE.

Ratification of the Approval to Pay County Bills: Check Registers dated 04/11/03; 04/17/03; and Payroll Register dated 04/17/03

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY CHAIR MCGILL, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL TO PAY THE ABOVE STATED COUNTY BILLS.

11. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

District 1 Report

Chair McGill had no report.

District 3 Report

Commissioner Roberson had no report.

District 4 Report

Commissioner Holt asked Community Development Director Ed Butler if he had seen any communications regarding the availability of federal grants relating to rural development.

Mr. Butler responded that rural development is run by the old Farmer's Home Administration. He said that the Farmer's Home Director was in his office earlier today and did not mention anything to him. He said that he knew of nothing.

Ms. Nancy Gee responded that there is a nationwide grant of \$40 million through HUD for demolition. It has a deadline of June 30. She said that she would send for an application.

Mr. Butler stated that that grant is for demolition of high rise apartments in the urban areas.

Commissioner Dixon suggested that the County must do a better job of running down the federal money and involving the federal officials to help secure some of the federal funds for Gadsden County.

District 5 Report

Commissioner Dixon called attention to the fact that this meeting was the first time that the Board has used telephone conferencing as a mode of attendance for a commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE VICE-CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING
ADJOURNED.

Sterling Watson, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
MAY 20, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

Bill McGill, Chair (appearance by telephone conference call)
Sterling L. Watson, Vice-Chair (presiding)
Carolyn Roberson
Brenda Holt
Edward J. Dixon
Hal Richmond, County Attorney
Howard McKinnon, County Manager
Muriel Straughn, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Sterling Watson called the meeting to order after reaching Chair McGill by telephone. Commissioner Holt lead in pledging allegiance to the U.S. Flag and Vice-Chair Watson led in a prayer.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended by removing the agreement with Big Bend Transit from the Consent Agenda and placing it on the County Manager's Agenda for discussion. The Consent Agenda was also amended by adding the State Revenue Sharing Application.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER DIXON WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THIS VOTE.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 4, 2003 Attorney/Client Special Meeting
March 4, 2003 Regular Meeting
March 18, 2003 Regular Meeting

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MCGILL, THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED MINUTES. (Commissioner Dixon was not present for this vote.)

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

Mr. Richmond had nothing to report other than that he had been contacted by Attorney Ed Blanton who told him that the documents requested from Ashford Healthcare should be delivered by Friday, May 23, 2003.

5. PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES

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Transmittal of PTLEA and Blair Land Use Amendments - Second Reading for Ordinance for Transmittal Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy (TCC) 10 acres AG3 to Public; Blair 10 acres AG3 to AG2

Mr. Ballister announced the opening of a public hearing on for the second reading of the ordinance to transmit the above stated land use map amendments.

Vice-Chair Watson called for public comment. There was no response.

Mr. Richmond stated that the ordinance was duly noticed for a public hearing and the publications had been made a part of the record. (March 20, 2003 Gadsden County Times; April 17, 2003 Havana Herald; April 24, 2003 Havana Herald.)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DIXON (FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION ONLY) TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE STATED ABOVE.

Mr. Richmond read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Vice-Chair Watson again called for public comments. There was no response.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 1 IN FAVOR OF THE ORDINANCE. COMMISSIONER DIXON CAST THE LONE DISSENTING VOTE.

Zemex Type III Appeal of Department Ruling 94-PZ-017-209-5-10

Mr. Ballister explained that Zemex Attapulgitte, LLC, a Zemex Industrial Minerals Company, owns two tracts of land on the Georgia border which they purchased from Milwhite Company of Attapulgis, Ga. in January 2002. He stated that Gadsden County

Parcel ID 2-04-3N-2W-0000-00144-0000 McCall Mine is 117 acres and has been actively mined for attapulgitite since 1966. Parcel ID 2-04-3N-0000-00211-000 - US 27/Bugger Bay Mine - is 272 acres and has been actively mined since 1997. He said that Zemex went to expand its mining operation when they discovered that the portion to which they wish to expand was not designated for mining purposes on the Gadsden County Future Land Use Map (FLUM) which was adopted in 1991 as part of the Comprehensive Plan. It is zoned AG2 and AG3. Mr. Ballister explained that the Comp Plan will only allow mining on property designated as "Mining" on the FLUM.

Mr. Ballister acknowledged that the land was most likely incorrectly zoned from the beginning when the FLUM was adopted in 1991. He said that the error will be addressed in the upcoming errata changes to the land use map later in this year. However, the applicant should not be denied the use of the property in the interim. He stated that he is administratively bound to the dictates of the Land Development Code (LDC) as it exists and he could not approve the mining permit application nor a special exception use. He then stated that he had denied their application and they appealed his administrative denial and requested a special exception permit directly from the Board. (to mine their AG2 and AG3 lands) See the attached documents for further detail.

Mr. Richmond administered an oath to Mr. Ballister as to his testimony.

Discussion from the Board revealed the following facts:

- Mining was being conducted on the property in question prior to the adoption of the Comp Plan in 1991. Aerial photos taken prior to 1991 verify that mining has been continuous.
- The closest other land use other than "mining" to the property is AG2, AG3
- He could not verify the proximity to the nearest home

The following people were recognized for comments and questions:

Patrick Carr, Vice-President and General Manager of Zemex Attapulgitite addressed the Board. Mr. Richmond administered an oath to him. He testified as to the following:

- Milwhite owned the property predating 1981 when it was first permitted as mining property. It has been actively

mined since 1981. Approximately a year ago, Zemex bought the property and continued to mine the property.

- The only access is a roadway from Georgia onto their own property into the active mining area.
- There is a reclamation plan on file with DEP. The DEP permit is contingent on them restoring the mine upon completion of the mining.
- He could not verify the proximity to the nearest residence.
- Zemex expects to mine for an additional 5 - 10 years.

Vice-Chair Watson called for public comments.

Mac McCall was administered an oath by Hal Richmond. He said that he was not necessarily opposed to the expansion, but had some questions and concerns regarding additional noise, dust, destruction to the watershed and proximity to homes. He stated that to his knowledge, the property has been mined for approximately 50 years. He also said, having lived there and being personally familiar with the entire area, that he knows that there are three houses visible from the pit and that noise is on-going - sometimes seven days a week. He added that those are things that should be taken into consideration - not only by the Board, but by the company.

Fred Stanley was administered an oath by Mr. Richmond. He said that the mine appears from the advertisement to be within a 100 ft. of his house. He stated that he was concerned about how it would affect his property value and the noise.

George Betancourt was administered an oath by Hal Richmond. He voiced concern for the noise, dust and the possibility of forest fires.

There was some discussion as to the possibility of Zemex meeting with the property owners to discuss their concerns and questions. Mr. Carr agreed to meet with them.

It was determined that there are some homes in the area that range in age from one to ten years.

Mr. Richmond clarified that this pit was existing when the Map was adopted in 1991 and mining has been ongoing on the property, but they simply wish to open a new pit.

Mr. Carr stated that the company has held a Georgia Mining Permit since 1981. He said that the permit describes the mining

area and the reclamation plan. He also said that with the Florida Mining Permit, there are many restrictions as to how close they can mine to the edge of their property.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO CONTINUE THIS HEARING FOR TWO WEEKS AND GIVE THE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA A CHANCE TO MEET WITH ZEMEX AND COME TO SOME AMICABLE SOLUTIONS TO THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT PROXIMITY AND THE OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED ABOVE. MR. BALLISTER WAS DIRECTED TO WORK WITH ZEMEX AND THE RESIDENTS IN TERMS OF DETERMINING WHERE THOSE AREAS ARE AND EXACTLY WHAT IS GOING ON.

6. PUBLIC WORKS

Pavement Marking Grant Application

Public Works Director Robert Presnell appeared before the Board to say that the County has the opportunity to be the lead agency with the cities in the County for the attached grant application. He said that if they are successful in getting the funds, the project will provide Gadsden County with plans, specifications, contract administration and project inspection for the re-striping of roads in Gadsden County, Quincy, Chattahoochee and Havana. However, he pointed out that the task order will only be effective upon approval of the funding by t. He said that the total of the grant is \$596,053.00 which includes a construction budget and the engineering and inspection.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED GRANT.

Chair McGill asked Mr. Presnell if he had been through the county grants department to register the grant. Mr. Presnell responded that he had talked with Ms. Gee and has appointment on Wednesday to speak with her in detail about the application.

Bridge Repair Bid Advertisement

Mr. Presnell stated that the Department plans to rehab Willochoochee Bridge over Highway 161 and requested permission to advertise the bid documents for the bridge repairs.

UPON MOTION BY CHAIR MCGILL AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE

**ADVERTISEMENT OF THE BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE WILLOCHOCHEE
RIVER BRIDGE REPAIRS.**

**7. WILLIE NEAL - REQUEST TO HAVE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS
TELEVISED**

Mr. Willie Neal stated that he has petitions signed by the citizens who would like for the County Commission Meetings to be televised on cable TV.

Commissioner Watson stated he was opposed to spending so much money to do this because it will not be available to all the citizens - only to those who have access to cable T.V.

Mr. Neal urged the Board to speak to the cable companies and have them provide cable throughout the county. He argued that there are 9,654 people in the county who do have cable access and many of them would like to have the meetings broadcast. He recalled that the County spent thousands of dollars providing for animals with an animal shelter and he said that it would seem to him that the County should have an equal concern about providing services such as cable for the people.

Vice-chair Watson argued that there are 46,000 people in the County and cable broadcast would only serve a fraction of them, but the cost would have to be shared by everyone. He then countered that the animal shelter came about as a health and safety concern for all the people of the County from vicious, diseased or stray animals. He explained that the animal shelter is not an adoption center. No animal is housed there for more than 3 - 5 days before it is euthanised.

Commissioner McGill stated that he could support the production cost for the televised meetings if the Board would agree to reduce the term of the new paving contract RFP to one year rather than two years.

Vice-Chair Watson stated that he remembered that it had already been reduced to one year. However, no one else shared his recollection.

Commissioner Holt stated that she was in favor of televising the commission meetings. She said that she has talked to the other cable companies and several satellite companies and they told her they are willing to broadcast the meetings. She suggested that the County should work with the companies to help them extend cable service. She said that she

felt that the County owes it to the people to let the citizens know what is going on in county government especially with regards to redistricting. She also stated that she felt like televised meetings would give the people a good way to evaluate what the Board does and would bring about accountability.

Commissioner Roberson stated that she meets with her constituents regularly and she had never had anyone express a desire to have the meetings televised - for or against. She said that she routinely writes articles for the paper and tries to keep the community informed of what happens at the County level.

Discussion followed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MCGILL TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TO GO OUT FOR A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A TAPE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS TO BE USED TO BROADCAST AT A DELAYED TIME CONTINGENT ON REDUCING THE PERIOD FOR THE PAVING CONTRACT TO ONE YEAR.

Dixon:

Mr. McGill, can that issue be placed at another time and we just vote on the television?

McGill:

If I can get the assurance that we will reconsider it, yeah. But I need that assurance.

Dixon:

I think you have that assurance.

McGill:

O.K. But does everybody understand where I am coming from now?

Dixon:

Yes, sir.

Holt:

Yes, sir.

Watson:

You are not talking about putting the bid off, you are talking about just reducing it from two years to just one year.

McGill:

The road paving contract.

Dixon:

Bringing it back up?

McGill:

Yeah.

Holt:

Bringing it back up in one year. I will second that.

Dixon:

Commissioner Holt, will you bring it back up during your time at the end of this meeting?

Holt:

Sure.

Dixon:

Chair McGill, if you will restate your motion.

McGill:

I make a motion that we approve the televising of the commission meetings provided that we also get a reduction in the contract from two years to one year for road paving.

Dixon:

Commissioner, I think you need to reduce it to just one issue, that one television issue.

McGill:

O.K.

Dixon:

Commissioner Holt will bring the other part up at the end of the meeting.

McGill:

O.K. I move that we televise the meetings with no restrictions.

Dixon:

I will second the motion.

Roberson:

May I ask a question before you take a vote? The ad that was in the paper Brenda, may I ask who paid for the ad? There was no disclosure on it.

Holt:

Me. They said that it was not necessary. I checked with the Ethics Commission and an attorney.

Watson:

Any public comment?

Richmond:

May I ask a question just so that I understand? Is it necessary to do an RFP under our policy because the amount of the contract for the televising may exceed the authority?

McGill:

I think we have to do an RFP.

Watson:

Sure, I would think that we would have to bring that this.

Richmond:

In other words, we can't just say that we are going with a particular company to televise it. I didn't know if that was part of the motion cause I heard the name of a company. I don't know.

Dixon:

We can if there are certain

Richmond:

They may be the only people that can do it.

Dixon:

Right. There are some provisions for single source things that are out there. If you remember the contract, it talked about being able to show it on the city's channel and some other things that were there that this company has an exclusive right to that other companies would not have.

Richmond:

I think they do have the local access channel here. But I just wanted to make sure whether that is part of the motion or not part of the motion or in the form of the motion, how you are going to address that.

McGill:

I don't think we can sign a contract unless we do an RFP on it.

Richmond:

This may come up later is what I was thinking.

Watson:

So, basically, what your motion may be is that you want to move to go out for an RFP to have the meetings televised? Can I say that is correct?

McGill:

Yes, that will work.

Dixon:

I will second provided that it is necessary and you can tell me if it is necessary or not.

Richmond:

It may be that they are the only people who can provide the service. So, that may solve the problem.

McGill:

If they are the only source, you can eliminate the RFP.

Dixon:

That is what I am thinking. He is a single source and that would eliminate the RFP.

Richmond:

That may very well be the case, I just don't know.

Southerland:

Mr. Chairman, may I speak to that?

Watson:

Yeah, if you will keep that camera off me.

Southerland:

My name is James Southerland and I came before you just to say this. You are not approving monies to televise it, you are approving monies to produce it. We are televising it free. That is the way my proposal read. There is no connection there. It was for the production of it. We have the facility and we can televise it for free and we have talked with the managers in the other communities who said they would be delighted to run the tapes so we will provide it to them.

Watson:

So really, the motion should be for a RFP for the production of tape, provided that it is necessary.

Dixon:

If it is not necessary, can we, in that motion, move that it be given to Southerland Enterprises? Can we do that provided -

Richmond:

I think you can. I didn't want to get into a situation where we enter into a contract and then somebody comes in later and says "Well, you didn't do an RFP and you have done an illegal act." That is for the benefit of Mr. Southerland and this commission as well. I don't know the answer to that. It is something that I need to talk to Mr. Lawson about - the purchasing policies on and then get with Howard on.

Dixon:

Chair McGill, will you so amend your motion?

McGill:

I will so move amend it, yes.

Watson:

Your contract was for 24 meetings, correct?

Southerland:

Two meetings a month.

Watson:

At \$500.00 per meeting if I recall.

Any other comments?

All in favor say "aye".

McGill, Dixon, Holt: Aye

Watson:
Opposed?

Watson and Roberson:
Nay.

Holt:
Commissioner Roberson, was there a reason for the question?

Roberson:
There wasn't a disclosure. I just wondered.

Holt:
O.K. Yeah, they told me that I didn't need one.

THE FINAL MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD WAS TO TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TO GO OUT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A TAPE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS TO BE USED TO BROADCAST THE MEETINGS (BROADCAST WOULD BE FREE) AT A DELAYED TIME. IT WAS FURTHER MOTIONED AND SECONDED THAT IF THE RFP IS NOT NECESSARY, THAT THE CONTRACT FOR TWO MEETINGS A MONTH AT \$500 PER MEETING BE AWARDED TO SOUTHERLAND ENTERPRISES AS A SINGLE SOURCE VENDOR PER THE PROPOSAL HE PRESENTED EARLIER.

8. BILL AMMONS - REDISTRICTING OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS

Ammons:
Hello, I am Bill Ammons, the Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee here in the County. Let me start of by saying that there was a brochure passed out here saying that probably I would argue against equal representation on this new committee to look at redistricting. I wish I could argue that we had inequality and we needed more Republicans on here, but I really am not arguing about more Republicans.

What I am looking at is the fact that down the road when we look at fairness and the appropriateness or any type of the appearance of partiality, that we need to look at this Commission because this Commission is going to be made up of Commissioners that are going to be able to draw or to a certain extent, look at the drawing of their own district.

If that is the case, then there is always going to be a question, "How much did they change that so that they could get the votes in their precincts or districts to get re-elected.

So, my charge to the Commission is this - Reconsider that and think about that and say "Should we have public elected officials in there that are somewhat able to draw these district lines to, you know, possibly influence voters in their favor.

Watson

What are you saying?

Ammons:

With the way this Committee is structured, I would say that we ought to remove or take off or reconsider the vote on having the public elected officials on this Committee.

Watson:

O.K.

McGill:

I don't see a plan here.

Watson:

Your objection is having a County Commissioner and School Board Member on it?

Ammons:

Yes. As far as the choice, if you have a choice of who to put in there, that is something that maybe ya'll should decide on. I am just saying that as fair as fairness and to keep the appearance of partiality, that those need to be changed.

Watson:

After the meeting the other night, someone came up to me and pointed out to me that it probably was grossly unfair for only one county commissioner to be on the committee and none of the rest of us. I am going to be in agreement that we do need to take the School Board Member and the County Commissioner off and replace them with two private individuals. That is the fair thing to do. It is kinda unfair for one County Commissioner to be sitting of the Committee and the rest of us are not. I don't see where that is fair at all.

As far as the School Board Member goes, they are on their own little time line with what they've got to do. These lines may not even impact them for a while. So, I really don't see where they should come into the place.

The safest, most equal thing to do is to replace the County Commissioner and the School Board Member with two individuals.

Roberson:

Now, is it my understanding that the Committee will advise the redistricting, I mean, when they have those meetings, do those meetings have to be open to the public and also we, as Commissioners, can attend those and give, you know, throw out ideas and all that?

Dixon:

We talked about that. Yeah.

Roberson:

I want, you know, the public to know that they can attend, listen and give ideas.

Holt:

And so can the Commissioners.

Roberson:

Right. I am in agreement, I mean, you know,

Watson:

I would like to see us appoint two.

McGill:

I was hoping that Mr. Ammons who represents the Republican Executive Committee would have some kind of plan for us to look at. I know that it would probably get voted down, but at least, (inaudible) in the event we have to go to court, if we don't have a plan from the Republican Party, the question will be were they allowed to put forth a plan? I don't know whether he wants to propose a plan or not or if he just wants to protest the structure of the Committee. That's all we have now, is a protest of the structure of the Committee.

I think as we look at this, we need to look at it in full point of fairness and equity and stuff like that. Even though the Committee would still have more Democrats on it than Republicans, that goes without reason. I think the

Republican Party ought to have a plan presented for us so that we can look at it, compare it to the plan we got from Democratic Executive Committee. We could (inaudible) or reject the Republican Plan, but at least we could say that they had a plan presented.

Watson:

Would you be opposed to taking the two elected officials off and putting on two unelected folks.

McGill:

I think that we ought to take off all of the elected officials off except for the Supervisor of Elections and replace them with citizens.

Holt:

May, I?

Roberson:

Can I make a motion?

Watson:

Yeah, if you would.

Holt:

I would like to say something first.

Roberson:

I make a motion that we take the two elected officials off the Committee and replace them with two citizens and I would like to nominate-

Dixon:

Wait a minute.

Holt:

How are your going to nominate someone when we haven't finished the argument?

Roberson:

If I don't get a second, what is the difference?

Dixon:

No, that is two motions.

Holt:

One motion is all we get.

McGill:

You do have two separate issues together there. I will second that motion.

Roberson:

All right. We've got one motion.

Dixon:

Comment, Mr. Vice-Chairman.

Watson:

Yes, sir.

Dixon:

I get the distinct and very funny feeling that if folks had gotten other people on the Board that we wouldn't be having this comment. Plus, it is the point of reconsideration.

Now, I don't know what the vote was and maybe Muriel can tell us. I don't know but I would like to know what the vote was because there is the point of reconsideration that we need to talk to. I am sure you know what that means.

Richmond:

It has been the rule of this Commission in the past that a member of the prevailing side is the only ones that can have something reconsidered. Which I understand that the vote was 3 - 2 for the nomination - Commissioner McGill, Commissioner Holt and Commissioner Dixon were the prevailing parties.

Roberson:

For the Commissioner.

Dixon:

I don't know. You need to check because there were three votes taken.

Richmond:

For the Committee, everybody agreed for the Committee, but it was 3 - 2 on the Commissioner.

Dixon:

I would like to see it.

Watson:

It was unanimous. It was.

Dixon:

And you are who?

Watson:

Chairman, acting chairman tonight.

Dixon:

But that ain't the point. I would like to see it first of all. You want to talk about fairness and yet you do everything you can to throw dirt into the issue.

If the Republican Party was so concerned, maybe they should have come to all those four, five or six meetings that the Democratic Party came to and presented and the paper was here and they were written about in the paper. Where was the Republican Party then?

If you want to talk about fairness, fairness means you show up to make your point if you have one. Not after the deal is done. If you want to talk about fairness, what is the problem with elected officials?

As far as I know, Shirley Knight has the trust of everyone I know. Commissioner Holt was elected at a 75 - 80% clip by her constituents. What is the problem with fairness there? Not to mention that everything comes back to this body. Nobody seemed to have a problem with that. As a matter of fact, those folks who are now voting to change the Committee didn't want the Committee at all. They wanted everything to come back to this body.

Now, unless you are empowering to be the final arbitor, what are you doing? What is the point? If you came prepared with names to go before, I think we ought to all be given the opportunity to bring names to this body.

I know there is a plan afoot somewhere with somebody in it, but I would certainly like to be given an opportunity to put names forward.

If you say that the vote was 5 - 0 for the Committee, then you certainly have the right to reconsider, but you need to take the vote to reconsider like anybody else and do things right and proper.

But if you guys want to sit here and play "footsie" with the Committee, then let's play "footsie". It is on. We are going to play "footsie."

Watson:

As far as the reconsideration thing goes, we just reconsidered the production of the meetings and that was voted for and settled and I didn't hear your argument about reconsideration then.

Dixon:

And it should have been done.

Watson:

Well, but it wasn't and I didn't hear your argument then.

Dixon:

Did one man who voted against it, who was on the prevailing side, make the motion? Neither you nor Commissioner Holt didn't. The point of the matter is - now that you know better, do better.

Watson:

I did not hear your argument then.

Dixon:

Commissioner, now that you know better, do better.

Watson:

Commissioner, I did not hear your argument for the production that I am hearing now.

Dixon:

Commissioner, now that you know better, do better.

Watson:

I will ask you to do the same.

We have a motion and a second.

Holt:

I have a question. Since I happened to be in the middle of all of this, I think it is an unfair seat to be in, but this Commission agreed 5 - 0 to have this Committee just like it was. Now, if we all agreed for it to be like this unanimously.

All of a sudden we have a change of heart when the Republican Party shows up. O.K. They have a representative on the Committee that is a 20% vote out of five people. They do not represent 20% of the population. As a matter of fact, they represent 10.9% of the population. In one vote on that Committee, they will be using 9.1% more power than they deserve because they do not present that many people in this County. So, they show up late.

We had meetings. It was advertised. You should have been here. District 4, if we go back and re-do these districts into an equal number of people within the district, stands to lose 2,486 people in their district and probably move into District 3. District 3 needs 3,705 people in their district.

No district will be any more or less than the other at 9,017 people in the smaller districts and 9,018 in the larger districts. Now, those people, as a matter of fact, District 3 has to swing around to 4 and that is where the argument is coming in. We might as well lay the cards on the table. No other district has increase that much except District 3. So, that really looks as if Commissioner Roberson and Commissioner Holt have a problem with moving lines. Everyone else is pretty satisfied with theirs.

I see no problem, I have no problem working with Commissioner Roberson in that situation. None whatsoever. But I think it is sad that District 4 is going to be chopped to pieces and you are saying that you have a representative for this Committee. I think that District 4 deserves a representative for the Committee. They are the one that is being chopped to death. It doesn't make any sense that you come in and say that you already have a person.

Roberson:

I just said that I was going to offer a person.

Holt:

O.K. I don't see, I think the offer should come out of a district that is losing a large number of members. To be honest with you, if I ever decide to run again, I am going door to door and beat it to death anyway. So, I am not going to argue that point. But, what I saying is this.

Roberson:
Inaudible.

Dixon:
It doesn't matter.

Holt:
What happens is where the lines fall at over there, it is not really anything else. But it does make a lot of sense to come back at a later date and say - the thing that really bothers me about it is that it is not just a citizen that came and complained.

I mean we have "Dixiecrats" all over this County. You know it, I know it and everyone else knows it. They pretend to be Democrats, they register as Democrats and they vote Republican and they do everything in their power to make sure that this County stays the same. All we are asking for is for a little bit of change. Let's move up a little bit.

Now, if there are no elected officials on the Committee, that is fine. But you are going to end up with a bunch of "Dixiecrats" on the Committee anyway. That is my only point.

If we could find something that was fair and was not to say "I am always in charge" because you have been in charge for over 400 years and I can deal with it. But I cannot deal with it when two commissioners, side by side, two districts that are side by side, cannot work together and we have to bring someone who didn't come to any of the other meetings. They didn't think enough to come.

Thank you very much Mr. Chairman.

Watson:
Vice-Chairman.

Holt:
Mr. Vice-Chairman, Thank you.

Watson:
Is there any other comment?

Roberson:

All I was going to say is that the two people I was going to nominate, one was out of her district and one was in my district. One was Republican and one was a Democrat. One was a black man and one was a white man. I was just looking at it as fairness.

Dixon:

Why? Because he is black?

Roberson:

No, because you were having a citizen

Holt:

Mr. Chairman.

Dixon:

Watson is a Republican but he is registered as a Democrat.

Holt:

He is a registered Democrat.

Dixon:

He is a Republican, but he is registered as a Democrat. Where is the fairness in that?

Holt:

You could be any nationality and be a "Dixiecrat."

Dixon:

Mr. Chairman, Don't bring me all these facades. If you are going to do what you are going to do, do it. But don't disguise it. If you want to lighten up the Committee, fine. If you want more Republicans disguised as Democrats on the Committee, say that and let's move on.

Watson:

O.K. Mr. Parramore. Will you state your name, please.

Parramore:

Joe Parramore.

First of all, with all due respect to Mr. Ammons in trying to de-politicize this issue, this issue will never be de-politicized because whatever the Committee submits to the constitutional authority, Gadsden County is ultimate responsible for saying yea or nay. So, you can't de-

politicize the issue however you cut the mustard. It will not happen.

Now, when we made this initial proposal, we took into consideration equity across district lines and fairness. I had a meeting with Superintendent Dupont this afternoon. One of the items we discussed was the re-districting issue. He had already sent a letter to Mr. McKinnon with an appointee from the School Board to this particular Committee so we can move on with this task.

What I would urge this Commission to do is give the Committee the opportunity to present to you with a proposal. If you don't like it, you don't have to vote on it. All we are looking at is the process. The process is all this committee would be involved in. You still have the responsibility as a constitutional authority of Gadsden County to say yes or no.

Watson:

It is unfair for one Commissioner to be on that Committee and four others not to be.

Dixon:

There are many boards where we appoint one Commissioner to serve. ARPC, Transportation Planning Board, there are many boards.

Watson:

That is apples and oranges.

Dixon:

They are not apples and oranges. Mr. Parramore, hold on a minute. You need to realize that there are many opportunities when one of the commissioners is sent from this Board to represent this body, no matter what the issue is, we expect them to be as fair as they can and as impartial as they can and they go and do a good job and come back.

For you to sit here and talk to any Commissioner and say that they can't be fair or impartial is degrading to any commissioner on this Board and I resent it.

Watson:

That's fine.

Dixon:

Like hell, I resent it. You have no authority or right and I am really concerned that Mr. McGill agrees with you.

McGill:

I will speak to fairness, again. I thought about it at the time we voted before and I had some questions with it then, but it was too late to bring it up then. That is why I wanted to bring it up tonight.

Watson:

We have a motion and a second to reconsider taking the County Commissioner and the School Board Member off of the Redistricting Committee and replace them with two individuals.

Holt:

There is someone in the audience.

Lyons:

My name is Bill Lyons. I was sitting here listening to it and what I see is two Commissioners here that are trying to say "We don't want Brenda Holt on there, we want one of our own hand picked people to do this."

Holt:

That is what they want.

Lyons:

So, if you are going to make a motion to do this, you had better make sure that you are not just taking some surrogate that is going to do it. What I really feel and what I have seen is that because certain commissioners are afraid that they are going to loose their seat through this redistricting, they have then tried to move this process away from a process to insure fairness to a process that is sure to fail them being re-elected. That is the one thing that it will make sure that they will not be re-elected.

Anyway, if citizens are going to be on there, I don't want them to be appointed by the Commission. There needs to be another process. Otherwise, all you are doing is giving a surrogate for what you've already got. Meanwhile, I trust any member of the Committee to do this job.

Parramore:

I just have one last challenge, Mr. Chairman. I would challenge the Commission on the reconsideration. I believe it is Robert's Rules, Page 310, if my memory serves me correctly, the reconsideration has to be done on the night the original motion was taken. So, I challenge the Commission to look into that.

Holt:

And it is sitting right here.

Watson:

We haven't adopted Roberts Rules of Order.

Sam Hawkins

I want to repeat a statement that Mr. McGill made himself and that is "I don't care about the rest of the districts, just mine." So, if he don't care, how can you make a decision on the rest of these districts if you don't care?

Watson:

I didn't hear him say that.

Hawkins:

I did. I am a witness that he said it. Sitting right there after the meeting. He said and I quote word for word "I do not care about the rest of these districts, just mine." Now, if that is the attitude of a Commissioner on this Board, I think it is poor. Now, how can he make a decision rational and intelligent with that type of attitude?

Thank you.

Watson:

Motion and second, all in favor of the motion say "Aye."

Dixon:

Wait a minute, one more question. Hold on, steady the rope. What is the question?

Watson:

I don't have a question.

Dixon:

What is the question that we are voting on?

Watson:

To take the elected officials, the two elected officials, the County Commissioner and the School Board Member off the Committee and replace them with two un-elected citizens. That is the motion.

Holt:

Appointed by who? I mean, how do we go about that?

Watson:

It was be appointed.

Dixon:

Another Committee?

Holt:

Form another committee to select that Committee?

We are not leaving anything here for us to do.

Watson:

All in favor of the motion, say "aye."

McGill, Watson, Roberson: Aye.

Watson:

Opposed?

Holt and Dixon:

No.

Holt:

Let's move on.

Dixon:

You want to tell me how the two citizens get there?

Watson:

Appoint them.

Dixon:

What is the process?

Watson:

Somebody make a motion.

Holt:

I move that the person is appointed from District 4.

Roberson:

One of the, I believe that one of the persons, I will throw out two names and if you don't like them, you can give me your opinion. One of the gentlemen that I was going to suggest was Mr. Jim Corbin. I don't know if ya'll know him.

Holt:

What? Wait a minute. You didn't. You didn't say that. You didn't say that.

Dixon:

Wait a minute, wait a minute. Wait a minute. Jim Corbin, James Corbin, the Chairman of the Trustees of FAMU?

Holt:

Yeah, that one. Jeb Bush.

Dixon:

Like I told you, if you want some more Republicans, he is a Republican. Now, if you just want to put some Republicans on the Board, do that.

Roberson:

The other one is Craig McMillan.

Dixon:

Wait a minute. How stupid are we?

Holt:

Yeah.

Dixon:

To sit here and allow you to trout out a black man and we are suppose to just roll with him just because he is black?

Roberson:

No.

Dixon:

And he knows that he is one of the biggest Republicans in the State, not just the County, but in the State.

Watson:

What is wrong with a Republican?

Holt:

You already have a Republican on the Committee.

Dixon:

Don't insult my intelligence like that.

Watson:

Who is insulting your intelligence? She offered two names.
She offered two names.

Dixon:

Trout out a black man and hope that I go along with it just because he is a black man. I don't believe you. Just a minute ago, you said he wasn't a Republican.

Roberson:

No, I did not. I said one was a Republican and one was a Democrat.

Dixon:

Who is the Republican?

Roberson:

He is the Republican.

Dixon:

Oh, he is the Republican. I really want to hear who the Democrat is.

Roberson:

Craig McMillan.

Huge laughter.

Holt:

NO, you didn't. I just know you didn't.

Dixon:

How insulting. I don't believe you.

Roberson:

O.K.

Watson:

What is insulting is the reaction that I am hearing here tonight. It is unbelievable.

Dixon:

You know what? You should have enough sense to expect this or worse. What is unbelievable is the sheer brassness that you would trot up in here and

Roberson:

Well, who would suggest?

Dixon:

I will come back with two names, that is not a problem. Mr. Lyons, you want to be on the Board?

Lyons:

Yes.

Dixon:

I appoint Mr. Lyons. Is there anybody else?

Holt:

Right here, I appoint Ms. Woods.

Watson:

I think that we need to

Dixon:

I don't have a problem. Mr. Lyons is just about as fair a man as I have heard all night.

Mr. Lyons, are you interested.

Lyons:

Yeah, I am interested.

Holt:

Ms. Woods, raise your hand. Ms. Woods, are you interested? Right here sitting in the audience waiting. I appoint her.

Dixon:

I don't know her, she is black.

Holt:

She is a Democrat, too.

Dixon:

I don't care.

Holt:

Isn't that awful?

Dixon:

I am not supposed to care if she is black.

Holt:

Oh, yeah, that's right.

Roberson:

I did not say that. (inaudible) I made a motion.

Dixon:

Mr. Chairman, if I am in order,

Watson:

Did you make a motion? She made a motion.

Dixon:

To what?

Roberson:

I told you what my motion was.

Holt:

How can you?

Roberson:

I told you the two names that I threw out there. I have a
right to make a motion just the same as you do. Am I not
a Commissioner?

Dixon:

You are.

Roberson:

Thank you, sir.

Watson:

What was your motion, Commissioner?

Roberson:

I nominated Jim Corbin and Craig McMillan.

Watson:

Is there a second to the motion?

McGill:

Before we act on that, there is some question about the process at this point. Could we hold off and look at it again at the next meeting and give us time to cool down a little bit?

Holt:

Mr. Chairman, Mr. McGill, how can we calm down and settle down when we have a coup against us. There is no calming down and settling down in this process. We are trying to figure out who got paid first.

Roberson:

Well, nobody got paid.

Holt:

Someone got something.

Roberson:

Nobody got anything.

Holt:

Someone got something.

Roberson:

Nobody got anything. When things go your way, nobody got paid when things go your way, just when it goes my way.

Holt:

You mean when people are contracted when they are not supposed to? You mean when people are doing something on property that that they are not supposed to be? You mean when people of doing stuff on private property they are not suppose to?

Thank you, sir. O.K.

Roberson:

Excuse me. Be careful.

Watson:

Let's have a point of order here. Hold on. Let's have a point of order here. Let's keep this civil.

Dixon:

Oh, now you want to be civil.

Holt:

You want to be civil now.

Dixon:

Now you want to be civil.

No, I'm not calming down. I am pissed off.

Holt:

Any comment from the audience?

Dixon:

I'm not calming down and don't calm me down, I don't want to be calmed done.

Holt:

We are not having commission meeting.

Dixon:

This is atrocious. You are high-jacking the process.

Roberson:

And what do you call what you do sometimes?

Dixon:

What did I do? I haven't won a vote in two years.
What did I do?

Watson:

We have a motion on the floor to appoint Mr. Corbin and Mr. McMillan as the two un-elected citizens to this committee.
Is there a second?

McGill:

Second.

Holt:

What? Mr. McGill. This is Commissioner Holt.

Excuse me, Mr. Vice-Chairman.

Are you seriously saying that we are going to appoint two people that we have not spoken with, we have not interviewed, we do not know anything about these two people and we are not going to have an opportunity to talk to them first?

McGill:

I suggested that we do that but there was a comment about that. I suggested that we -

Holt:

We have a comment about it, I mean, I may have a comment about it, but I do

Watson:

Let me answer

Holt:

I want to talk to Mr. McGill.

Mr. McGill.

McGill:

The suggestion was that we table action on the committee until such time that we had to look at a lot of candidates and study them.

Holt:

I would rather have that motion.

Watson:

We have a motion and second. Let's get through this and then we can have another one.

Holt:

Let's table.

Watson:

We have a motion and a second to appoint Mr. McMillan and Mr. Corbin to this committee. All those in favor of the motion.

Dixon:

Question, Mr. Chairman. Question.

Holt:

Question. Table. Table. Question. Question. Question. Question. Question.

Dixon:

Mr. Chairman, I call for the question. May I be recognized, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman, May I be recognized?

Mr. McGill, would you be opposed to two folks from the audience being appointed as well?

McGill:

No. I just want the system to be agreed on as being fair.

Dixon:

O.K. I think we can't get any fairer than this. We have two people in the audience who look to be fine people. I don't know them and nobody around the table knows them. Would ya'll two please stand so we can see who you are. Your names are?

Woods:

Avis Woods.

Dixon:

Avis Woods.

Lyons:

Bill Lyons.

Dixon:

Bill Lyons.

I don't know them and you don't know them.

Unidentified:

One black and one white.

Dixon:

Would you amend your motion so as to accept or withhold your second and provide a motion that all four be appointed?

McGill:

Four?

Dixon:

Yes, sir.

McGill:

What four are we talking about, now?

Watson:

Commissioner McGill, we have a motion and a second to appoint Mr. McMillan and Mr. Corbin to this Committee. All in favor of that motion, say "aye."

Holt:

Take your motion back, Mr. McGill.

Dixon:

Wait, you can't call the question, Mr. Chairman, Why the rush to judgment.

Watson:

Because this is going to go on and on and on.

Dixon:

We got a man on the phone. He deserves to have a clear understanding of what the vote is.

Watson:

He has a clear understanding.

Dixon:

He does not have a clear understanding of what the vote is.

Watson:

Mr. McGill, do you understand that the

Dixon:

No, he doesn't understand. Otherwise, he wouldn't have asked what four people we are voting on.

Watson:

We are not voting on four people.

Dixon:

I asked him and he didn't answer my question.

Watson:

Commissioner McGill, do you understand the motion?

McGill:

I understand that they asked me if I would be in favor of putting what other two people to the Committee? My question is I think I heard Ms. Woods and somebody else.

Holt:

Two people from the audience.

McGill:

I don't have a problem with four people being on the Committee. I guess what we are saying now is that we are expanding the committee to seven.

Dixon:

To seven people.

Now, the question is will Ms. Roberson allow that be attached to her motion considering that you will allow your second to do it.

McGill:

I will allow my second to do that.

Dixon:

Ms. Roberson?

Unidentified:

I know she ain't going to do that.

Watson:

Mr. McGill, would you opposed to let us table this for two weeks?

Dixon:

No, No, now hold on a minute.

Hold on a minute, Mr. Chairman, I've got the floor.

Holt:

Wait, wait, wait, wait,

Watson:

I am the Chairman.

Dixon:

Respect my ability to have the floor. Don't gavel me. I don't care if you are acting chairman. I am an elected Commissioner. I have the floor and I am on the floor. Now, I will take the floor right now if you don't mind.

Watson:

Commissioner McGill, would you be opposed to tabling this for two weeks?

Holt:

Mr. McGill, again

Dixon:

I think that the thing that is on the table is - will she allow her motion to be amended.

Holt:

Allow her to answer.

Watson:

Mr. McGill, if Ms. Roberson pulls her motion, would you agree to table this motion?

McGill:

I tried to get this tabled before, but there was a comment about it.

Watson:

Will you pull your motion, Commissioner?

Roberson:

I'll pull my motion or either make it (inaudible)

Watson:

Watson:

Is there a motion to table this for two weeks?

Roberson:

Motion to table it for two weeks.

Watson:

Is there a second?

Holt:

Don't second it.

Watson:

Is there a motion to table this for two weeks?

McGill:

Second.

Watson:

There is a motion and second to table this for two weeks.

All in favor of the motion say "Aye."

Roberson, McGill & Watson: Aye.

Watson:
Opposed?

Holt:
No.

Dixon:
Now, what are you tabling?

Roberson:
My motion.

Watson:
There will be two - What we have done tonight is we have taken the County Commissioner and the School Board Member off the Redistricting Committee and in two weeks we will consider the un-elected citizens.

Dixon:
What is the process?

Watson:
We will talk about it in two weeks.

Dixon:
We need to talk about it now so we can be prepared in two weeks.

Holt:
So we will know where the meetings are.

Dixon:
What is the process, Mr. Chairman? I want to come with my names in my pocket in two weeks. I don't want to come in here and find out the names that are already in your process.

Watson:
Everybody can come in here with two names.

Dixon:
That is the process, Mr. Chairman?

Watson:
That will be fine.

Holt:

I see a question in the audience.

Dixon:

That is the most ridiculous thing I have heard in a long time. Absolutely.

Suzie Faye:

Commissioner Watson, I have heard you say several times during the evening to let's not draw this process out. I heard you repeat that several times.

Watson:

When did I say that? Tonight?

Faye:

You said it several times. I believe that other people have heard you say that, too.

Watson:

Not tonight.

Holt:

Keep going.

Faye:

(inaudible)

Dixon:

He has said it in every meeting prior to this one.

Faye:

You have said it at every meeting, you said it at the workshop and, you know, now the process is

Watson:

I want to know this, what is the big deal about having two un-elected people on this Committee? Why is that causing such a stir? Why is that? I mean, I am astonished at this. It is unbelievable.

Holt:

Come up to the mic.

Parramore:

I am astonished at what I am hearing too, Mr. Watson. Having two people that is not elected on the Committee is not the issue.

Watson:

You know what it makes me think?

Parramore:

Having two people that is not elected on the Committee is not the issue. It is the process and the criteria by which those two individuals are selected. And for you as a Commissioner to sit up here and come with a pre-determined names of who you want on that Committee to satisfy your personal agenda is totally unacceptable.

Thank you.

Applause.

Roberson:

Mr. Parramore, is that because you did not choose the two names yourself.

Dixon:

There were two people out there who volunteered. I didn't see ya'll running to put them on the Committee. Five or seven, it doesn't matter, But I didn't see ya'll running to put them on it.

Roberson:

Excuse me. They were just in a meeting on the outside in the hallway.

Dixon:

Who?

Roberson:

The Democratic Committee, the gentleman back there.

Holt:

I think I saw some Republicans out there.

Watson:

We have voted to table this. We have voted to table this.

Richmond:

Somehow I got appointed the wonderful position of parliamentarian. I've got one question and one statement. You must speak one at a time to perfect the record. Please do that. We don't know what Commissioner McGill can hear when there are three or four people speaking. Please limit it to one comment at a time. And, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, it is your job to make sure to one person alone speaks. I apologize if I offended anybody.

Dixon:

Well, please make it clear to him that one person is not just him.

Richmond:

No, as long as it is just you, I know what (inaudible)

Laughter.

9. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

Florida Department of Transportation Grant with Gadsden Express and Big Bend Transit

Ms. Kathy Hicks addressed the Board. She stated that Big Bend Transit proposes to seek a grant from DOT that will allow them to implement a fixed route in the City of Quincy that will make pick-ups and drop-offs every hour. Some of the proposed points proposed are the hospital, grocery stores, Walmart, etc. She said that DOT will fund 50% of the grant for one year, then possibly the two following years. She stated that the County will not have any financial obligation and that it will be run much like the Gadsden Express.

Commissioner Dixon stated that he has not seen Gadsden Express moving nor had he seen any statistics, advertisements, brochures, etc. He then said he was reluctant to authorize this company to do things without requiring them to prove that they have done what they said they will do.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO TABLE THIS MATTER FOR TWO WEEKS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY CAN PROVIDE STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM BIG BEND EXPRESS.

Occupational Licenses

Mr. McKinnon reported that he had done some research per the Board's instructions to see what all would be involved in imposing an occupational license tax. He reviewed the attached documents outlining the results of his research.

Discussion followed. At the conclusion of the discussion there was no consensus. The staff was asked to gather statistical information over the next 3 - 6 months as to what business activities are happening in the County and where it is happening. Then upon analysis, the numbers should determine whether there needs to be regulatory measures put into place to protect the citizens of Gadsden County. (What businesses are coming, complaints about businesses, etc.) Additionally, the staff was asked to contact other counties to see what their rationale was for putting an occupational license in place. The emphasis should not be for the purpose of producing revenue, but regulation to the extent that it can be enforced for the ultimate citizen protection.

Cancellation of June 17, 2003 Meeting

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO CANCEL THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2003 AND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE WORKSHOP DUE TO THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES SUMMER CONFERENCE.

Budget Workshops May 27, 28, 29, 2003

Mr. McKinnon reminded the Board of the budget workshops scheduled for May 27 - 29, 2002.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA TO WIT:

- a. Continued Lease of Gadsden Medical Center (\$632.50 per month in advance beginning July 1, 2003)
- b. Simon Scott Building continued lease to Gadsden County Senior Citizens Center
- c. Permit Fee Waivers For Church Buildings
- d. Big Bend Transit, Inc. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed for discussion under the County Manager's Agenda.)

- e. **Mediacom - Notice of Increase of FCC Regulatory Fee from \$.04 to .05 per month beginning April 22, 2003.**
- f. **Revenue Sharing Application**

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Avis Woods commented that she had seen and heard a lot at this meeting. She asked the following questions:

1. Do you make up your own rules as far as voting procedures or do you go by the Robert's Rules of Order?

➤ Answer:

Robert's Rules of Order have not been adopted by the Commission. They have their own procedures adopted by ordinance which refer to it.

2. Is it legal to either appoint a person to hold a position or act in a position if they are not on the premises?

➤ Answer:

Yes, a person can be appointed or nominated to a position without that person being present. They do have the right to decline which would require further action later by the Board if it comes back up.

Commissioner Holt requested that the Board have copies of the procedures printed up and made available to the audience on the table outside the chambers.

12. CLERK'S AGENDA

There were no items on the Clerk's Agenda.

13. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

District 1 Report

Commissioner McGill had no report. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate via telephone. He excused himself from the teleconference at this juncture.

District 3 Report

Commissioner Roberson had no report.

District 4 Report

District 5 Report

RFP on Road Paving and Resurfacing Contract

Commissioner Dixon asked for clarification from the minutes showing where the above stated matter was discussed.

District 2 Report

Vice-Chair Watson had no report.

ADJOURNMENT

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING
WAS ADJOURNED.**

Bill McGill, Chair or
Sterling Watson, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
JUNE 3, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

Bill McGill, Chair (appearance by telephone conference call)
Sterling L. Watson, Vice-Chair (presiding)
Carolyn Roberson
Brenda Holt
Edward J. Dixon
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk
Hal Richmond, County Attorney
Howard McKinnon, County Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

Prior to calling the meeting to order, County Manager Howard McKinnon phoned Chair McGill via teleconference call so that he could participate in the meeting. Vice-Chair Watson called the meeting to order and led in pledging allegiance to the U.S. Flag. Mr. McKinnon then led in a prayer following a moment of silent prayer by the audience for Chair McGill who is undergoing medical treatment at home.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was amended to include the following:

Ms. Linda Perry - Communities Trust Grant

Ms. Linda Perry - Closing the Gap Grant Contract

Deanna Ible - City of Quincy Greenway & Trail Project

2004 Byrne Grant Application - Sheriff's Narcotic Task Force Grant

Appointment of Willie Neal (District 1) and Helen Young (District 4) to the Industrial Development Authority

Contract with Restee Smith as Recreation Director

The following items were added to the agenda for discussion:

Joe Parramore - Voter District - Redistricting issue
(Before Agenda Item No. 5)

Monte Bradwell, Proposed Development Project and
Infrastructure Engineering Report by David Melvin (County
Manager's Agenda)

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO
APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 11, 2003 Special Meeting

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER MCGILL, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE,
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE STATED MEETING.

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

Hiring of David Theriaque as Special Attorney - O.Z. Lawson Commercial Park - Order to Show Cause

Mr. Richmond stated that he had received an Order to Show
Cause regarding the O.Z. Lawson Commercial Park located on U.S.
27 in District 1. He said that Bill Piotrowski filed an appeal
based on a question regarding notice of the meeting. There was
some discussion about hiring David Theriaque to represent the
County in that matter.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE
VOTE, TO HIRE DAVID THERIAQUE TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY IN
THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE ON THE O. Z. LAWSON COMMERCIAL
PARK AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

5. REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Inquiry from Joe Parramore

Mr. Parramore addressed the Board. He referenced Ordinance
2002-004, Section VII (D), then asked the Board to explain how
they came to the conclusion on May 20 that it would modify the

appointees to the Redistricting Advisory Committee. He stated that it seemed to him that the events of May 20, 2003 would have been out of order. He contended that five members voted unanimously on May 6, but three of the Commissioners changed their votes on May 20.

Mr. Richmond pointed out that the matter before the Board on May 20 was a motion to reconsider the issue of the Redistricting Advisory Committee appointees. He said that the heading for Section VIII (D) is "Absent for Vote; Changing Vote" and that the language did not apply to a "Motion for Reconsideration." He said "A Motion to Reconsider" can be made by the Board as we did on whether to have televised meetings or not. It can be brought up by the Board. There was no objection made by the Board to proceed...That language deals with "Changing a Vote" after you have made a vote on a particular meeting before the next issue comes up. It does not mean that you cannot have a "Motion to Reconsider. To have a "Motion to Reconsider", one of the members of the prevailing side may make a Motion to Reconsider. It was passed by a 3 - 2 vote. That is what happened here...That is an accepted practice. If you want to change it or specifically go to Roberts Rules, it is referred to in there that the Parliamentarian may refer to that but it also refers to precedence that are established by this Board that you all have come to rely on. What we didn't want to do is tie ourselves down to something that is different than what you all have done in the past. You can do that. You can have very specific rules, but the Board has not had very specific rules in the past."

Commissioner Holt stated that she did not want to give the public the impression that they cannot rely on a ruling on issues.

Redistricting Advisory Committee Appointees

Vice Chair Watson recalled that on May 2, 2003, the Board voted to remove the elected County Commissioner and School Board Member from the committee and add two private citizens instead. Commissioner Roberson suggested Jim Corbin and Craig McMillan. It was also suggested by Commissioner Dixon that the committee be expanded to seven members and also add Bill Lyons and Avis Woods to the committee.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER MCGILL, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE,**

TO EXPAND THE COMMITTEE TO SEVEN MEMBERS AND APPOINT ALL
THE NAMES MENTIONED ABOVE.

**6. BIG BEND TRANSIT - Joint Participation Agreement -
Department of Transportation and Gadsden County and Big
Bend Transit to "In-Town Shuttle"**

Mr. Ted Waters appeared before the Board. He told them of the plans for Big Bend Transit to offer shuttle services in the City of Quincy for a nine-mile loop that will operate nine hours a day services residential and high activity centers in the area. He said that DOT will fund 50% of the project.

There was some discussion about the Gadsden Express and the reporting of the lack of statistical information provided to the County. It was determined that the routine reports have been sent to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. However, it was clarified that the County would receive copies of the reports in the future.

However, Mr. Waters pointed out that the attached project was not Gadsden Express, but a new project.

There was discussion about the lack of marketing strategy as to the people the projects are intended to serve. Some of the suggestions were to expand the marketing to include newspaper advertising, radio announcements, brochures, announcement bulletins in churches and flyers furnished to public service agencies, etc.

Grants Coordinator Nancy Gee stated that in order for the County to determine the success of the program, they would need to know how many people that are being served. She asked that they include some avenue to provide an unduplicated count of the people served by the projects. She asked that they make it a part of the quarterly reports that they submit to the County. It was suggested that they conduct a survey.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER MCGILL, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE,
TO APPROVE THE JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT STATED ABOVE.

7. PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES

**Zemex Type III Appeal - Continued from May 20, 2003 -
Request for Special Exception to Continue Mining**

A verbatim transcript of this proceeding was done
Certified Court Reporter Carolyn Rankine, Accurate Stenotype
Reporters, Inc. at 100 Salem Court, Tallahassee, FL 32301

Growth Management Director Bruce Ballister recalled that
the above stated issue was continued until this meeting to allow
the applicant to meet with citizens who (at the May 20, 2003
meeting) had questions and concerns about the expanded mining.
He stated that he had received letters from three of the people
who spoke at the last meeting indicating that they have reached
an agreeable understanding with Zemex. He entered copies of
those letters as exhibits. The issues included noise abatement,
dust abatement, truck traffic, buffers, etc.

Mr. Richmond administered an oath to Mr. Ballister as to
his testimony in this matter.

Attorney David Theriaque addressed the Board representing
Zemex. He entered Exhibits 1 - 13 in support of the application
for Special Exception use.

Vice-Chair called to the audience to see if there was any
opposition to the approval of the Special Exception. There was
no response.

Mr. Patrick Carr, Vice-President of Zemex addressed the
Board. Mr. Richmond administered an oath to him. He
testified the he met with each of the adjacent property owners
and others who voiced questions and concerns. He said they
discussed all the issues and in each case they had reached
accommodations for their concerns.

Commissioner Roberson asked if they had come to an
agreement with the Barrineaus on the buffer area.

Mr. Carr explained that there is a legal buffer area in
addition to the wetlands buffer and it is in the reclamation
plan (see exhibits).

Mr. Theriaque submitted letters from the Alexanders
indicating their approval.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO
ALLOW THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW MINING TO CONTINUE
UNTIL THE ERRATA CHANGES CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED TO THE FUTURE**

**LAND USE MAP. COMMISSIONER DIXON WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE
TIME OF THIS VOTE.**

The Board thanked Zemex for working with the people in the community to resolve their concerns.

Hill Major Land Use Amendment

Parcel Number as 5-OL-OR-OS-0000-20200-0100

Mr. Ballister stated that the applicant of the above names project is Dr. Luis Hill who is the trustee of a large tract of land on Reynolds Road at Lake Talquin. He said that Dr. Hill desires to change 25.5 acres from AG 3 land use classification to AG 1 and create a minor subdivision. The property is located in lots 10 and 20 of the Little River Survey. He said that Allen Mortham recently purchased the property which is north of the Chesser and Miller property. He added that there are four existing lots along the lake shore which are not included in this land use amendment, but they will be given legal access to that property via the minor subdivision.

He went on to explain that the newly proposed lots will have septic systems but they should not pose a problem since the property is high bluff ground and is not near the lake elevation. Each property will be 15 - 20 ft. above the lake front.

See the attached documents for further details and the staff recommendations.

Guyte McCord and Elva Peppers were present as consultants to represent Dr. Hill. Mr. McCord pointed out the location of the proposed project and the easement location to the Mortham property and to the Miller property. He said that they had met with all of the affected property owners and he was not aware of any existing concerns from them. He said that Dr. Hill has conveyed 40 acres (long narrow strip) of the property along Reynolds Road to the Mortham family in order to give them additional buffer between their property and the adjacent property. He said that three of the four current lots will have access to Reynolds Road and that Ms. Jean Chesser already has a deeded easement to her parcel.

Mr. McCord stated that all of the proposed lots will have site built homes. There are two mobile homes on the existing lots. One is owned by Walter McPherson who is in the process of having it removed. The other is owned by Dr. Hill and is

adjacent to Ms. Judy Chesser's house. He said that Dr. Hill is in the process of having it removed.

Vice-Chair Watson recalled that Mr. Danny Miller agreed to pave Reynolds Road.

Mr. Ballister replied that when he creates a major subdivision, the Comp Plan requires that he pave to a paved access. When he develops the unvested portion of his land, he will have to create a paved road access if it is not already paved by then. He pointed out that Mr. Miller has 22 lots that are vested in an old subdivision on that property.

Commissioner Dixon recalled that the Board had discussed the possibility that one of the state grants would be used to help pave Reynolds Road. However, the grants are no longer available.

Vice-Chair Watson called for public comments. There was no response.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON TO APPROVE THE LAND USE CHANGE.

Chair McGill called attention to item number 2 on the Planning Department Recommendations. He asked for clarification.

Mr. Ballister replied that the homes that will be built on the lots would be substantial homes.

THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE LAND USE CHANGE.

Mr. Ballister told the audience that if they wished to be notified of the DCA proceedings, to fill out the pertinent information on the sign-in sheet outside the chambers.

Evans Minor Land Use Amendment 03PZ-018-20502-03

Mr. Ballister told the Board that Mr. Maurice Evans wishes to change the land use designation of 9.49 acres from AG2 to Rural Residential. The property is located along SR 267 at Kenon Lane. Parcel number is 2-26-3N-4W-000-00200-0500. The existing boundary survey of the property includes 10.73 acres. He explained that Mr. Evans intends to transfer enough land to Gadsden County in order for the County to have a full right of

way width for Kenon Lane which currently has a 45 ft. right-of-way width. If the application is approved, the transfer of land would reduce the boundary to 9.49 acres and it would be eligible for a small scale land use amendment. He said that Mr. Evans intends to develop a five-lot minor subdivision. There will not be central water or sewer so each lot owner must provide separate wells and septic tanks.

See the attached documents for further details.

Mr. Maurice Evans, 2121 Shady Rest Road, Quincy, FL, addressed the Board. He was administered an oath by Hal Richmond.

Vice-Chair Watson inquired as to the type of housing would be built in the subdivision. Mr. Evans replied by his own agreement (because he is a housing contractor) that it would be stick built homes. Chair McGill inquired a second time regarding the type of homes to which Mr. Evans replied that the homes would be similar to those built on Rod Shaw Road.

Vice-Chair Watson called for public comments.

Ms. Lillie Kenon Thomas addressed the Board and was administered an oath by Hal Richmond. She voiced concern for the water run-off and proposed drainage for the property.

Mr. Matthew Parker, Parker Consulting, addressed the Board on behalf of Mr. Evans. He was administered an oath by Hal Richmond. He explained that there is already a 45 ft. road right-of-way designated to the County for the road and that Mr. Evans would grant an additional 15 ft. to make it a proper 60 ft. right-of-way which would insure adequate easement for the County to build a proper road in the future and so that the County can adequately handle water. He said that the title and deed for the road has been confirmed by Public Works.

Mr. Richard Kenon, Jr. addressed the Board. He was administered an oath by Hal Richmond. He stated that he thought it would require more than just another 15 ft.

Mr. Ballister suggested that the houses should be sited so that the septic tanks are on the county road side of the property and the wells toward the back.

Mr. Parker said that he could not think of any reason why that could not be done.

Commissioner Holt asked Mr. Evans if he would meet with the homeowners to answer their questions and he agreed to do so.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIENR DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MCGILL, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE EVANS LAND USE CHANGE OF 9.49 ACRES FROM AG 2 TO RURAL RESIDENTIAL.

7.2 Phase IV 10/90 Commerce Park 94PZ-037-206-1-12

Mr. Ballister stated that the developers of 10/90 Commerce Park, Sid Grey and Lex Thompson have submitted the Final Plat for Phase 4 of the above stated commercial park. See the attached details. There was discussion about the County's acceptance of the maintenance for the stormwater facilities. It was determined that it has not been the practice of the County to accept maintenance of stormwater facilities and there was no record in the minutes of past meetings where that was agreed to for this subdivision. However, it does appear on the plat for Phase I & II.

Lex Thompson addressed the Board. He was administered an oath by Hal Richmond. He explained that the roadway was built with an economic development grant through the FL Department of Commerce. One of the conditions of the grant was that the County would assume maintenance and attendant costs associated with the roadway. The construction bid was awarded to Sandco. *Note: (This information was later confirmed by Resolution 97-017 in the minutes of September 16th, 1997.)*

Public Works Director Robert Presnell was administered an oath by Hal Richmond. He could not answer any questions regarding any agreements dealing with the stormwater pond.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MCGILL, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO TABLE THE ISSUE UNTIL JULY 1, 2003.

Talquin Corners Minor Subdivision Density Variance 94PZ-017-209-5-10

Mr. Ballister recalled that the Mitchells came before the Board on May 6, 2003 to appeal the staff's denial of a housing permit so that he could place a mobile home on a half acre lot in Talquin Corners at Lake Talquin. The Board voted on May 6, 2003 to uphold the staff denial. He then went of to say that

the Mitchells have come back to the Board requesting approval of a minor subdivision.

There was some discussion to the effect that if the applicant would agree to put only site built homes in the subdivision, the Board might consider allowing a greater density than is allowed by the Code.

The following people addressed the Board with their concerns on the issue after having been administered an oath by Hal Richmond: **Gene Mitchell** (in support of the application); **George Hamilton** - voiced concerned about the density, cutting of the trees and water runoff; **Dick Hollohand** - advised that homes should be built on stilts and the effect that the water run-off would have on the fisheries; **Curtis Shiver** - voiced a concern that the runoff cannot be contained in a holding pond.

It was clarified that Mr. Mitchell could put two mobile homes on the property without permission from the County. The County could allow him to build 4 stick built homes if he would agree to only build stick built homes. Mr. Ballister added that to insure that the homes would be only stick built homes, there could be a deed restriction recorded on the face of the plat.

There was a consensus among the citizens that they are more concerned about the runn-off from 4 site built homes than they are about 2 mobile homes.

Commissioner Dixon stated that his major concern is the threat of clear-cutting.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO TABLE THE ISSUE. (See further discussion of this issue at the end of the meeting.)

Phase IV 10/90 Commerce Park - Revisited

Mr. Richmond asked to revisit the final plat for 10/90 Commerce Park. He advised that Mr. Thompson had a sale pending at the park and he really needed to have a decision on the final plat approval.

Marion Lasley addressed the Board. She was administered an oath by Hal Richmond. She stated that she had a concern about the change in the density on the lots. She called attention to

the fact that this layout is not what was advertised and agreed on.

Mr. Thompson explained that it was a part of the DRI and it was approved based on the total square footage and it does not exceed the amount that was approved for the DRI. Mr. Ballister concurred.

He then stated that they gave Talquin Electric (TEC) ½ acre on which to locate their new well site. They will build their own road to the well site which will serve as the only access to the 80 acres that are behind the well site.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCGILL AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT WITHOUT THE STORMWATER MAINTENANCE. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ISSUE OF THE STORMWATER WOULD BE ADDRESSED AT A LATER TIME.

Land Development Code Workshops

Workshops were set for June 24th and July 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Monty Bradwell addressed the Board. He told the Board of his plans to develop 15 acres east of the Florida Highway Patrol Station on US 90. He said he proposes to do a commercial development called The Gadsden Quincy Plaza or GQ Plaza. Mr. Bradwell's engineer, David Melvin, then made a presentation explaining the phases of the development which include hotel, restaurant, movie theater, convention center, bowling alley and then a second restaurant.

Mr. Melvin then asked the County to consider applying for a CDBG economic development grant that will allow for the development of the road improvements as well utilities expansion that would need to be in place first.

Mr. McKinnon pointed out that the County may apply for one economic grant each year. He also pointed out that the County would need to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Quincy where they would agree to take ownership of the water and sewer services. The County would have to agree to accept the road when it is complete.

Ms. Nancy Gee stated that the County could apply for a "block" amount of money to do a major plan for the entire County

which would incorporate the cities - outside of what Mr. Bradwell has proposed. She stated that she will be conducting a workshop very soon where that issue will be addressed.

Commissioner Holt stated that she was in favor of this grant, but she asked that the grants department begin immediately to work to find and secure other grants simultaneously.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE CDBG GRANT AS PROPOSED BY MR. BRADWELL.

8. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

Paving Contract

UPON MOTION BY CHAIR MCGILL AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO RECONSIDER THE PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD RELATING TO THE TERM AND LENGTH OF THE ROAD PAVING/RESURFACING CONTRACT WHEN IT GOES OUT FOR BID.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHAIR MCGILL AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON TO REBID THE ROAD PAVING/RESURFACING CONTRACT AND TO BEGIN IT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1 FOR ONLY ONE YEAR.

Commissioner Dixon stated that he had no problem with going with a one-year contract, but he could not recall any discussion about changing the starting date of the contract.

Commissioner Holt questioned whether the County could expect to get a good bid for only one year. It was determined that it was reasonable to expect they would get a good bid.

Commissioner Dixon then stated that he would to change the starting date of the new contract to August 15.

CHAIR MCGILL AMENDED HIS MOTION TO MAKE THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT TO BEGIN AUGUST 15, 2003. COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AMENDED HER SECOND LIKEWISE. THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MOTION AS AMENDED.

CONSENT AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA TO WIT:

1. DOT traffic signal maintenance and compensation agreement at Flying J intersection on US 90 and I-10
2. Request for travel for county manager to attend FAC annual conference in Orlando
3. Request to extend park hours for non-campers at Pat Thomas Park from sundown to 10:00 p.m.
4. 2003/04 Drug Free and safety program workplace premium credit application - Florida Municipals Trust
5. Engineering Contract with Preble-Rish, Inc. for design at Ewards Road and Hydraulic Analysis for Live Oak Acres and Live Oak Ridge Minor Subdivision.
6. Rehabilitation Agreement and Special Assessment Lien - Katheryn T. Walter
7. April Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Report for the Record
8. 2004 Byrne Grant Application - Sheriff's Narcotic Task Force Grant
9. Letter of Support to the Florida Communitieis Trust for The City of Quincy's application for Tanyard Creed Greenway and Trail Project
10. Appointment of Willie Neal and Helen Young to the Industrial Development Authority
11. Contract with Restee Smith as Recreation Director

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Marion Lasley addressed the Board. She said that she had seen an article in the newspaper about the new courses that are going to be offered at East Gadsden High School. She read the following: "Journalism and Television Production Studios - East Gadsden Students will have a fully equipped television studio where students can produce shows and announcements to their fellow students." She stated that she would like for the

County to consider the opportunity this might lend to the school and the County when they make a decision about recording and broadcasting of the County Commission Meetings.

11. CLERK'S AGENDA

Cash Report Financial Statements

Budget Amendments 2003-06-03-01 through 2003-06-03-05

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBRSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

Ratification of Approval for Payment of county Bills - Check Registers dated 04/17/03; 04/25/03; 05/01/03; 05/09/03; 05/12/03; Payroll Registers date 04/17/03; 05/01/03; 05/15/03

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECODN BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COUNTY BILLS.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS

District 1

Chair McGill stated that he had nothing to report. He thanked the Board and the public for their support and prayers while he is going through medical treatment. He stated that he expects to return to the meetings in July.

District 3

Commissioner Roberson had nothing to report.

District 4

Commissioner Holt inquired as to the budget requests submitted by the constitutional officers. She asked if there is the possibility of rescheduling workshops with them as she would like to have some clarification on some things.

The County Manager was asked to contact them again regarding that possibility.

District 5

Commissioner Dixon stated that, in the past, the constitutional officers have submitted their budget requests and the Board has just accepted them without questions. However, he pointed out that this fiscal year will be different in that it is likely that there will be some cutting of budget requests and that all of the offices will have to "feel the pinch."

Talquin Corners Revisited

Mr. Gene Mitchell asked to address the Board again.

It was noted that the matter had been tabled earlier in this meeting pending Mr. Mitchell getting with the neighbors to work out some of their concerns.

Ms. Joann Hamilton asked to also address the Board explaining that she only wanted to relate what Mr. Mitchell said to her outside the chambers. She was administered an oath by Hal Richmond. She said, "He said if he was not able to do what he wants to with the four lots approved, he would settle for two and clear-cut it and put in "single-wides" and rent them. So, that is where we stand. We are not in agreement for that."

Vice-Chair Watson reminded the Board that the matter had been tabled and unless there was a motion to re-open it, he would not entertain any more discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, UPON MOTION
BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE VICE-CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING
ADJOURNED.

Sterling L. Watson, Vice-
Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A SPECIAL CONFIDENTIAL
ATTORNEY/CLIENT MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
JUNE 3, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

Sterling L. Watson, Vice-Chair (presiding)
Carolyn Roberson
Brenda Holt
Edward J. Dixon
Hal Richmond, County Attorney
Edward Blanton, Special Attorney
Howard McKinnon, County Manager
Carolyn Rankine, Certified Court Reporter, Accurate
Stenotype Reporters, Inc.
Muriel Straughn, Deputy Clerk

Vice-Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Watson:

This session of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners is hereby convened as noticed by publication of the newspaper of general circulation in the Gadsden County Times on May 29, 2003.

Richmond:

Pursuant to Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, I would like to request that we adjourn into executive session so that Mr. Ed Blanton, the attorney of record for Gadsden County in the case of Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners vs. Dassi/Ashford, may receive the County Commission's advice regarding the strategy that is to be used in this case and the type of expenses to be incurred. The entire session will be recorded by a court reporter and the transcript of the proceeding will be filed with the County Clerk and available to the public at the conclusion of the litigation discussed today.

In addition to the Chairman and the County Commissioners in attendance tonight, the following persons will be in attendance for the session: Ed Blanton and I also have appearing Harry Mitchell. My name is Hal Richmond, the County Manager, Mr. McKinnon. At this time, will each

County Commissioner in attendance please identify themselves for the record.

(The following Commissioners announced their names:
Sterling Watson, Carolyn Roberson, Edward Dixon)

I estimate that this executive session will take approximately 45 minutes. At the conclusion of the executive session, the County Commission will reconvene a public hearing and the acting Chairman Watson will end the session.

Watson:

At this time, we will recess the public portion of today's meeting and convene an executive session. Will all persons not listed by Mr. Richmond please leave the room.

Thank you.

At this juncture of the meeting, Deputy Clerk Muriel Straughn turned the tape recorder off and left the chambers.

At the conclusion of the session, acting Chair Watson reconvened the public portion of the meeting and promptly adjourned it.

Sterling L. Watson, Vice-Chair
Acting Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
JULY 1, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING L. WATSON, VICE-CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order and called for a moment for silent prayer. He then led in pledging allegiance to the U.S. Flag. He thanked everyone for their prayers and support during his illness.

Chair McGill then introduced Congressman Allen Boyd who was visiting in Quincy. He addressed the Board briefly to express his respect for local government officials.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended as follows:

Presentation of plaques to George Johnson and Morris Thomas
- following the Approval of Minutes

Mosquito control agreement with Dept. of Agriculture and
Consumer Services (Consent Agenda)

Set joint meeting with City of Quincy (County Manager's
Agenda)

Remove 5.2- Atlanta Heights Subdivision Application from
the Growth Management Agenda

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 15, 2003 Regular Meeting
May 6, 2003 Regular Meeting

May 20, 2003 Regular Meeting

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECONDN BY COMMISSIOENR ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE STATED MEETINGS.

Presentation of Plaques to George Johnson and Morris Thomas for Years of Service to the Industrial Development Authority

Commissioner Holt presented an appreciation plaque to George Johnson for serving on the Industrial Development Authority from December 15, 1987 until May 18, 2003.

Chair McGill then presented a similar plaque to Morris Thomas who represented District 1 on the Industrial Development Authority.

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

Bid Protest - Bid #03-04

Mr. Richmond stated that the County received a formal bid protest from Mr. Robert Cohen of BaHaMa Partnership for the office space lease for the Public Defender's office.

He said that General Services Director Arthur Lawson prepared a response to the protest.

Mr. Lawson explained that the County first put out a bid to lease office space for the Public Defender. Subsequent to the advertisement of that bid, the square footage (which was advertised) was determined to be inadequate. The Board ultimately decided to re-advertise the bid for the amount of space requested by the Public Defender. During the re-advertisement, Mr. Robert Cohen (on behalf of BaHaMa Partners for the historic Coca-Cola Building at 305 West Crawford St.) filed a protest on the specifications. He filed the protest per FS 120.57(3). However, Mr. Lawson pointed out that the County has it's own protest policy by which it follows. He cited 5.13.3 and 5.13.4 of the county's procurement policy. However, he said that he and the county manager had determined that the matter would ultimately come back to the County Commission and they collectively agreed to waive those sections of the policy for this protest.

Mr. Robert (Bob) Cohen and Mr. Ralph Haben were present. Mr. Cohen addressed the Board. He stated the reasons for the protest as outlined in the attached formal written protest. He summarized by asking the Board not to open the bids which were submitted and send the bids specifications back for the development of points or some scoring system to assign values to the different criteria.

Chair McGill called for questions of Mr. Cohen. There was no response.

Mr. Haben then addressed the Board. He expressed his desire to become the landlord for the County; then asked the Board to be forthright in telling the bidders which of the criteria were of the greater importance.

Mr. Lawson reminded the Board that all of the bidders had the same opportunity to bid the specifications as they were written. The criteria do not guarantee any bidder the bid award. He said that he could not see the need to rewrite the specifications simply because of the concern that the Board was trying to give the bid to someone else.

Discussion followed.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO FIND THAT THE BIDS SPECIFICATIONS FOR BID #03-04 WERE ADEQUATE AND DIRECTED THE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE PROCESS OF OPENING THE BIDS.

5. GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Hammock Creek Commerce Park 01PZ-067-206-1-09 - Request for Extension of Preliminary Plat Approval

Growth Management Director Bruce Ballister told the Board that Hammock Creek was given Preliminary Plat approval for the business park on March 13, 2002 and it will expire on September 13, 2003. They have experienced some delay in getting environmental permits and have requested an extension to July 1, 2004.

Mike Murphy, engineer with Bishop Engineering addressed the Board. He explained that they had received most of the permits needed already. However, there is an issue with crossing the wetlands. Additionally, he said that Phase I did not originally

include the two lots that Tri-Eagle wants to develop. That development will require some modification to the plat and the permit applications. He stated that it is reasonable to get the permits and the construction completed within the extended timeframe.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECODND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO EXTEND THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL TO JULY 1, 2004.

Public Hearing - First Reading of Ordinance to Adopt Small Scale Amendment to the Future Land Use Map - Evans Land Use Amendment (9.49) acres from AG 2 to RR

Mr. Ballister recalled that the Board had approved the small-scale land use amendment to the Future Land Use Map for Evans minor subdivision on June 3, 2003. However, he said that it had to be adopted formally by ordinance. He stated that this meeting had been published as the first hearing. He read the title of the ordinance into the record.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIOENR DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Atlanta Heights Major Subdivision - 02PZ-010-207-4-05

This item was pulled from the agenda. See page 1.

Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy (PTLEA) Participant Housing Facility - 03PZ-019-206-1-04 - Conceptual Approval

Mr. Ballister told the Board that Tallahassee Community College has submitted conceptual plans for a 200 bed housing facility to be located on the property which was recently approved for a small scale land use amendment which designated the property as Public use category. (Adjacent to the main campus on US 90 east of Quincy.) He said the project would serve as an adjunct to the daily operation of the PTLEA - not to the traveling public.

Mr. Ballister pointed out that the road connecting the main campus and this facility was originally shown as Phase II of their plan. However, he said that he protested and said that he would like to see it developed as a unit project.

The Planning Commission expressed a great deal of concern regarding the inter-connecting road. (So as to avoid daily participant traffic on US 90 between the campuses.) The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Army Corps of Engineers were opposed to them locating the road as they first presented it because it impacted the wetlands between the parcels. Subsequently, PTLEA has now proposed to place the road at the rear of the parcels. They also expect it to be in place at the same time the building is ready for occupancy.

Mr. Ballister made several recommendations that are listed in the attachments and a review letter dated April 29, 2003.

Neither the applicant nor the engineer was present.

Discussion followed.

It was clarified by the Board that they wanted to make certain that the connecting road be in place before PTLEA begins to occupy the housing facility. It was further clarified that they must have assurances from Army Corp of Engineers and DEP permits in place prior to issuing a development order.

There was some discussion about the possibility of further expansion of the academy. There was a consensus of the Board that they want to see the long-term master plan for the academy and that the Board would not approve any other future land use amendments parcel by parcel - any future land use amendments would have to be done as a whole.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CONCEPTUAL PLAT SUBJECT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS LISTED BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT IN THE AGENDA PACKET AND IN THE REVIEW LETTER DATED APRIL 29 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY MUST HAVE THE INTERCONNECTING ROAD IN PLACE PRIOR TO BUILDING OCCUPANCY.

Dates for Public Hearings to Review Errata Changes to
Future Land Use Map

The above hearings were scheduled for July 22 and 23, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

6. JERRY WYNN AND ROB LOMARDO - HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Mr. Jerry Wynn addressed the Board. He referenced problems that have occurred in the past with healthcare grants in Gadsden County. He explained that someone from outside the County or the State could easily access the demographics of Gadsden County write a grant on it without the County even knowing about it.

He said that he had discussed the problem with FL Representative Curtis Richardson and he had suggested that there was a need to establish a healthcare grant clearinghouse to get a handle on it. The idea developed into the thought that perhaps the County could organize a community health council to work with an advisory committee to identify healthcare needs and bring resources together to address those needs.

Mr. Wynn then told the Board that they had formed a Council (comprised of the County Health Department, the hospital and Community Health Center as founding members along with two ex-officio members Rep. Richardson and County Judge Stewart Parsons) The Council will work with an advisory committee and they will report to the Gadsden County Development Council on issues that come before them. That Council could offer its services to act as a clearinghouse and give oversight to health related grants.

He said that the Council has already incorporated and they are in the process of putting together by-laws. He also said that the advisory committee will be comprised of 15 people which will include a physician, mental health agency, BCC, client, etc. That Council will serve as a direct conduit to the County Grants Department to feed information back and forth.

Mr. Wynn reported that they have contracted with FAMU to conduct a needs assessment.

Commissioner Watson asked him to come back with a flow chart of how the entire operation will work, the timeframe involved and how it relates to the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Holt stated that she would like for the committee to reflect the makeup of the County and is knowledgeable of the issues that it faces.

Commissioner Holt then asked questions regarding the Gretna Clinic and it's relationship to FAMU and Gadsden County and what can be done to prevent it from closing.

Mr. Wynn stated that the building belongs to the City of Gretna (built with grant funds) and the County Health Department has contributed funds to FAMU to operate the clinic.

Grants Department Director Nancy Gee addressed the Board. She stated that the Community Health Department would flow into the Gadsden County Grants Department Strategic Plan. She said that any grants would have to be registered with the County, reviewed by the Council and then passed on to GCDC. She stated that she would continue to work with Mr. Wynn to work toward continuity of services.

Dr. Cynthia Harris, Director of the Institute of Public Health at FAMU, addressed the Board. She explained that they are a unit of the Public Health Program and they offer a Masters of Public Health Degree and they are housed at the FAMU College of Pharmacy.

She then stated that there is also a School of Allied Health whose Dean is Cindy Hughes-Harris.

Commissioner Holt reiterated that she wanted to make certain that all grants get registered with the County and that concerted efforts be made to insure that citizens reap the benefits of those grants.

Commissioner Dixon stated that he did not want to see grants come through Gadsden County that allow themselves to have 20 - 40% of the grant for office space.

Ms. Gee made some closing remarks emphasizing her willingness to work with Mr. Wynn so that he can become apprised of some of the things that are already being provided by the Grants Department Registry. She said that some of the concerns mentioned by the Commissioners are a part of the review process that is already in place to insure that the services providers are located within the County and that they do business with the people of the County.

7. GADSDEN COUNTY/FAMU COLLABORATION INITIATIVES: DR. CINDY HUGHES HARRIS, DR. CYNTHIA HARRIS, DR. RICHARD GRAGG, DR. JAIBUN EARP

Dr. Cindy Hughes Harris addressed the Board. She explained that each of the people listed above represents a different institute of FAMU. Each of them has come to recognize that there is a lot more that they collaborate toward a common goal.

She said they were in agreement to try to resolve some of the issues relating to health disparities.

She then asked for permission to work with and through Ms. Gee on collaborative programs that support the needs identified by the Gadsden County residents through the incorporation, application and/or utilization of resources and expertise from within Gadsden County and through FAMU programs.

Project EXPORT

Dr. Harris then reported that they had recently applied for a grant called Project EXPORT. She said that if they were successful in their application, it would allow them to strengthen the partnership with Gadsden County and increase other contributions aimed at the elimination of health disparities in the communities of Gadsden County.

Dr. Cynthia Harris then addressed the Board explaining how they have worked already in the community and hope to continue their efforts.

Commissioner Holt suggested to Mr. Wynn that the Health Council should consider letting these ladies serve on the Board based on what they are able to offer the County. She stated that she did not believe that it was absolutely necessary for a member to reside in the County. She asked that the Council reconsider that requirement and partner with them.

Dr. Harris stated that the EXPORT grant would provide \$1.6 million per year for 3 - 5 years.

Commissioner Dixon stated that it was his personal contention that he did not want to see any more competing coalitions come before the County Commission. He encouraged Mr. Wynn and Ms. Gee to fashion the process for health related grants so that it is obviously clear as to what the process is and who is participating in it.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST BY FAMU TO WORK WITH GADSDEN COUNTY GRANTS DEPARTMENT ON COLLABRATIVE PROGRAMS.

8. ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER AND DIRECTOR OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES, ARTHUR LAWSON, SR.

Redistricting Services - RFP 03-08

Mr. Arthur Lawson addressed the Board regarding RFP 03-08. He told them that two vendors responded with proposals, Wilson-Miller and Kurt Spitzer and Associates, Inc. (KSA). He said that both responded adequately to the bid, but it appears that KSA made a more cost effective proposal. However, some members of the Board previously expressed concern about accepting a bid from KSA because they had conducted a workshop about the process of redistricting.

Mr. Lawson stated that the bid committee did not make a representation for that reason. However, Mr. Lawson stated that he did not feel that they could have refused to accept a bid from a qualified vendor. He asked for direction.

Commissioner Watson recommended going with the low bid.

Commissioner Dixon stated that the low bid should not be before the Board because the Board had voted not to accept a bid from a presenter. He stated that there should be negotiations with one bidder. He said he could not understand why KSA bid was before the Board for discussion.

Mr. Lawson replied that, legally, he could not refuse to accept their bid.

Mr. Richmond advised that Mr. Lawson could not legally bar KSA from bidding. However, the Board can vote to not award it to the low bidder for that reason.

It was determined that KSA may not have been informed before he gave the presentation that his bid would not be accepted.

Commissioner Holt recalled that the discussions surrounding getting a consultant in to explain the process to the Board was that there would be multiple vendors to do the workshop therefore not prejudicing on particular vendor. However, when only one vendor responded to the request to conduct a workshop, it should have been explained to them that they could not bid on the job.

Commissioner Watson contended that the Board stated that if only one consultant could be retained, that the County Manager should engage them for that workshop. He said that it would grossly unfair to bar them from bidding on the process.

Commissioner Dixon stated that we should pay him for the presentation.

Commissioner Roberson pointed out that the presentation that Mr. Spritzer gave was a generic presentation, as he did not use Gadsden County statistics.

Commissioner Watson stated that he could not understand the reasoning behind not allowing him to bid on it when he was willing to come and make the presentation.

Commissioner Dixon replied that it is a matter of objectivity.

Mr. Richmond asked, "Mr. Lawson, was there anything in the presentation of these bids as they were submitted that is out of the ordinary?"

Mr. Lawson replied, "No, sir."

Commissioner Holt pointed out that Wilson Miller never had the opportunity to present so they would not know that the presentation would affect their bid anyway.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 1 TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH WILSON MILLER TO DO THE REDISTRICTING AND THAT THE COUNTY PAY KURT SPRITZER FOR THE PRESENTATION THAT HE MADE BEFORE THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER WATSON CAST THE LONE DISSENTING VOTES.

**9. JOHN C. COOKSEY - HYDROLOGIC STUDY, LIVE OAK ACRES
SUBDIVISION**

Dr. John Cooksey addressed the Board regarding the design of Edwards Road but did not request any action.

10. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

Library Site Report

Mr. McKinnon reported that the one of the sites, which the County had considered for the location of the new main library, had been sold to a credit union. The possibility of another site is still uncertain. (Pat Thomas Parkway between the Post Office and Randy's Grocery Store) He then reported that the

City of Quincy would like to meet with the Board to discuss their proposal for revitalizing downtown Quincy and how the siting of the library might work in conjunction with their plans.

Request from City of Quincy for Joint Meeting

The Board directed Mr. McKinnon to try to arrange a joint meeting with the City of Quincy for 5:00 p.m. on **July 16** at the City Commission Chambers. It is noted here that the date of the regular County Commission date was changed from Tuesday, July 15 until Wednesday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m. The change was announced, publicly noticed and advertised.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECONN BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, TO WIT:

- a. Mosquito Control Budget for FY 2003/2004
- b. Library Equipment Service Agreements -
3M Library Systems; Detection System 2301BP ID 2310890 for 07/24/03 to 07/23/04 - \$697.00; Detection System ID 2310911 for 07/24/03 through 07/23/04 - \$697.00; Bookcheck ID 955 for 07/24/03 through 07/23/04 for \$170.00 Total of \$1564.00
- c. DOC Interagency Agreements
County I.C. Squad #1 - Public Works
County I.C. Squad #2 - Public Works
County I.C. Squad #4 - Public Works
County I.C. Squad #5 - Public Works
County I.C. Squad #6 - Public Works
PWS #1 - Recycling
PWS #2 - Courthouse
PWS #3 - Public Works
WS #3 - Park Services
- d. Housing Rehabilitation Program - Contract for Rehab Work for Henry and Bertha L. Spooner
- e. Subordination Agreement - Mary Creal
- f. Petroleum Products Bid - 03-06; Continue contract with Petroleum Traders: Unleaded gasoline -.0169 and +.0156 for #2 Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel over the OPIS/Bainbridge Average
- g. Financing of Gradall - RFP 03-07 - Awarded to Quincy State Bank for 5 years at interest rate of 2.80. Annual payments of \$57,485.70 with first payment due

on July 15, 2004 and to be paid out on July 15, 2008.
Total Cost \$264,319.40.

- h. Bainbridge College Student Agreement
- i. Travel to NACO Conference for Commissioners Dixon and Holt
- j. Chamber of Commerce Activities Report for May 2003 - for the record
- k. Mosquito Control Agreement with FDACS # 007835

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bishop Holleyfield addressed the Board regarding drainage problems on his property, which abuts Glen Julia Road. He said that the County has begun to pave Glen Julia Road and they installed a cross drain that collects and directs water to a turnout ditch which was dug on his property. He stated that there is no easement for either the cross drains or the turnout ditches on the record. He stated that he has worked with the county administrators and will continue to work with them to get the matter resolved.

He requested that the recently installed cross drain be removed and the turnout ditches filled in and brought back to their natural state.

He also said that the ditches that run parallel to Glen Julia Road that abuts his property have been deepened as a part of the road construction process and might be able to hold the runoff. He then said that if it becomes a matter of public priority to leave the cross drain and maintain the turnout ditches on his property, he wanted to be compensated for collecting and directing water from upstream property owners onto his land.

Commissioner McGill noted his comments for the record.

Linda Perry, Grants Specialist

Ms. Perry stated that she wanted to thank the Board collectively for supporting the letter they sent to the local newspapers supporting National Aids Testing Day on June 27. She showed them the newspaper articles noting the Twin City News particularly because they took a creative approach to the announcement.

13. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

District 2

Commissioner Watson had no report.

District 3

Commissioner Roberson noted that there had been a lot of discussion about driving county owned vehicles by employees, etc. She asked if there was a policy in place regarding non-employees driving county owned vehicles and if there was insurance coverage for non-employees in such instances.

Mr. McKinnon responded that the policy states that only employees should drive county vehicles and it would depend on the circumstances as to whether the insurance would be valid. (Whether or not permission was granted by the Board to use the vehicle.)

Mr. Lawson responded that the County policy gives authority to the county manager to give permission to county employees regarding vehicle usage. He also stated that non-employees would have to have authorization from the Board specifically.

It was the consensus of the Board that Commissioner Roberson should make a written complaint if she knew of a specific incident when that occurred.

District 1 Report

Chair McGill called attention to a letter from Sheriff Woodham regarding the overcrowded conditions at the County Jail. In his letter, the Sheriff requested a workshop with the Board to discuss it.

The County Manager was asked to bring back possible dates for a meeting in August.

Commissioner Dixon stated that he talked with the previous judge who related to him that it is a due process delay, which is creating the overcrowded jail.

District 4 Report

Commissioner Holt had no report, but she did ask if it would be possible to hold a workshop on the Sheriff's budget request at the same time.

District 5

Commissioner Dixon had no report.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, CHAIR MCGILL ADJOURNED THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER DIXON IMMEDIATELY WITHDREW HIS MOTION TO ADJOURN AT THE REQUEST OF CLERK THOMAS.

CLERK'S AGENDA

Budget Amendments 2003-07-01-01 THRU 2003-07-01-07

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

Ratification of the Approval to Pay County Bills

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL TO PAY THE COUNTY BILLS.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR MCGILL DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE
CITY OF QUINCY, THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS MET IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JULY 16, 2003 AT 5:00
P.M. AND THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE
HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

Bill McGill, Chair
Sterling L. Watson
Carolyn Roberson
Brenda Holt
Edward J. Dixon
Hal Richmond, County Attorney
Howard McKinnon, County Manager
Muriel Straughn, Deputy Clerk

Keith Dowdell
Derrick Elias
Carolyn Ford
Earl Banks, City Manager
Sylvia Hicks, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by City Manager Earl Banks at the Quincy City Hall at 5:00 p.m.

**REQUEST BY THE CITY OF QUINCY TO THE COUNTY TO LOCATE THE NEW
MAIN LIBRARY IN DOWNTOWN QUINCY**

City Manager Earl Banks told of the City's efforts to apply for grants to purchase the entire city block south of Jefferson Street between South Adams St. and Monroe St. He said that the property owners have already been surveyed and they have indicated their willingness to sell to the City. The proposed plan was to place a new city police department in the center of the block. The process was projected to be accomplished within 2 - 3 years.

Commissioner Derrick Elias asked the County to consider relocating the new main library onto the county owned block between Crawford St./Clark Street and South Adams/Monroe St. It was thought that the close proximity to the proposed police department would offer an added measure of security for the library.

Discussion followed about the time frames involved and security issues surrounding the close proximity to Quincy Liquors - a property that the City has not considered purchasing at this point. This was a particular concern for the County since the library will have extended evening hours. The City assured the County that the City will get control of that site through code enforcement measures within 2 - 3 months.

There seemed to be a consensus on the County's part to put a county building of some sort on the block in question, but there was not a consensus to relocate the library there. Commissioner Derrick Elias stated that the City will continue their efforts to persuade them. There was some discussion about the possibility of relocating Property Appraiser, Tax Collector and Public Defender's offices rather than the library.

It was noted for the record that the County has been notified that the Florida State Legislature appropriated the \$500,000 grant for the new library and that a site had to be determined within 90 days of the receipt of the grant which may not fit within the timeframes the City proposed for their re-development efforts.

At the end of the discussion there was a consensus that the County wanted to see some enduring action happen with the public nuisance at Quincy Liquors' site within 30 days before they would reconsider their site selection for the library.

POSSIBILITY OF THE CITY OF QUINCY TO ACQUIRE COUNTY PROPERTY

City Manager Banks told of the efforts that are on-going by the Quincy Fire Department to train the County's volunteer fire fighters. He stated that they desperately need a training facility. He proposed that the county owned property behind the National Guard Armory would be an ideal location. They asked the County to consider either selling 5 acres at a nominal fee or donating it to the City for the purpose of a training facility.

The County did not come to a decision or even a consensus, but stated they would take it under advisement.

PROPOSED FIRE STATION TO BE LOCATED ON US 90 EAST OF QUINCY

It was noted for the record that the City of Quincy intends to build a new fire station at the old wayside park on US 90 east of the city limits of Quincy.

PARKS AND RECREATION

There was a brief discussion regarding how the County's recreation and park efforts might tie into the City's recreation program. No decisions were made nor was there a consensus of any kind. It was suggested that this could be addressed during a joint comprehensive planning process for both entities. It was suggested that the managers would discuss it and set a date for such joint planning.

Legislative Issues

There was a brief mention about setting a date for the joint municipalities to meet and discuss joint legislative issues for which to lobby. The managers were asked to bring a date to the respective commissions.

ADJOURNMENT

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT
5:50 P.M.**

Bill McGill, BCC Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
JULY 16, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

Bill McGill, Chair
Sterling L. Watson, Vice-Chair
Carolyn Roberson
Brenda Holt
Edward J. Dixon
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk
Hal Richmond, Attorney
Howard McKinnon, County Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. He led in pledging allegiance to the U.S. Flag followed by an invocation.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended by deleting Item No. 6 - Earlene Dawson, Gadsden Community Hospital Director of Nursing and adding a TDS Contract to the Consent Agenda.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

3. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

Hospital Lease Update

Bishop Holifield - Settlement of Glen Julia Inverse
Condemnation Claim

Hal Richmond requested a litigation meeting to discuss the above two issues as to settlement potential and strategies.

The meeting was scheduled for August 5, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.

4. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION INNOVATION PROGRAM
CONTRACT WITH MARK PALMQUIST

Judge Gary nor Grant Slayden were present. Mark Palmquist addressed the Board on behalf of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Innovation Program. He reported that the services began in November of 2002. He stated that the grant had been successful so far. Some of the volunteers who had been trained and worked with the program were present and were recognized.

Discussion followed.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSISONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE GRANT IN AID AGREEMENT AND THE CONTRACT WITH MARK PALMQUIST.

5. MANAGEMENT SERVICES - VIDEO AND BROADCAST OF MEETINGS

Assistant County Manager Arthur Lawson addressed the Board. He said that he had received 4 bids on the request for bids which was advertised for the videoing of the County Commission meetings. He said that after opening the bids, it was learned that if Southerland Enterprises was not the successful bidder, there would be an additional charge of \$400 to air the videos of the meetings.

Mr. Lawson asked the Board that when they come to decision about awarding the bid, to also decide whether they would pay the additional money to air the meetings on the local government access channel.

Mr. James Southerland addressed the Board.

Discussion followed. A verbatim record of the discussion in on file in the Clerk's office, however, it has not been included with the summary minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLT TO AWARD THE BID TO SOUTHERLAND ENTERPRISES AS A SOLE PROVIDER OF THIS TYPE OF OPERATION - FOR VIDEOING AND BROADCASTING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS. THE MOTION FAILED BY A VOICE VOTE OF 2 - 3. COMMISSIONERS DIXON AND HOLT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. COMMISSIONERS MCGILL, WATSON AND ROBERSON VOTED NO.

Further discussion followed.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0 TO REBID THE

CONTRACT FOR VIDEOING AND AIRING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS. THE ADVERTISEMENT WAS TO BE VERY SPECIFIC AS TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Cost of producing the video and getting it on the air and specify how it will be produced.
2. Who will be able to view the meetings - When and where it will air and on what channel will it air? How convenient will it be for working people to view?
3. How many people will it reach? (Documentation in writing required for the number of people it will reach.)
4. How many cameras will be used?
5. Options for live vs. delayed tape and cost for each
6. Options for delayed tape viewing times
7. Options for where the cameras will be placed
8. Options for whether the cameras will be operated from a remote location vs. manned cameras and costs for each
9. If/When air time is available, will it be live?
- 10 If it is live, how long will the broadcast run - length of the meeting or not?

6. EARLENE DAWSON, GADSDEN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
UPDATE OF PATIENT TRENDS (This item was deleted from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.)

7. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

Certification of Taxable Value (DR-420)

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATION OF THE TAX VALUES AND SET THE ADVALOREM TAXES AT 10 MILLS.

Mr. McKinnon corrected the date of the first public hearing to Monday, September 8, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

Workshop with Sheriff Woodham

A workshop was scheduled to meet with the Sheriff on Thursday, August 7, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Dixon asked that the Sheriff's budget be included on the agenda for that meeting.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA TO WIT:

1. Employee Assistance Program Agreement with Solutions EAP, Eileen McCann, LCSW, CEAP. Annual Contract Amount: \$3,031 (Upon question by Commissioner Holt, It was noted that the County was not charged for the brochures and cards as part of the material costs listed in the attachment.)
2. Modification to Extend Termination Date of Continuity of Operations (COOP)/Terrorism Annex Grant Agreement # 03-FT-1B-02-30-01-316
3. Waste Management - Renewing Performance Bond Extension Certificate #PB91-0111 through 2004
4. Permits for School Bus Shelter Installation - on SR 10
5. SHIP Agreement and Special Assessment Lien - Elizabeth Goldwire
6. TDS Telecom Internet Service Pricing and Contract for ISDN 128k (TCP/IP)

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bishop Holifield

Mr. Holifield addressed the Board. Mr. Holifield's issue was discussed earlier in the meeting. The matter was scheduled to be discussed at the litigation meeting set for August 5, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Richmond explained that the County has received a letter from Mr. Holifield. It offers a proposed settlement to his complaint with a 30 day limitation period. He went on to say that he felt the Board should discuss the litigation strategy in response to the letter.

Mr. Holifield said that he is open for negotiations and he did not intend for his letter to be a demand letter. He reported that he had discussions with county administrators and believed that a settlement was a viable possibility. He then stated that he was surprised to learn that it will be discussed in a litigation meeting.

Commissioner Holt disclosed that she has had discussion with Mr. Holifield. She explained that he is experiencing a stormwater issue and time is of the essence since the excessive rainy season continues to compound his problem.

There was a consensus for Mr. Holifield to continue to meet with the County Manager and County Attorney to work the matter out.

James Southerland, Sr.

Mr. Southerland addressed the Board again. He stated that because of the irregularity of the length of the commission meetings, the time slots that he would have available to broadcast the County Commission meetings, the time and the length of the airing will be crucial.

10. CLERK'S AGENDA

Budget Amendments 2003-07-16-01 through 2003-07-16-04

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

Ratification of Approval to Pay County Bills 07/01/03; 07/03/03; 07/07/03; 07/10/03; 07/11/03; Payroll Registers dated 07/10/03;

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL TO PAY THE COUNTY BILLS.

11. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

District 2 Report

Commissioner Watson had nothing to report.

District 3 Report

Commissioner Roberson stated that she did not believe that County Commissioners should use county vehicles and would like for the County to develop a written policy to that effect.

She went on to say that she had written a memo citing a specific incident which she witnessed and she felt like it

should not have happened. She said that she had contacted Leon County, Jackson County and Lafayette County to inquire as to their policies on the matter. She reported that all of them have unwritten policies that County Commissioners should not drive county vehicles. She then asked that this Board do likewise.

District 4 Report

Commissioner Holt reported that she had found a great program to be used for grant finding which she would forward to Ms. Nancy Gee.

District 5 Report

Commissioner Dixon gave a brief report on the National Association of Counties Conference. He said the workshops and presenters were outstanding.

He announced that he and Commissioner Roberson had received their certification as County Commissioners.

He then noted that Small County Coalition is meeting in Tallahassee to develop strategies for the next Legislature and discuss what came out of the last legislative session.

District 1 Report

Chair McGill reported that he County received a letter of protest from Mr. Spitzer on the bid award on the restricting bid.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

Southerland:

Thank you for the opportunity to clear that up. At that point we were talking about a proposal that I had made to you and it was not being put out for a RFP. I actually brought the idea to you about televising them. The City's - I heard public access - this is not public access, it is government access. I am under contract with Quincy to run it. I came here to try, like you said, to inform the people as well making work for myself by video taping the meetings. I was video taping the meetings, all this was prior to putting out a RFP. If I was producing the videos, and I've got plenty of air time, I would run them for free. I even made contact with the other communities about running them on theirs.

The thing changed when it got put out for RFP. Then all of us, and when I came to my position, because somebody had said, a couple of people had said televise the meetings, and I wanted to make sure that they were not voting on monies to televise the meeting, they were voting on monies to video tape the meetings. I am basically a production company. That is a separate entity but I run both of them. If I televise it for free, that is fine. But, I wouldn't get out of my bed to come and put a tape on that John Doe produced. It wouldn't make any sense. And I try not to do those things that don't make any sense.

I hope I am clear. If I haven't, I am open to questions.

Watson:

What kind of deal are you getting with the City?

Southerland:

I have a contract with them to run it under their auspices of course. I am not totally out there on my own. I can't run certain things. But I am contracted to run that government channel. It is not public access. It is government access and they can run it themselves or they can farm it out to somebody which I am here to do. They choose a general contract with me about a year ago and I run that channel and try to run it like a community channel, but I can't give it all away, I have to make something somewhere. I do stuff like for the non-profits like Cancer Society, Heart Association, schools and stuff

like that and I can air that for free. I can air the County's for free, but not if somebody else is making money off the production. It wouldn't make any sense.

Watson:

Do you run anything that you do not produce?

Southerland:

Sure, I run something that I don't produce.

Watson:

You could, but you choose not to?

Southerland:

Right. It is in my purview to run and to charge or not charge.

Watson:

Is the city paying you for that?

Southerland:

To operate the channel?

Watson:

Yes.

Southerland:

No.

Watson:

They are not.

Southerland:

No.

Watson:

They're not, so it's not costing you.

Southerland:

It is not costing the City for me to run the channel. The City is getting some benefits from it.

Watson:

Well, you know, when somebody is being given a public utility, let's say, and they are going to turn around and charge the public to use it. To me, there is something that doesn't wash there, sir.

Southerland:

They had the channel for almost 10 years and never even had the equipment to put it on the air. I invested in the equipment to put it on the air. I have to make it back somewhere. And I chose to bring ya'll's for free if I am producing it. Not if "Susie Q" is producing it and getting paid. What would make me get up and go put a tape on and worry about it?

Watson:

It troubles me to see that it's going to cost \$400 plus the \$200. That is \$600 which is \$100 more than what your bid was. To me that is sort of - To me, I don't think it would cost -

Southerland:

The thing I probably didn't say and need to say is that I came with a proposal to do a job as a sole provider. But it got turned somehow and got put out for a RFP. At the bid opening, the lady asked me why we bid.

I said, I am not sure, I didn't put out the RFP.

Watson:

We had to.

Southerland:

O.K.

Watson:

We can't just give a contract for that if it is going to be \$12,000. I mean, we have to do that, am I correct, Arthur?

Response inaudible.

Watson:

We don't have a choice.

Southerland:

I am not here to fight it one way or the other. But what I said when it went out for bid, I said "This takes my proposal off the table and now, if somebody else produces it, they will have to pay rate card to air it." There is a published rate card. It is not something that I am making up for the County. There is a published rate card that is out there and people know what it costs to air. It is not a direct, you know, like a chart, you become a sponsor of this County at a certain level and you get certain services. That is exactly what we have done with the \$400.

We don't know if the meetings are going to run for 15 minutes or 4 hours. So, Mr. Lawson and I talked, he gave me a call and we talked about it and we said, "O.K. If it is \$125 per hour, the meetings sometimes run 2 - 3 hours. If it goes all night, we still run it, but we settled on that figure. That figure is not, ah, and plus, in most bids, there is a difference in a bid and a RFP. I am sure you know that. A bid would be - we would be bidding on the same thing. I was talking about doing this with multiple cameras with nobody in the room, you know in the back somewhere switching it, and running it more than once. I run it the night that it is done, Thursday night, and Sunday night of that week.

Some of these people that came after a proposal with an RFP, one guy sat right behind me the last night that I video taped, his bid came in \$4 less than mine because he heard you say from up here what my bid was. O.K. He said "I was watching what you do." What I was doing then was not what I do. I don't bounce around in the room and tape it, I video tape - As a matter of fact, I ran the meeting ya'll just had live to the community. I was not in the room. I didn't do it sneakily, I talked to the manager to make sure it was o.k. I aired it live and I did it from a remote location. The meeting was just held down the street. I shut the power off that equipment and came up here.

I am not trying to twist this County's arm into paying me to do it, but I am not going to get up and go put on tapes that somebody else is getting paid to shoot when I am a production company. They will have to put it on somewhere else.

Roberson:

Mr. Southerland, there is no

McGill:

Commissioner Dixon has the floor now, Commissioner Roberson.

Roberson:

I am sorry.

Dixon:

Mr. Chairman, I think, you know, clearly, Mr. Southerland brings to the table some things that I am not sure these

other folks bring to the table. And yes, his bid was buffered and so everyone has an opportunity to shoot his bid down. Ah, I am clear about what we are doing and clear about why we are doing it. And, while I see what the discussion is, I would expect no less. So, it is my proposal and certainly is my motion that we accept Mr. Southerland's bid. The low bidder has not shown us what he or she could do. You know who they are.

Watson:

We have not given them the opportunity.

Dixon:

Mr. Southerland is a sole, in my opinion, a sole provider of this type of operation. And that will be my motion, Mr. Chairman.

Watson:

It is unfair, though, to say that, I mean you haven't even looked at something that any of these other people have done or can do. And, you are limiting ourselves to the city limits of Quincy. Any of these other bidders can go to the City of Havana and Chattahoochee and Mediacom and Mediacom does go out into the County. There will be more county residents would be able to see it and not have to pay the \$400.

Dixon:

Commissioner, a minute ago you said that nobody would see it. Nobody watched it. Nobody has cable. I don't understand the logic.

Watson:

But you say that you do.

Dixon:

I do understand your logic. Your intent is not to see this happen. Your intent is to make sure that it dies. Your first argument was "Nobody in Gadsden County has cable so nobody will see it." Now, your argument is after Mr. Southerland has said he will take it to other venues and has talked to and spoken with those other venues, now, your argument is "Why is he going to make money off of this because there are other people who want to see it." Where did these people come from all of a sudden?

Watson:

Who are you talking about?

Dixon:

You.

Watson:

What people are you talking about?

Dixon:

That is what I am saying. What people are you talking about?

Watson:

I'm not. What are you talking about?

Dixon:

Mr. Chairman, I offered a motion.

Holt:

And I have a second.

McGill:

Before we vote on your motion, she has something that she wanted to see before you made the motion.

Dixon:

But I made my motion, Mr. Chairman.

McGill:

O.K. You made your motion.

Holt:

And I seconded it.

McGill:

O.K. We have a motion and a second.

Watson:

Well, she can say it now.

Roberson:

Mr. Southerland, it is my understanding that people in the west side of the County that there is not an avenue to air this program. Comcast is over there and I understand that they do not.

Southerland:

Which side is that, Chattahoochee?

Roberson:

Chattahoochee, Sycamore, and that area.

Southerland:

I have talked with Mr. Lee Gardner in Chattahoochee, personally and he said that if I would provide him a tape they would air it on the channel that they have over there. I have talked with the lady in Havana and

Roberson:

But we don't have a channel from my understanding.

Southerland:

In Chattahoochee?

Roberson:

Yeah.

Southerland:

O.K. I didn't ask him to show (inaudible). But that is what he told me.

Roberson:

Well, they don't have one. He said there is no media over there in the west side of the County. Now, where he may air it is on his own T.V. or something, but, I mean there is not, and I talked to cable man and he said, you know, that there is none.

Southerland:

Well, they are required, every cable, you see, I have a FCC License and I keep up with everything FCC does with cable and broadcasting and I have had it for over 30 years. They are required to give a channel to the government if they operate, if they are licensed to operate an area, they are required to give a channel. They are not required to give you equipment to put it on the air. That is why Quincy had a channel for about 10 years and never had anything on the air.

Well, I came along and made a proposal to them that if they granted me the contract to run it, I would fund the equipment, install it myself and put it on the air. We did that a year ago.

Now, if they don't have an outlet over there, it would be as simple as me getting with Mr. Garner and making sure that he gets his cable person that is on contract with them to let us run it on another one of their channels. They have channels. They might not have one they call government channel, but they would have to have to fork up some space for us to run it. That I can't solve tonight, but I know technically the way it has to be done.

McGill:

I have a question for Mr. Lawson. What do the other proposals intend to provide for us - Alison's for \$200 versus Mr. Southerland's \$500? Is there someone present who would have knowledge of that?

Lawson:

She is here and if she would like to address what she proposes for the \$200. She can tell you. Mr. Whigham will be the videographer.

Whigham:

My name is John Whigham. I am a representative for Alison Photography. I would be handling the videography. I would use up to 3 angles, I will have a couple of stationary cameras and then I will be manning one up here around the front getting close-ups of your faces. Then I will import it into a computer and make it all clean cut so that there won't be any jerky movements and everything like that. Then I will export it and supply the tapes to ya'll for airing wherever you want to air it.

McGill:

Do you have an aerial outlet, a station to put it on?

Lawson:

Commissioner, that was not a part of the RFP for production.

McGill:

Is there anyone here from Advanced or Crystal?

Lawson:

I don't think so.

McGill:

Mr. Southerland, you said that night when you made your proposal for \$500, someone heard you. The night that you

made your presentation for \$500 - that Crystal Flower Production overheard that and reduced their bid by \$4.00.

Southerland:

That is correct. He admitted to me at the bid opening that he was seated right behind me and heard Commissioner Watson say, he didn't say "I heard him say", but I was standing there and I heard him say it twice. He said "Your bid was \$500, right?" And the guy was sitting right behind me and he had to hear it too. He brought his in at \$4.00 less.

Watson:

Well, everybody knew that.

Southerland:

Yeah, including everybody who bid against me.

Watson:

Yeah, but you made that, I mean, I didn't tell him, you told him. I mean, we already knew that when you first came here back in March - what it was going to cost. It was public record long before that meeting.

Southerland:

It was part of the record, sir.

Watson:

Well, you told us what it was, so in essence you did tell him. I mean, you had it in your proposal what it was going to cost.

Southerland:

That was a proposal. But when it changed to an RFP, I didn't change the price.

Watson:

But back in March, you had it at \$500 so you had made it then public record.

Southerland:

Yes, sir.

Watson:

O.K. You make it sound like nobody knew anything until I mentioned it.

Southerland:

I am sorry if you took that impression, sir.

McGill:

The other videographers do not have an outlet, we understand that, so how will they get it on the air?

Dixon:

They will do it as Mr. Alison has suggested, they will give it to us.

Holt:

Then we would have to pay for it and

McGill:

Then we would have to find somebody to air it?

Holt:

Right.

McGill:

And if there is no outlet in Havana and Chattahoochee, then what will we do?

Watson:

Just understand that is what the bid was for. Understand that the bid did not involve the other, the people that we, ah, we went out to bid to RFP for a specific thing.

McGill:

Just for production?

Watson:

Yes, and that is what people responded to and now we are throwing another wrinkle to them and that is not fair. We just totally changed what we were going to do and we have got to stop doing this if we want people to keep bidding to Gadsden County.

Dixon:

What we've got to do is make sure the bid that the bid goes out as we said it should. I remember, just like you, what we said the bid should be - not just production, but we needed to get it on the air. That is what the bid should have been. Now, somebody who read the record and heard the record should recall that.

Watson:

Yeah, but

Dixon:

That is what the bid should have been.

Watson:

But, I've got Mr. Southerland here saying, "There is no connection, there. It was for the production of".

Dixon:

Commissioner, your argument is on wasted time. You have no grounds to stand on whatsoever. The point of the matter is if we erred, it shouldn't have been. The point of the matter is that this is clearly that this is a sole provider and we ought to accept that.

Holt:

Mr. Chairman, may I speak?

We, as a Commission, as Mr. Dixon said, we would put out an RFP if he was not a sole provider. Mr. McGill, in the argument or debate or whatever we had that night, you agreed and I did, too, and I am not sure if Ms. Roberson and Mr. Watson did or not, I am not sure. I can just remember these two things, that if he was not the sole provider for the RFP to go out and that is how we agreed to send it out. But since he is, it seems very difficult to come back and tell the man that we can't do this because that is how we put it out there. We didn't say put it out for an RFP and then not bring that up. We brought that up and we stated that that night. IF he was not the sole provider, well, he is the sole provider. So, we cannot argue that point.

Watson:

He is not a sole provider, though. Only within Quincy, only within Quincy.

Holt:

That is what we were talking about. That is what Commissioner Dixon said, he said with the City of Quincy.

Watson:

There is nothing that is going to prevent Alison's from going to Havana to Mediacom and

Holt:

But, that is what he said, I am talking about what he said that night. He said that. Mr. McGill commented on it. I agreed with him. Like I said, I can't quote for you two, I don't know. But I do remember it coming up and we did talk about it. We decided to put it out there just like that. If we (inaudible)

But the thing is, what we are saying now is that, if we do it, you are talking about the major population, will not view the videotaping. We need to look at what we are doing. Go back and sit down, I mean, we don't need to go back, we need to go ahead and get this over and do it and go ahead and put his out there and do what we said we were going to do. We told people we were going to do. It shouldn't have been put out for an RFP because of the statement that we made that night.

Watson:

It had to be though, Commissioner.

Dixon:

No, it did not.

Holt:

No, that is how the proposal was made, that is how it was put out there. It was put out there that way.

Dixon:

It was determined that they were the sole source. I don't remember that determination being made, but it was supposed to be made.

Holt:

That is what was said.

Dixon:

We were to determine whether he was a sole source.

Watson:

But, he is not.

Holt:

But that is what we said. We can't go back on what we said.

Dixon:

According to what is happening right now, he is.

Watson:

No, he is not. He has no control over what happens in Havana. Zero. So, he is not a sole source.

Dixon:

Commissioner, that is an argument you made after the fact. You never mentioned Havana or anybody else.

McGill:

But I mentioned Havana, though.

Dixon:

Now, he says that he has spoken with those folk in these different municipalities. Now, what we have here, no single anybody is going to have a monopoly in each different community because all six communities got their own deal. That is the real deal. The biggest part of the pie is here. Like it or not, the biggest part of the pie is here. Mr. Southerland, through the City of Quincy, controls that piece. That is what is before us. Havana is not before us. Neither is Midway. If deals can be worked to get that done, I am all for it. Let's make it happen. I would love to get it out all over the County in every municipality and every corner of this County. I don't have a problem with that. But what is before us tonight is very clear to you and me that Mr. Southerland, through the City of Quincy, controls that.

McGill:

Mr. Lawson, how did you understand what was said that night before you went to the press?

Lawson:

Mr. Chairman, my understanding was, and I discussed it with both the County Manager and with the County Attorney, in terms of determining whether or not producing the meetings, in terms of production of the meetings, whether or not that would be considered a sole source or not. And, it was our determination that that was not a sole source because other people can produce the meetings.

Now, I did not get the understanding that production and airing was one unit - that it was supposed to be like that. I may not have gotten the correct understanding, but my understanding was for the production end of the meeting.

To get a tape to deliver to someone. That was my understanding.

Dixon:

No. That was never the discussion.

Watson:

That was Mr. Southerland's understanding. Correct?

Dixon:

The point was to get it aired. To get it from tape to (inaudible). That is what we discussed. From tape to (inaudible.) At no point do I recall anybody saying "Get the Board of County Commissioners a tape."

Watson:

Cause this is the night we voted to send it out for RFP.

Dixon:

No, you didn't vote to send it out for RFP. Read what is in there.

Holt:

If it, ah, what happened?

McGill:

While he is trying to find that.

Lawson:

Yet and still, I mean, even as such, I can't see where it is still a sole source because you can still get the tape aired. There is an additional cost to get the tape aired, but it still could be produced and aired.

Watson:

This is what the final motion was - do you want to know?

The final motion before the Board was to authorize the County to go out for request for proposals for the production of a tape of the County Commission meetings to be used to broadcast the meetings. The broadcast would be free at a delayed time. It was further motioned and seconded that if the RFP is not necessary, that the contract for two meetings a month at \$500 per meeting be awarded to Southerland."

But, it was determined that the RFP was necessary, correct?

Lawson:
Yes.

Watson:
O.K.

McGill:
O.K.

Before we have a motion, I would really would like to see us re-do the whole thing and remove the ambiguity in it. Evidently there is some misunderstanding on the some of the proposers part as to what they were suppose to do and what they would be required to do. To eliminate that ambiguity and misunderstanding, I would really like to entertain a motion to go out with more clarity in there about the request.

Watson:
But, we have a motion and second on the floor.

McGill:
I really would like to just ask the City if they would air it for us. I know he has the contract, but maybe they can pull a string to get it done.

McKinnon:
The City, I was notified by the City Manager today that they have given the rights to Mr. Southerland.

McGill:
They gave the rights to Mr. Southerland?

McKinnon:
Yes, sir. They did notify me of that.

McGill:
O.K. We have a motion and second now to award the bid to Mr. Southerland from Southerland Enterprises. All in favor of the motion, say "Aye."

Dixon & Holt:
Aye.

McGill:

Opposers, say "No."

Watson
Roberson &
McGill:
No.

McGill:
I would like to see it go back out and be re-advertised, that is what I would like to see us do. Do I have a motion to do that?

Dixon:
Mr. Chairman, if we go out and we re-advertise, Mr. Southerland will charge \$400 or \$500 and since you are going to do it, you had better be specific about the market that you are talking about and all of this stuff. And so you get on in Havana, I mean, what we have set in motion is basically a rehashing of what is going to happen right now.

Holt:
Of the whole issue.

McGill:
But, I think we will have a clearer understanding of what they are to do now. They know it means production and airing as opposed to just production.

Watson:
What I would like to see us do is send it back out; this what we are going to charge to produce it; this is where we can air it; this is the number of people that we are going to be able to reach when we air it and not have words, have it on paper.

Mr. Southerland may be able to air it to the most people, but I would like to see something in writing from Havana and these other places - Mediacom and yes, this is what we are going to do; this is when we are going to air it; this is how often we are going to air it - because the times that were given before in the previous proposal were really, it is not even worth doing if it is done at the times we read before - at noon the next day, I think it was
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Dixon:
Mr. Chairman, I think it is obvious

McGill:

I need a motion to re-advertise.

Watson:

But I want to make sure the specifics are there.

Dixon:

I don't know what specifics you are talking about.

Watson:

I am talking where

This is how much we are going to charge to produce it;
This is what

Dixon:

And what defines production because if I stand there with a video camera, that is production.

Watson:

That is fine. Let them specify this is how we are going to do it. Let them specify this is where it can be aired. This is when we are going to air it. This is the number of people who are likely to see it.

Dixon:

And the County will not be responsible for getting air time, they will be responsible.

Watson:

Yeah. It is going to matter to me when it is aired because before the proposal was for noon the next day and at nine o'clock of Sunday night. Those are not great times for people to be watching these meetings. People that work will not be able to see it at noon the next day that live inside the city limits of Quincy. And if they do it at nine o'clock on Sunday nights, if people work on Monday morning, as long as these meetings run sometimes, I don't think they are going to sit up until midnight watching a re-airing of this program.

Dixon:

So, what exactly would you want to see?

Watson:

I don't see why it can't be live.

Holt:

Mr. Chairman, may I when he is finished?

Watson:

At least Wednesday at 7:00 o'clock.

Dixon:

O.K. So, now we are entertaining live if it will show.

Now, I've got no problem with that. But, it is one of those tenets - Do you hear me, Mr. Lawson? It is one of those things that we want to see.

Lawson:

You want live to be in there as an option.

McKinnon:

You would like options as to the cost of live - the options on whether it is live or tape delayed.

Watson:

And when the tape delay is going to be because Wednesday night at 6:00 o'clock is much better than Wednesday at noon.

McGill:

You need to be extremely careful that Mr. Lawson understands clearly exactly what we are talking about so that we don't have to come back a third time.

Lawson:

I think I am going to have to get the minutes and listen to the tape. But, let me see if I have everything you have discussed so far.

Holt:

Maybe we should have had him filming.

McGill:

Commissioner Holt had something to say before you get there.

Holt:

Yes, I was going to say that maybe we should have had you filming.

Watson:

We've got a tape.

Holt:

Yeah, but, like I said, we should have had him filming.

We do not to back track too far 'cause we are going to go back so far that we are not going to do this. Then we are right back to where we started. We need to go ahead and do this. Get it out there. Let's go ahead. I would love for it to be live so we can get all the arguments out there and everyone can buy popcorn and buy sodas and laugh at us and be done with it. But, I really would prefer it if they saw it at a productive time, but at least we've got some feed back on the times that he did show it. We got great feed back.

Dixon:

I would love to see it live.

Holt:

Well, I would love to see it live also, but that is a cost, so we have to look at that. So, let's not go back and say, "Well, we can't do this because this costs too much." When we put all these stipulations in there - put the stipulations in there, give us a couple of options and let's move on. Let's put the proposals out there. They we will know that if we do it live, it's going to cost this. And, if I am going to show it Wednesday evening, Thursday evening or whenever, it will cost this. That way, the companies will know. Give them the two options of what we need to do. But if we are going to sit here stalling and say we can continue government and don't have the video media in here, then we are sadly mistaken. It is going to happen anyway. Thank you.

McGill:

I want to be absolutely sure that Mr. Lawson understands fully what the Board wants and can advertise that (inaudible)

McKinnon:

Can I ask as question because this could be an issue, you know, we are talking about specifications now. There will be an issue on whether you want to cameras to be remote or whether you want somebody manning the cameras. So, when

you give us (inaudible), this is an issue that we need clarification on.

Dixon:

I prefer remote simply because there is less confusion coming from the audience. Don't want anybody walking in between.

Lawson:

So, you want it to be remote?

Watson:

I would like options on it.

McKinnon:

Make sure they give you prices on both. We wouldn't want one to come in one way and one the other because you've got this issue.

Watson:

I'm sorta like Commissioner Dixon, I don't want anybody walking around right here with a camera. I don't look good enough for no close-ups.

Dixon:

You don't look good enough for a faraway.

McKinnon:

I guess it sounds like they want options on remote. Quote it both ways.

McGill:

Are there anymore instructions for Mr. Lawson?

Lawson:

May I just run through this list so that we can all be on the same pages this time.

Cost to air and to produce the County Commission meetings

How the production will be done - camera locations

When and where it will be aired

The number of people it can reach

When the vendor can get air time

Cost of production for live vs. tape delay

Cost of remote cameras vs. a live person in here videoing the meeting

Are there any other things that I missed?

McGill:

Before we end discussion on live or remote, when you spell that out, make sure that they know that when it is remote, we don't want be anybody walking around in here.

Lawson:

All right. I will make that clear.

McGill:

The airing time needs to be clearly spelled out, too. On what stations, too.

O.K.

Now let's have a motion.

Dixon:

Motion.

Watson:

Second.

McGill:

We have a motion and second that we got out for re-advertising for the videoing - not video taping alone but video taping and airing of the County Commission meetings. Any discussion on the motion?

Dixon:

Question.

McGill:

Hearing none, all in favor, say "Aye."

All:

Aye.

McGill:

Thank you, Mr. Lawson.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 2 - 3, TO ACCEPT THE SOUTHERLAND BID AS A SOLE PROVIDER OF THIS TYPE OF OPERATION FOR THE TAPE PRODUCTION AND THE BORADCAST OF THE TAPE. COMMISSIONER DIXON AND HOLT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. COMMISSIONERS WATSON, ROBERSON AND MCGILL VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION. THE MOTION FAILED.○

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JULY 22,
2003, THEE FOLLOWING BUSINESS
WAS HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING L. WATSON, VICE-CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER
MURIEL STRAUGHN, DEPUTY CLERK

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair McGill. Commissioner Dixon led in pledging allegiance to the U.S. Flag followed by a prayer by Commissioner Watson.

The meeting was then turned over to Growth Management Director Bruce Ballister. He announced that this meeting was a public hearing which was duly advertised pursuant to FL Statutes. He then explained that the original Gadsden County Land Use Map was adopted in 1991 and it was done in colored pencil or crayons. Since that time, the map has been redrawn several times with computer technology and in the process of redrafting it, unintentional errors occurred. Some of those errors have been identified and are listed on this agenda as proposed changes to the Future Land Use Map (FLUM). He went on to say that the Board should review each proposed change to determine if, in fact, the current map is incorrect. Based on the Board's finding of facts, the map will then be forwarded to Department of Community Affairs for the comments and recommendations.

Mr. Ballister announced to the public that they must complete the information on the sign-in sheet if they want to be notified of the DCA proceedings whenever they are held.

M1 - Existing 17 Acres - AG 3; 1991 Map AG 1

Mr. Ballister explained to those present that the designation of Ag 1 will increase their property value in that there can be 1 dwelling for every 5 acres.

Mr. Arthur Walker addressed the Board with questions regarding what significance a Future Land Use Map. Mr. Ballister explained that the designations will guide the Board in making decisions about the type of development and the density of development that can occur on that parcel of land.

Located at CR 12 at Ocklochonee River

LPA Recommendation - Revert back to AG 1

(Mr. Martin Croy, 1810 CR 12, Tallahassee, FL 32312 appeared at the PLA Hearing and specifically requested that the property revert to AG 1, however he was not present for this meeting.)

Mr. Ballister demonstrated the original 1991 map and compared it to the present map. There was a consensus of the Board that the current map does not reflect the intended use as adopted in 1991.

Chair McGill called for public comments. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO CHANGE THE LAND USE BACK TO AG1 DUE TO THE ERROR IN THE CURRENT MAP.

M2 -116 Acres - Existing - AG 1; 1991 - AG 3

(It was noted that there was a discrepancy as to the number of acres on the change. See the current map and the 1991 map. Staff to verify acreage prior to the transmittal of the amendment.)

LPA Recommendation - Revert to AG 3

Mr. Ballister compared the 1991 map to the current map. There was a consensus of the Board that the current map does not reflect the intended use as adopted in 1991.

Chair McGill called for public comments. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE COMMISSION VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO CHANGE THE LAND USE BACK TO AG3.

There was some discussion with audience members regarding what was taking place with this hearing. However, the people were not identified for the record. One lady addressed the Board but her name was not audible. (possibly Joy Wiley) Her questions dealt with the change in their property values.

M3(A) 9.6 Acres - Existing - Public; 1991 - Commercial
M3(B) 32.4 Acres - Existing - Public; 1991 - AG 2

Mr. Ballister explained that the two subject properties are adjacent to the old Havana High School practice field. It was incorrectly zoned as public on the current map. However, it has never been public land. The error was discovered when the staff began to study all of the public lands located within the County. It was an error made during the conversion of the original map to digitized map.

There was no one present to represent Coastal Lumber Company, the owner.

There was a consensus of the Board that the land was designated incorrectly on the FLUM.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSISONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO REVERT TO THE 9.6 ACRES BACK TO THE 1991 DESIGNATION AS COMMERCIAL AND THE 32.4 ACRES BACK TO THE 1991 DESIGNATION OF AG2.

There was no one present to speak for or against this land use amendment.

M-4 38 Acres - Existing - AG 3; 1991 - Recreation

Barber Road and SR 12. This property is owned by the Coonbottom Hunt Club.

Mr. Ballister stated that the club has a vested right to practice their activities because they were in place prior to the adoption of the Comp Plan and the LDC. If it reverts back to the recreation use, they may change its activity.

Richard Thompson addressed the P & Z Commission and he called attention to the fact that the Land Development Code under recreational uses, it specifically excludes firing ranges and gun clubs.

Mr. Ballister stated, "As long as they kept doing what they were doing, they are an existing vested use or an existing vested non-conforming use."

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON TO MAKE NO CHANGE TO THE MAP AND LEAVE THE DESIGNATION AS AG3.

Chair McGill called for public comments.

Ms. Joann Williams addressed the Board, however, it was not on the above named property. She was told that the parcel with which she had concerns was scheduled and noticed for the hearing on July 23.

Ms. Mary Wright also addressed the Board. She was concerned about an issue in the Shiloh (M-18)

M-5 45.5 Acres - Existing - AG1; 1991 - Rural Residential

Off Deer Run in District 1

LPA Recommendation: Change to RR

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION BACK TO RR.

M-6 28 Acres - Existing - AG 1; 1991 Map - AG 2

Jasper Moore, Ancient Oak Road, Havana, Fl addressed the Board. He requested no change to the land use designation.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE

VOTE TO MAKE NO CHANGE - LEAVE THE DESIGNATION AS AG
1.

M-7 31.5 Acres - Existing - AG 2; 1991 - Rural Residential
(McNair Road and Chinaberry Road)

Chair McGill called for public comments. There was
no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE
VOTE, TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION TO RR.

M-8 (A) 163.0 Acres - Existing - Rural Residential; 1991 -
AG2

M-8(B) 114.5 Acres -Existing - Rural Residential; 1991 -
AG1

Ed Joyce addressed the Board after he took an oath. He
requested that 8(A) to be left Rural Residential.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE
VOTE, TO MAKE NO CHANGE TO THE CURRENT MAP AND LEAVE
THE LAND USE DESIGNATION RURAL RESIDENTIAL.

M-10 26.5 Acres Existing - AG2; 1991 - AG3

North of the Farms at Quincy

This was a true boundary determination error by staff.

There was no one present to speak for or against the
amendment.

LPA Recommendation - Change to AG3

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE
VOTE, TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION BACK TO AG3.

M-9 49.5 Acres Existing - Rural Residential; 1991 - AG2

LPA Recommendation - Make no change to current map.

Selvin Cobb appeared before the Board. He requested that it be changed back to AG 2.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO MAKE NO CHANGE TO THE FLUM AND KEEP THE DESIGNATION AS RURAL RESIDENTIAL.

M-15 11.5 Acres - Existing - AG1; 1991 - RR

LPA Recommendation - Retain AG 1 designation.

Nancy Little addressed the Board.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION BACK TO RURAL RESIDENTIAL.

M-11(A) 65.5 Acres- Existing - RR; 1991 - AG2;

M-11(B) 29 Acres - Existing - AG2; 1991 - RR

M-12(A) 47.5 Acres - Existing - RR; 1991 - AG2

M-12(B) 45 Acres - Existing - AG2; 1991 - RR

It was noted by Mr. Ballister that **Shelly Brown, Jr.**, 2596 Lincoln Dr., Chattahoochee, FL requested that they all be zoned AG2.

It was also noted that **Michelle R. Davis** requested that 11-A revert back to AG 2.

Richard Snyder also requested that it stay AG2.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF 11A & 12A AND AS AG2 AND MAKE NO CHANGE ON 11B AND 12B.

M-13 163 Acres - Existing AG 2; 1991 - AG 3

It was noted for the record that Robert Presnell had requested that this property remain AG. Also Aaron "Mitchell" Sunday requested that it remain AG2.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO MAKE NO CHANGE TO THE MAP - LEAVE THE LAND USE AS AG 2.

M-14 85 Acres - Existing - Ag 3; 1991 - AG 2

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO MAKE NO CHANGE AND LEASE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION AS AG3.

M-16 57 Acres - Existing AG 1; 1991 - Rural Residential

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO MAKE NO CHANGE TO M-16 AND LEAVE THE DESIGNATION AS AG 1.

M-17 294 Acres - Existing Map - Ag; 1991 - Ag 1

Harden Heights

Ms. Betty Booth was recognized for questions and comments.

It was noted that two of the land owners, Spurgeon Johnson and Richard Mashburn had requested that it revert back to AG 1.

Mr. Earl Daniels, 336 Oak Ridge Road addressed the Board. He referenced a notice which he had received in the mail. It was determined that his noticed related to M-25 - not M-17

LPA Recommendation - Change to AG 1.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION TO AG 1.

M-18 240 Acres - Existing - AG 3; 1991 - AG1

Mr. Frank Rowan addressed the Board.

(It is noted here that the notes and Exhibit 18A was incorrect. The property was determined to be presently zoned as AG 3. Mr. Rowan's proposal was to it to revert back to AG 1 as it was zoned in 1991.)

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF M-18 (240 ACRES) TO AG1.

M-19 35 Acres - Existing AG3; 1991 - AG1

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION TO AG 1.

M-20 225 Acres - Existing AG2; 1991 - AG1

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION TO AG1.

M-21 344 Acres - Existing a) 78 acres- AG 3; b) 153 acres - RR; c) 217 a AG3 acres AG3 - 1991 - AG2

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO TO CHANGE ALL OF M-21 344 ACRES TO AG 2 DESIGNATION.

M-22 25.5 Acres

22A Existing - 25.5 Acres Rural Residential; 1991- AG
2
22B Existing - 15.0 Acres AG2 - 1991 - Rural
Residential

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF 22B TO RURAL RESIDENTIAL MAKING AND MAKE NO CHANGE TO 22A.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD AND
UPON THE MOTION BY COMMISSIONER, CHAIR MCGILL DECLARED
THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JULY
23, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING WATSON, VICE-CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER
MURIEL STRAUGHN, DEPUTY CLERK

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. Commissioner Holt led in the pledge of allegiance to the US flag. Mr. McKinnon led in a prayer.

Growth Management Director Bruce Ballister stated that Gadsden County essentially has two versions of the Future Land Use Map. One was adopted in 1991 which was created with colored crayons on paper. During the process of converting that map to a digital image, several electronic formats were attempted over the subsequent years. The most recently adopted map was created in AutoCad. He said that the staff has discovered errors that were made during the transfer of the map. He went on to say that it is the desire of the Board to correct the map but it can only be done by a land use amendment process. He also said that the agenda for this meeting includes a few land owner requests which have already been acted on by the Board in previous hearings.

LUA 2003-2-M23 63 Acres - Existing AG 2; 1991 Map - RR

Chair McGill called for public comments. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE,
TO MAKE NO CHANGE AND LEAVE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION AS
AG2. COMMISSIONER ROBERSON WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THIS VOTE.

M-24A 114 Acres; Existing - AG3; 1991 - AG2

M-24B 125.5 Acres; Existing - AG3; 1991 -AG2
M-24C 26 Acres; Existing - RR; 1991 - AG2
M-24D 2.5 Acres; Existing - RR; 1991 - AG3

Chair McGill called for public input. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR 24 a, c, d TO AG2 AND MAKE NO CHANGE TO 24B - IT SHOULD REMAIN AG3.

M - 25 120 Acres Existing - AG3; 1991 - AG2

Mr. Ballister stated that this error was a shift in boundary lines.

There was no public comment.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO MAKE NO CHANGE TO THE ABOVE PARCEL - LEAVE IT AS AG3.

Mr. Earl Daniels addressed the Board after the motion was taken. He owns 100 acres in the vicinity of this change. It was determined that his property designation would not change.

M - 26 19 Acres Existing - AG2; 1991 - RR

Mr. Ballister stated that this was a small piece of rural residential in an area surrounded by AG2 lands.

The LPA recommended no change - leave it as AG2.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO MAKE NO CHANGE AND LEAVE THE DESIGNATION AS AG2.

M - 27 114 Acres - Existing AG2; 1991 - Mining
M - 28 233 Acres - Existing AG3 & AG2; 1991 - Mining

Mr. Ballister stated that M-27 and M-28 are similar in nature. M-27 was the subject of the special exception use that the Board held approximately 6 weeks ago. The property has been owned by Milwhite Company. The Planning Department did not recognize them as a mining company when the map was last revision. The Comp Plan does speak to the protection of mining

lands and mineral resources. The AG2 designation will prevent them from being used as other land uses.

M - 28 is further east of M-27 along the GA/FL border. The only access is from the GA line. The property was owned by a mining company in GA - Milwhite. Milwhite has been bought by Zemex Minerals and they are exercising a DEP permit to mine the land.

LPA Recommendation - change to mining.

David Theriaque, attorney for Zemex, addressed the Board in order to answer their questions.

Commissioner Dixon asked if the issues between the surrounding land owners and Zemex have been resolved.

Mr. Ballister replied that Zemex had met with the land owners and reached an understanding with them about their concerns.

Commissioner Holt asked if the property owners on the lower tract received notices of the proposed change.

Mr. Ballister replied that notices were mailed.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR M-27 AND M-28 TO MINING.

M - 29 - 40 Acres - Existing - RR & AG3; 1991 - Commercial

Mr. Ballister stated that the Board passed a resolution of intent to change this property to commercial in May. The property is owned by Carlton Sheffield.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO CHANGE 29A (4 ACRES) TO COMMERCIAL AND 29b (36 ACRES) TO COMMERCIAL.

M-30 1.1 Acres - Existing Use - Rural Residential - 1991 Commercial

Mr. Ballister explained that the subject parcel is situated at edge of Shiloh Road and 267. He said that the property has been operating as a gas station since 1981.

When the map was created in 1991, the map designation was rural residential.

David Theriaque, attorney for the Butlers, addressed the Board. He asked to change the request for this hearing. He said that at the P & Z hearing a great deal of concern was expressed that if the property is designated as full commercial, there would be the potential for many harmful uses on the property. He went on to say that he had reviewed the Comp Plan and the Land Development Code trying to find a way to address the neighbors concerns. He proposed that instead of designating this piece of property as commercial, designate it a neighborhood commercial which is a less intensive use.

He explained how it would work. He said that the Comp Plan has a neighborhood commercial category (FLU 4). It states a definition for neighborhood commercial use is "a typical rural residential community includes small grocery/convenience stores, minor auto and truck repair shops, florist shops, vegetable/fruit stands, home occupation, churches, cemeteries, and low density residential dwellings."

Theriaque:

That is what would be allowed on this piece of property if the convenience store was ever closed. I have spoken with the Butlers and they have spoken with the tenants. As some of you may know, the tenants are either purchasing or have purchased the convenience store from the Butlers. They have no desire to do anything other than a convenience store. I know that some people have asked if that was their desire, then why do they need to change the designation.

The reason the designation needs to be changed is that they are currently classified as a non-conforming use because it is a gas station/convenience store. As a non-conforming use, if they wanted to change a wall to add a cooler in, your Code prohibits things of that nature because it is a non-conforming use.

This issue first came to their knowledge back in 1998 when they were trying to add a cooler to the convenience store. It is not simply a situation where they are trying to increase property value, in fact, they are already going to

sell the property as is. It is a situation of correcting the non-conformity.

Now, there are a couple of things we would need to do if the Board agreed that this would be the right way to go. I have met with Mr. Ballister to talk through a couple of things. In your Comprehensive Plan, it refers to neighborhood commercial developments in the rural residential and AG1, 2, 3. It has some criteria. These criteria would not be applicable under the land use category called neighborhood commercial. That is where the disconnect has been in your plan. It was never fleshed out.

What I would like to ask the Board to do is to support - instead of commercial designation with all the commercial uses, support a neighborhood commercial designation on this piece of property, transmit it to the Department of Community Affairs with your other plan amendments. In the interim, allow me to work with staff and the commissioners to tweak the neighborhood commercial so that it is a stand alone category.

I would also note that this is not just for Mr. Butler. As you know, I do a lot of work around the State. You have a very restrictive category of commercial and that is it. You don't have any other types of commercial. So, if you were going to allow somebody to do any other type of commercial, you would have to give them full commercial or no commercial.

By having a second category, you can approve requests by other property owners, and they have to come before you and show that it is appropriate, but it would give you the ability to say that full commercial is not appropriate at this location, but neighborhood commercial as a land use is appropriate. So, this would actually have, I think, benefits to the future of other parcels in the County.

At the same time, we will take a look and make sure that there are appropriate criteria in the Land Development Code. Just do a little bit of clean up and all of that would come back to you. If you transmit tonight, as you all know, that is not adoption. It simply goes to the Department of Community Affairs, the Department reviews it, and you will have an adoption hearing sometime in the future. So, you will get another look at this if we don't

draft it appropriately before you. But I would request that this narrow neighborhood commercial would address a lot of the concern that I have heard expressed about having the parade of horrors for full commercial.

Lastly, just let me summarize. Just like the Sheffield property, the Butlers have had their property and paid taxes as commercial since 1982. They have been operating it prior to the Comprehensive Plan as commercial. I think there are a lot of similarities there and we are not asking for full commercial, we are asking for neighborhood commercial which is more restrictive."

McGill:

Have you talked to some of the property owners around the area?

Theriaque:

No, I have not personally done that, sir. I was at the Planning Commission and one of the Planning Commissioners, who either lives in the neighborhood, stepped down and she expressed her concerns about having a full commercial and there were a few other neighbors who voiced their concerns about full commercial. I also will state for the record that I spoke with Commissioner Watson and Commissioner Dixon and both of them expressed concern about full commercial. That led me to look at the Plan and see if there was a way to narrow the scope of commercial. As a result of their input that we are asking to scale back and not go for that full commercial but to simply ask for the neighborhood commercial which I think that everybody would admit that a convenience store is your typical neighborhood commercial use.

McGill:

Would it be proper to take this off the agenda tonight and let you talk to the neighbors who are here about neighborhood commercial. Would that pose a problem?

Audience:

We are here.

Dixon:

They will do a good job of representing them.

Holt:

What types of businesses did you list?

Theriaque:

I will site from two places, ma'am.

In the future land use category on page FLU 5, it refers to small grocery convenience store, minor auto/truck repair shop, a florist shop, a vegetable/fruit stand, home occupation, church, cemetery, low density residential. That is in the Future Land Use element.

In you Land Development Code, there is a description of neighborhood uses on page 4 - 11. Under the use of possible neighborhood commercial uses, a small grocery convenience store (2,000 sq. ft. Max.) , bed and breakfast, minor/truck auto repair, vegetable/fruit stand, a civic organization, child/adult day care facility, studio or artist sales facility associated with the Florida Art Trail. Those are currently in your regulations now. As we craft the neighborhood commercial, we can choose, narrow, add, whatever the Board deems to be appropriate, but the concept would be that we focus in on neighborhood commercial uses rather than a full commercial list.

McGill:

O.K. Mr. Holt and Ms. Battles, do you want to come up and sign this?

Battles:

Good evening, my name is Arrie Battles and I am a property owner with this property that Mr. Butler has. I know that we passed some (inaudible) and everytime I was at a meeting, they said the proposed buyer meet with community. Well, this has been going on since 1982, like he said. Not one attempt has been made to meet with property owners. None. Now, he said that he has been in the community since 1982. We have been there for 80 years. We like our community the way it is. We don't want anything else distracting our community.

With the store out there now, there are people in the wooded areas, there are homeless staying out there. We have widows, children, single parents around in this area. We just can't do it anymore and we are tired. Every time this stuff comes up, it is for what somebody else wants.

When is somebody going to listen to us? We don't want it. Neighborhood nothing. We bought it for rural residential and that is what we want it to stay as.

Mr. Watson, my great, great granddaddy was one of the first landowners in this county. We are sorta tired. Every time we come up here, we get put on the back burner. When do our rights kick in?

From 82 til now, Mr. Butler has not made any attempt to do anything but sell nickel and dime stuff in the community. Not once has he made an attempt to contact any of my people to sit down and make a discussion. Now, we are tired. We have voiced our opinion. It is our community and that is what we want. We pray that you all listen to us. If something happens to some of our people after we have come up here and told you all the issues, then somebody has got to come to bat and say "I take full responsibility."

I have a cousin who is a single parent with grandchildren right next door. These drunks around that store and long as the store is open. We had no problem with nobody breaking in and stealing until they started selling beer out there. Our people are at risk. Last week they said "Call the police." Well, everybody in here knows that there are five deputies on duty after 12:00 to cover the whole county. So, who are you going to call. We are tired. I pray that you all will listen to us.

McGill:

Is there another presentation by Mr. Holt?

Holt:

It is the same thing,

Holt:

Commissioner McGill, excuse me, the attorney said that we need to swear them in before that.

McGill:

Where is the attorney?

Holt:

He is in the audience.

McGill:

You need to come forward, I guess.

All of you who will speak need to do the same thing.

Watson:

No, he's the attorney, you don't need to do the attorney.
You couldn't believe him anyway.

Laughter.

Battles:

For one time I believe you.

McGill:

Do you swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth so
help you God?

Battles:

I have.

McGill:

Mr. Holt, you are next, the same question.

Do you swear the tell the truth and nothing but the truth,
so help you God?

Holt:

I do.

My name is Charleston Holt. I was born and raised in that community. October 15, of this year, I will be 75 years old. The property was bought way before my time. We have had a discussion or whatever about this land out there. If things had worked right, Joe Butler's store wouldn't be there. When the State put that road out there, the State took part of his land and yet he jumped back and took him 1.1 acre. My uncle, Uncle Jenkin Carter owned all that land all the way back to the crossroads. Freddie Carter who is out there and is 90, he helped survey that land. It was supposed to have been ½ acre and he jumped in there because of an opportunistic thing. I seen him run through there. He was going to make a quick dollar. We realized that. You passed it and he hasn't lived up to what he said he was going to do.

I think the last time we were here, you were supposed to put flowers all along between the store and Mr. Bostick, I

call her Bostick. Has that happened? It has not happened.

I would like for you to realize - have you been reading the newspaper and seen how many breaking and enterings that are happening in and out there? How many people have gone to jail? Some of those same people that you all had up here for witnesses are in jail. Do you know why they are in jail? Because they robbed the lady out there. Here recently - there was another one that wanted to break in but he was running away. That was just last week. You want to expand that to selling liquor and everything? Would you do that in your neighborhood? Answer that please. No, you wouldn't do it. I know. And here it is right next door. Ms. Bostick is right next door. The County has built her a beautiful home and you are going to have these people drinking liquor congregating down there. No. So, I pray to God, that you will vote no for commercial out there.

This think has (inaudible) If you read the paper, the crisis in the newspaper. I don't want to bring up a racial issue, but from 1865 until now, when things develop, certain people want it, they move in and did what - they take it. IF you think I am lying, read the paper, read the (Inaudible) crisis. They are there. There are law suits pending about such as that. We weren't really able to furnish a lawyer to really fight the situation last time. They cut our road and moved fences just to put a store there. Why? To me it is drowing man, as long as he is on top, he doesn't care who is on the bottom cause he is on the top.

So, please consider that.

Watson:

Coach Holt, we can't shut the store down, do you understand that?

Holt:

I understand that.

Watson:

And I am not in favor of going to full commercial. When we did this several years ago, we didn't have the option of going with neighborhood commercial. I thought at the time and I still do that it was fair since Mr. Butler had been

operating it commercially since 1982. He had been paying taxes commercially and it was obvious that it was a commercial piece of property. That is why I supported it going back. However, we now have the neighborhood commercial designation. In essence it will prevent the property owner from doing anymore of a nuisance than what it is right now. A neighborhood commercial will not allow a liquor store.

Holt:

I understand your position and I am not fighting you. I understand your position. But my perception is this - As sure as you approve this, he has got his mind set in another direction to go further.

Watson:

But he can't do that. He can't do anymore than what the neighborhood commercial designation allows.

Holt:

I understand that but you might not be there, Mr. Watson.

McGill:

But he would have to come back before this Board to get it changed though.

Holt:

I know that, but ya'll might not be on the Board then.

Watson:

Well, let me say this. Under your scenario, if you say that, he could do that now. Correct? If he is going to do what this Board doesn't want him to do, it doesn't matter what we call it. He will go ahead and do it. If he is going to break the rules, it doesn't matter what it is designated.

We are just not going to let that happen.

Holt:

If he was a law abiding citizen, I would have to disagree with you. If he is a law abiding citizen. Ya'll passed a law and he is not suppose to do that. If he does that, then you are suppose to take action.

Holt:

May I, Mr. Chairman?

O.K. Mr. Holt, let me ask you a question. In your presentation, I found it interesting about you said something about 1.1 acre. You kept saying "he" and I have no idea about who you were talking about. What was that about?

Holt:

Joe Butler says that he owns 1.1 acre down there.

B Holt:

I was wondering, what that had to do with this situation?

C Holt:

Because if had been granted - back when we first appeared before this Board protesting that - we had the deeds and everything and we still have them - I can go and get them - you will see where the State paid Mr. Dick Shaw some much for taking his land, they paid Ms. Merle (we call her Ms. Merle, but it's not her correct name) so much for taking her land and then after that he comes and has it surveyed and going to move back until he told me that he was going to have him an acre. Had it been, no, I won't say that. That is how he got there. Otherwise, he wouldn't have room to be there.

McGill:

(inaudible) If that is what the State was doing. I do have this question - the last time this issue came up, we approved that Mr. Butler would plant some shrubbery around the place. Are you saying that was not done?

Holt:

Didn't ya'll request that?

McGill:

Yes, and I would like to see that done. I would really like to see that done.

Holt:

Ms. (inaudible), is that done?

Unidentified:

No, it is not.

McGill:

Well, I would like to see that done.

C Holt:

Hey, you know what, I came before this Board before because a lady's daughter took sick and had to move out from down there for a while because of the fumes. I know that after this was done, trenches were dug. I don't know what is down there to keep it from spreading down there. We didn't call in EPA about it. But I think that every so often it needs testing. I know they dug up all around that place sometime. That is dangerous to people's health.

Bholt:

What is it that they can have in that area now?

Ballister:

Well right now as rural residential they could have - it has the opportunity of having any request for rural residential use, excuse me, neighborhood commercial use cause we have been treating that as an overlay and he could apply for the same kind of facility. An application right now in 2003 would not allow the sale of beer and wine. That is about the only difference. This facility could be permitted on the property at this point as a neighborhood commercial use in a rural residential zone.

Bholt:

But what you are saying is that we don't have neighborhood commercial right now.

Ballister:

We have a neighborhood commercial land use category listed in the comprehensive plan. But it has never been a mapped area.

Bholt:

O.K. That is what I needed to ask. So, right now, he can have what he has there, but he could not go back and redo that, if he wanted to build right now in a rural residential.

Ballister:

He couldn't do much more than that. He could certainly couldn't put in a liquor store. He could put a small retail or things that would serve a neighborhood.

Bholt:

Could he add on to the store?

Ballister:

Right now, he could not add on to the store.

Bholt:

If it were neighborhood commercial, could he add on to the store?

Ballister:

If it was neighborhood commercial, he probably could because it would be a conforming use. He could do a site plan modification. Right now, he is a non-conforming use and he couldn't.

C Holt:

May I ask a question about this. When was this changed to commercial?

B Holt:

It wasn't. It is still rural residential.

Ballister:

It is still rural residential, Mr. Holt. There is a land use - not a category, but a description where we permit properties as neighborhood commercial in other land use types - rural residential and agricultural types. It depends on their location and what they are going to do. There are limited activities.

C Holt:

You are talking about now. I am talking about back there when the store was first put there? Who gave him permission to do that?

Ballister:

In 1982, there was not a future land use map, so there was not a commercial designation like that anywhere.

C Holt:

A lot of things have changed, I know that. When it used to rain, that water used to go straight down 267. But for some reason, a sewer moved by Ms. Davis house down there and the rain ran right dead through Mr. Lee Grants property to her property and other property. It was moved there. If you search the record, I am almost certain that you won't find that somebody granted that. I think that was done by the owner or was grandfathered in.

Theriaque:

You asked if it could be designated neighborhood commercial today. I disagree that it can because I know that the future land use element in the rural residential, there is no neighborhood commercial that can be located unless it is located within 500 ft. of the intersection of an arterial or paved collector roadway. The locational criterion in the Comprehensive Plan would preclude Mr. Butler from coming in right now and asking for neighborhood commercial.

Ballister:

Are you reading from the Code? I believe the location criteria applies to the Agriculture zones.

Theriaque:

There is a Code of the Comp Plan that specific states rural residential. You are correct in your code, but in your Comp, it said rural residential and AG 1,2,3 had the 500 ft. requirement. On your code, that is contained in section 5204. But on the Comp Plan, it was more restrictive than that. So, even if Mr. Butler wanted to come in here right now and say, keep it rural residential, let me come in and get a neighborhood commercial designation, he can't do so because of your Comprehensive Plan.

What we are asking for here is to recognize the fact he did have a commercial business in operation in 1982. When the Plan was adopted, he was commercial. WE are trying to find a category that recognizes it yet still has balance with the neighbors. I hear what the neighbors are saying. They don't want to see a great intensive use than what is there. I understand that concern. If I lived in that neighborhood, I would share the same concern. I would not want to see something more. What I am suggesting tonight is that the land use that you already have in your plan that limits neighborhood commercial uses to real neighborhood commercial uses. Convenience stores, things that are already taking place. We would ask you to utilize that vehicle to make him a conforming neighborhood commercial use.

McGill:

But wouldn't that do the same thing that they are allowing now?

Theriaque:

The distinction is that the neighborhood commercial as Bruce said, the way that the County has been using it, it's more like an overlay zoning district. It is not a future land use map category. When you designate pieces of properties, what are these colors? You have a category called neighborhood commercial that was never given a color. What we are asking is take the category that you have in your plan, give it a color and designate the Butler property neighborhood commercial. That way the property itself would have a future land use category called neighborhood commercial.

McGill:

And you say that we can't do that tonight.

Theriaque:

You can do that tonight. What I am suggesting is that you designate it neighborhood commercial, send the plan amendments, the whole package, all 40, to DCA. In the interim, I will work with Mr. Ballister and the neighbors and the planning commissioners who want to get involved, and see if we can come up with some language to help flesh out what the Comp Plan did not include. Right now, you Comp Plan just defines the uses and it stopped there. And when you get to the Land Development Code, it stopped there also. But it is in your Plan as an option. It was just never fleshed out. I am asking for the opportunity to flush that out while it is at DCA. It will come back to you. This is only a transmittal tonight. It is not adoption.

B Holt:

The fear of the neighbors is that if it will approximately the same, then why is there a big argument about it? If it is pretty much the same.

If the Comp Plan and the land code don't match, then we need to match that up. What benefit is it to Mr. Butler? What benefit is it to the neighborhood?

Theriaque:

One is for Mr. Butler. He has a legal non-conforming use. If that building burns down, if it is damaged at a certain percentage, your code has some prohibition on rebuilding and repairs. Your code is designed to get rid of non-conforming uses. That is how your code is set up. That is how most local government codes are. You want to get rid

of the non-conforming use. There are caps on what types of repairs, what type of renovation he can make. IF you simply wanted to add a cooler and go out 3 - 4 feet in one direction, he would not be able to do that under your code.

So, changing it from a legal non-conforming use to a legal conforming use gives him some protection as a property owner if it suffered damage or he needed to do some minor renovations that he cannot do now.

Mr. Butler has been paying taxed since 1982 and operating the business since 1982. The only benefit it would have for the neighbors, and honestly, they may not look at this as a benefit, it will put this issue to bed. As you know, this issue has been discussed by this Commission since 1998 when it first came to Mr. Butler's attention that he didn't have commercial. There is some benefit to a neighborhood to have an issue resolved. It will cap the type of commercial that will be allowed on that property. It will not be full commercial, it will be limited neighborhood commercial.

B Holt:

May I say something?

You are looking at a community that is already saying that he took .1 of acre from us. That is what they are saying. What you are saying is that if we approve this, if he wanted to add a cooler and go out 3 - 4 more feet, then you see what they are going to say.

Theriaque:

That's not what we are talking about. WE are not talking about the size of the property, we are not talking about what took place in the past about ownership. We are looking at this piece of property being used in a commercial manner when the plan was adopted and how do we want to address that today. Any of the other disputes, whether there are shrubs, I wasn't there when this thing was approved. If, in fact, the County told Mr. Butler, or whoever the current owner will be, the tenants are buying this store, if there should be shrubs, then that is an enforcement. Bruce will write a letter to the owner and say "On March whatever, 2001, the Board asked you to put shrubs up, so put shrubs up." Those are all different than what this property should be designated as on this map.

C Holt:

(Inaudible)

Wright:

My name is Mary Wright.

McGill:

Do you swear to tell the truth, so help you God?

Wright:

Nothing but the truth. My grandfathers Jackson Carter and Jesse Neely, we have been rooted right there. It is not a black and white issue. I am talking from the heart. I am asking each and everyone that is supposed to know the law and is a Christian, if they had children in that neighborhood, and I just came in there and set up, you done did part of what you wanted to in the neighborhood, you know, they expanded. If I come there and set up like this, would ya'll just take everybody and elderly people's land and let Mr. Joe sit there. Now, I know Mr. Joe from a little girl from working in tobacco. But, where is Mr. Joe tonight? I keep seeing a lawyer. I don't see no Mr. Joe here to defend for what we are going through out there. Mr. Joe is sleeping good at night. I got 6 grandchildren out there. I am speaking from my heart. Not for nobody else. All the rest of them are older than I am except Roger. If I lied, I just done made a mistake in my age, cause I might be 55. I just asked you, I plead with ya'll. Don't do that to us. Please, just think about ya'll self. It's ours. Mr. Joe, I don't know where he lives, but I know where we have been rooted all our lives. It is not right. It is not all Mr. Joe. If I have said anything, take it for (inaudible)

McGill:

Neighborhood commercial is not that different from rural residential. It only spells out certain activities that can take place in neighborhood commercial activity that cannot be allowed in a rural residential area. But the fact that the store is already there, we can't change that. It is already out there. But neighborhood commercial would stop him from going beyond what he is to other things like truck stops and stuff like that. He could do that. But even in a neighborhood, he could have the store. This won't change it that much by going to neighborhood commercial. He will still be there but he will be very

restrictive when he gets if done out there. I would still like to see him put the shrubbery up there.

Dixon:

We have been doing this I think since we all have been here and it gets uglier every time. But both sides have to hold up their end. The neighbors are concerned and their concerns are valid. Mr. Butler is a non-conforming landowner and these activities continue to occur whether we do something about it or not. The question is how do we handle it to the point that it doesn't come back here anymore. The neighbors need to find some peace or be prepared to go to war every time this comes up.

I spoke with Mr. Theriaque about this neighborhood commercial. In it's restrictive phase, I prefer not to do anything and leave it as it is. However, I don't think that is on the table. And so, if that is not on the table, then I have to look for something else to protect those folks out there. If that is neighborhood commercial, then that is what it is. There have to be some other things that go along with this particular piece of property. I know this thing will go away to the State of Florida and there are two things. The neighborhood commercial category, which will need to be approved and flushed out. I will be very cognizant of what gets thrown in there and what does not. Because I don't know if we can say right now that what is in there now will be in there. I don't know. But what I would really like is to make sure that when we do look at it, this same list that you sent out to these neighbors to come in here to look at this thing, that they get it so they can look at it and read it and see if it makes sense to them. We told them no liquor stores, no hotels, none of the stuff that when we say commercial makes the blood boil. We are talking about unobtrusive things such as churches, low density residential and convenience stores. Most of us don't mind convenience stores to turn into JAX Liquors.

Now, having given this new category, we have built a very nice little house out there and it took me 5 years to convince her to do it. She has been off one list, wait, wait and get on another list and wait, wait, wait. So folks are having to wait. I am not looking for shrubs. Shrubs don't do anything. I need a fence that runs the length and depth of the property. That keeps people from walking in folks yards. If I am going to go along with

the neighborhood commercial designation, I need that and I need a no expansion clause. Those are the concerns of the neighbors. If we are going to compromise, then everybody has to give. Everybody. So, those are my personal, this commissioner's lay-out, if you must - if going to neighborhood commercial is the option on the table, then I would really like to see those two things. I would like the owner to measure up to those two things. I think that will provide the built in protections that the neighbors are looking for. We already know that if neighborhood commercial designations stays the way we read it that they will be protected.

Mr. Butler gets a designation that correctly describes what is happening and it helps in the resale value or whatever else his intentions are. But it also protects those neighbors for when Mr. Butler is no longer there or these commissioners are not around this table. So.

Ballister:

We have several months between transmittal to DCA and adoption sometime late this year. There should be a lot of opportunity to pull together some of the neighborhood - a spokesman and probably the most appropriate party - the probable new owner of the facility. The people who have been operating the lease for several years are about to buy the store. They might be the most effective people to do negotiation. If there is some intent to add a cooler, let's define what they want to do with the business and see if that is within the framework of allowability. Talk about fence, etc. Get an agreement that everybody can sign onto before we go to adoption.

Dixon:

That needs to be done, otherwise, at least from my prospective, there is no adoption. We will go back like we did two years ago and fight like hell to make sure this doesn't happen. You need that buy in. If you will facilitate that, then by the time this gets back, if the owner is true, then, it would be a good sign if I could see a fence. That would be a good step.

Those are the kinds of things that I need to see and I think the neighbors do too.

McGill:

I guess my thing about the shrubs is off the table.

Theriaque:

I will ask the owners. The fence is independent of the future land use. I will ask them to be a good neighbor and build a fence. I would have difficulty saying that a fence has to be in the Comp Plan.

Dixon:

I don't want it in the Comp Plan, I just want to see it.

Theriaque:

I will contact them tomorrow and let you know.

B Holt:

Who enforces these things. Who enforces it?

Ballister:

We do, but I didn't know about it. It was done in 97 or 98 and I didn't know there was that issue.

McGill:

Mr. Ballister, when you send the notices out, don't use such legalese language. Send them in common language.

Ballister:

I will work on that. There is certain information that has to be transmitted but I can try and put it more in plain speak.

Dixon:

You got to do it like the news.

Battles:

When does the right of the majority kick in? God bless you Mr. Dixon. I can see where he is coming from, but my thing is that we have been out there all these years, rural residential. Who the heck changed our community? I could have paid commercial tax on my mom and dad's house after they died. That is my business if I am that dumb.

McGill:

What happened was back in 91/92, they had a drive by look at, what should have been, what ought to be, what they thought it might be, and they made those changes. That is what we are trying to correct now.

Battles:

But you see, we were there then, Commissioner McGill. We were there 80 years ago.

McGill:

I understand that, but what I am saying is when they drove by, if they had stopped to talk to you, you could have said "This ought to be." In 91, I wasn't here. Nobody at this table was here then.

Battles:

Even then Commissioner McGill, the Courthouse will prove to you that we were land owners even back then.

McGill:

That is not the issue though. That is not the issue.

Battles:

The issue is - it's like me coming to your house and telling you to move your couch.

McGill:

O.K. Commissioners, are there any more questions from the audience on this issue?

Watson:

I move that we change M-30 to neighborhood commercial.

McGill:

Do I hear a second?

Roberson:

I will second it.

McGill:

There is a motion and second that we move M-30 from rural residential to neighborhood commercial. Any questions on the motion?

Hearing none, all in favor, say "Aye"

All:

Aye.

McGill:

It passes unanimously.

Holt:

I didn't vote. My vote is no.

McGill:

I am sorry, the vote is 4 - 1.

M-31 Existing 415 Acres - AG 3; 1991 Mining
30 Acres - AG3; 1991 - Rural Residential
12 Acres - RR; 1991 Mining

Fred Dudley addressed the Board as the attorney for Floridin and ITC Active Minerals regarding the amendment. He stated when ITC first contracted to purchase the lease, the environmental engineer met with Mr. Ballister and they discovered there was an error on the latest revision of the FLUM. The property has been under a mining permit and is still under mining permit and they intend to mine it.

Chair McGill called for public comments. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF 31A AND 31C TO MINING AND 31B TO RURAL RESIDENTIAL. (Commissioner Dixon was not present for this vote.)

M-32A 72 Acres Existing - Conservation; 1991 - AG3
M-32B 155 Acres - Existing - Conservation; 1991 - AG3

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION TO AG3.

Resolution to Submit to DCA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO TRANSMIT M-1 THROUGH M-32 TO DCA.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP
OF THE GADSDEN COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON
JULY 29, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING WATSON, VICE-CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER
MURIEL STRAUGHN, DEPUTY CLERK

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. Commissioner Dixon led in pledging allegiance to the US Flag and Chair McGill led in a prayer.

PAUL PILLER - CITY OF MIDWAY

Midway Interim City Manager Paul Piller addressed the Board. He stated that the City of Midway is exploring the possibility of re-constituting a police department. However, he asked the Board to consider putting a sheriff's deputy in Midway full time in addition to the deputy that serves there already. He stated that the City would be willing to reimburse half the cost of putting the officer into place (car, insurance, gasoline, wages) - approximately \$25,000 - \$30,000. The City would like for there to be a deputy in the City of Midway for 20 hrs. per week.

Chair McGill asked Mr. Piller about the status of the \$144,000 COPS Grant which the City was having to refund to the federal government.

Mr. Piller replied that they have been working with them to provide appropriate documentation of how the money was used. He then said that the City had received a letter stating that the settlement figure would be \$1785.46. The issue has been settled with the Department of Justice.

Employee Raises - 2%

Commissioner Holt asked if the proposed raise was over last year's salary.

Mr. McKinnon explained that this budget provides that every employee would get at least 2% raise but at least an increase of \$500 but not more than \$1400.

Chair McGill suggested raises be administered on some type of inverted scale with the higher salaries getting a lesser percentage and the lower salaries receiving a higher percentage.

The County Manager was instructed to bring back various scenarios.

Health Insurance

The health insurance coverage was discussed. Assistant County Manager reported that the co-pay for a doctor's visit will increase under the new contract from \$10 to \$15; prescription co-pay will go from \$7, \$10, & \$35 to \$10, \$25, and \$40. Family coverage for the employee will increase \$35 - \$43 per month.

The current cost to the County for employee coverage \$338.00 per month and coverage for employee + family is \$681.00 with the employee paying \$345.00.

The overall impact to the budget was an increase of \$114,403.00.

The County Manager was instructed to bring back different scenarios for health insurance benefits and salary increases that will also serve as an incentive to retain current employees and recruit employees.

Retirement

Mr. McKinnon stated that when the School Boards were combined with the State Employees retirement some years ago, the School Boards had a deficit and they had to make it up by increasing the rate of retirement contributions. Over a number of years, they overcame the deficit. Based on the actuarial study and the reserve amounts that accumulated in the retirement funds, the State offset the contributions by reducing the rate. However, there is no longer any reserves in the fund and they

could not offset the actuarial rate and they had to increase the rate from 6% to 8%. He said that it will impact the budget by \$169,479.

Fire Services - Incentive Plan - \$10,000 Impact to the budget

It was established that the County should provide some mechanism to recruit and keep volunteer fire fighters because there is a significant personal cost to the volunteer. Several proposals were suggested. It was ultimately agreed that the County would budget stipends or establish incentives to that end.

Point System Proposed-

Based on incident response and meeting attendance -
85% or higher participation earns \$200; 51% o- 84%
participation rate earns \$150

Supply uniforms for volunteer fire fighters -

Upon completion of state required training - pay the
volunteer \$50 to \$100.00

Offset cost of fuel for responding to fires.

County Manager was instructed to bring back an
aggressive plan to recruit and keep more volunteer
fire fighters. There should be 4 recruits for each
volunteer that is needed to respond to fire.
(Incentives are to be provided in this budget and
subsequent budgets. The plan should also look into
recruiting and utilizing county employees to respond
to fires.)

It was noted that Havana uses utility employees as fire
fighters during the day and other volunteers at night. They
also cross train their workers and offer incentives to volunteer
as fire fighters.

Article V Funding Impact

Mr. McKinnon reported that the State has indicated that
they will take responsibility for Article V costs beginning in
July, 04 - which will be the last quarter of the upcoming
budget year. The County must fund for it for October 1 - June
30. In addition he said that the County must still pay for
facilities, communications, and computers (to be clarified in

next session.) The State took away all fines or ticket revenues that has traditionally gone to the County.

Currently, the Clerk collects the fines and puts them into a trust fund which is eventually dispersed to the Counties. Beginning in July, that revenue will no longer go to the County Commissioners. He added that there should not be much difference in overall funding.

Chair McGill suggested that the Florida Association of Counties should lobby the Legislature to fully fund Article V.

Total Budget

Mr. McKinnon pointed out that the total budget at this point was \$28,160,404 with transfers and \$23,356,491 without the transfers.

Mr. McKinnon recommended the following department changes:

1. Combine Fire and Emergency Medical Services - enhance funding opportunities at the federal level.
2. Create a separate department for grants. Location to be determined. The Grants Director will then report directly to the County Manager. A third position should be paid through prospective grant funds.

Commissioner Holt stated that she had learned about a particular software through the FAC that can be used for 30 days free that will help identify available grants funds.

EMS Director Tommy Baker reviewed the helicopter services currently available to the County. Leon County - private vendor with no charge to Gadsden County; Taylor County vendor - will serve as area backup; Mariana, FL operated by Sacred Heart of Pensacola - at no cost to the County. Coverage should be better at no cost to the County.

The following major projects were discussed:

Four new fire stations - Robertsville, Gretna, Midway/Quincy and the Dogtown area. See attachments. Estimated cost \$1,600,000.00. Plan to be developed by Fire Advisory Committee.

Quincy Main Library - Estimated Cost \$1.8 million

There was no discussion.

Road Paving

Mr. McKinnon stated that if the County adopted the plan to pave 175 miles of roads within the next 5 years, it would cost approximately \$250,000 per mile if it is contracted out to vendors. The total cost would be \$43,750,000. In addition, 53 miles would also need resurfacing within that time period. The resurfacing costs would amount to \$3,161,400.

He then explained that there are presently 2 road building crews which are paving about 10 miles per year. If 2 more crews are added, the county could increase it to 20 miles per year. Over 5 years, 100 miles could be paved.

Commissioner Watson could not recall having discussed this during the workshops.

Mr. McKinnon replied that he had received inquiries and the figures were in response to that inquiry.

Commissioner Dixon stated that he was happy to see the foresight presented by Mr. McKinnon. He added that the more the County does, the more the people expect. He stated that he was pleased with the progress the County has made over the last 10 years with roads, but that he would also like for the County to bond some money or borrow the money and get more roads paved and resurfaced more quickly.

Public Works Director Robert Presnell addressed the Board. He said that there are still 40 miles of problem unpaved roads that are requiring a lot of maintenance still. Those roads could be accomplished in 4 years at the current rate of 10 miles per year without adding anything. Recurring road construction expenses now run about \$1 million per year.

Mr. McKinnon pointed out that the gas tax revenue has held up well even with the slow economy and the reserves have held up well.

Commissioner Holt supported the idea of bonding some money and getting the roads done more quickly.

Commissioner Dixon stated that if the County doesn't get in a proactive position with the roads, it will be hamper growth. He called attention to the savings that the County will yield because they won't have to maintain the dirt roads to the degree that it is currently costing.

Mr. Presnell stated that at some point, the County may get into a position of accepting some of the unmaintained private roads and ensure greater safety to citizens.

The staff was instructed to come back with a list of the roads that actually need to paved now? In the next 3 - 4 years? In the next 8 - 10 years?

Additionally, the staff was instructed to identify the roads that actually need to be resurfaced now. (See the Resurfacing list for 2004) Mr. Presnell said that the lifespan for those roads have been used up and they need to be resurfaced today. He said that the list will cost approximately \$3.1 million.

The staff was instructed to bring back the list of roads discussed above and investigate the financing cost at a bank and also a bond issue. (10 - 15 years). Provide in-house costs and outside construction by bidding the contracts out. "Get the biggest bang for the buck" and retain all employee positions.

Commissioner Holt offered other options that could be available either individually or collectively. (Bonding, Commercial Paper, Banking) She suggested that the staff look at them.

Non-Profit Funding

See the attached list of requests. Mr. McKinnon added Shepard's Hand Resource Funding request of \$5,000.

Each Commissioner was asked to prepare a list and recommendations and come back at the next budget meeting prepared to make a decision.

Fire Services Recommendation

Mr. McKinnon recalled that there had been discussions as to what each fire department needs as basic equipment to operate as a fire department. He said that one approach to bring about parity would be to reform the Fire Advisory Committee and let them look at the plans and come back to the Board with recommendations with a long range plan for Fire Services. Things to be considered are the following:

1. Determine the number of members needed for each department.
2. Establish a recruiting plan for volunteers.
3. Devise a vision for building plans and designs.
4. Budget capital funds in this year's budget and propose funding sources for the future.
5. Consider federal grant possibilities.
6. Look at using the buildings for multi-purposes - make it a community meeting place, use as emergency shelters, voting precincts, etc.

Commissioner Watson was opposed to building brick buildings.

Commissioner Holt pointed out that the funding needs to be compatible with the needs of the community as well as meeting a minimum standard. She supported building a fire station in Gretna.

Commissioner Watson was opposed to building a fire station within the City of Gretna and asked that their station be placed at the bottom of the list and only be considered after the stations in the unincorporated areas are accomplished first.

The staff was instructed to do the following:

Re-organize the Fire Advisory Committee and devise a five-year fire services plan - possibly in 3 months.

Look at the contract with the City of Quincy and define what is expected of them in order to increase the response time to a fire and enhance the ability to impact a fire. Can they accomplish the County's objective or does the County need to move to some other vehicle to accomplish it's expectations. Look at creating a better partnership when considering contract re-negotiations.

Look at how to impact the population centers. What is the minimum standard? Make certain that all departments are brought into line with those minimum standards.

Commissioner Dixon stated that the budget for fire services is tied up for the next 5 years with paying off fire trucks and they might not be able to immediately accomplish capital improvements for fire services without impacting other capital projects.

Commissioner Dixon commended the staff for the budget efforts.

Commissioner Watson stated that he was glad to see the County Commission moving toward accomplishing basic services to the County.

Senior Citizens Center

Commissioner Holt pointed out that Senior Citizens Center had lost funding for one of their long term grant programs that provides care to the elderly. She asked that the County look at increasing their funding to \$167,000 to help offset that loss in funds.

Commissioner Watson cautioned that the Board can not get into the posture of making up for the lost funding for the non-profit organizations.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
AUGUST 5, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING L. WATSON, VICE-CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. Muriel Straughn led in pledging allegiance to the US flag and Chair McGill led in the invocation.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended to delete Item No. 6 - Earlene Dawson - Gadsden Community Hospital Update (per memo attached). Item No. 8 was also deleted per request of Public Defender Nancy Daniels.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JUNE 3, 2003

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIOENR WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED MINUTES.

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

Settlement with Bishop Holifield - Inverse Condemnation on Glen Julia Road

Mr. Holifield appealed to the Board regarding the damages occurring to his property from stormwater runoff from the road.

There was lengthy discussion about the damages and how they had occurred. See the attached letter from Mr. Holifield outlining a proposed settlement.

Public Works Director Robert Presnell stated that the cross drain has been maintained as far back as Public Works Department records go. However, he also said that the ditches are routinely pulled once a year, but sand will silt into them and block them.

It was determined that no trees were removed by the County, but a backhoe operator did encroach on Mr. Holifield's property. He then stated that they have since filled the ditch to his property line and fixed the turn-out ditches to Mr. Holifield's liking. He then stated he was waiting for the outcome of this meeting prior to proceeding with sodding, etc. He added that he was resigned to the fact that there will not be any turnout ditch of any sort on Mr. Holifield's property.

He then went on to explain that the road is currently under construction in anticipation of paving it. The reason the pipes were put into place was to prepare for paving. He went on to say that the pipes can be removed, but water would then flow over the road. In that case, he advised against paving the road because it would surely be damaged by water flowing over the road.

Upon questioning, Mr. Holifield stated that he was asking the County to pay him for the right-of-way, under flood circumstances, to direct water onto his property. At the point where the crossdrain hits the ditch at first flow and comes onto his property. In legal terms it could be for severance damages, lack of access damages, trespass by way of water - basically a taking. All the concepts collectively are what the County would be paying.

It was determined that there are 32 homes on Glen Julia Road. It is a connector street between Hardaway Highway and Mt. Pleasant Road. Glen Julia Road is in the process of being paved. However, Mr. Presnell advised again that if the Board should decide to do as Mr. Holifield has requested, they might want to rethink paving Glen Julia Road. There was a consensus that the Board would not pay for right-of-way.

There was some discussion about paving the remainder of the road except for the portion abutting Mr. Holifield's property.

There was also some discussion about locating a holding pond somewhere near by.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO DIRECT THE STAFF TO LOOK AT SOME OTHER OPTIONS SO AS TO NOT ENCROACH ON MR. HOLIFIELD'S PROPERTY BUT ACCOMPLISHES S THE COUNTY'S GOAL OF MANAGING THE WATER FLOW.

Mr. Holifield stated that his offer was no longer on the table following this meeting.

Commissioner Dixon stated that the Board had effectively rejected Mr. Holifield's settlement offer, but would be looking for other alternatives.

5. REDISTRICTING - WILSONMILLER COMPANY

Mr. Arlen White addressed the Board representing WilsonMiller. He introduced Chris McGarry, a GIS Specialist and Chad Thurner. Chris McGarry then made a presentation as to how WilsonMiller could proceed to assist the County with the redistricting process.

There was discussion about a time frame to have the process completed, but there was no consensus reached.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 2 - 3, BY VOICE VOTE, TO CHANGE THE REDISCTRITING COMMITTEE VOTE REQUIREMENT FROM A SUPRAMAJORITY VOTE TO A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE REGARDING WHICH SCENARIOS TO RECOMMEND TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION. THE MOTION FAILED.

There was a consensus that the Redistricting Committee should bring three scenarios back to the Board. However, there was also a consensus that they should not bring them to the Board until there is a supramajority vote of the committee.

Commissioner Dixon suggested that the Committee should set the time frame realizing that the Supervisor of Elections had asked to have it complete by the end of August.

WilsonMiller was asked to meet with the Committee and come back to the Board at the next meeting and report on the progress and a time frame.

Chair McGill reiterated to the consultant that the Board wanted a good job and not a hurried hatchet job.

6. EARLEN DAWSON - GADSDEN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL REPORT

This item was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting per memo attached.

7. SOIL SURVEY UPDATE - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR GADSDEN COUNTY SOIL SURVEY UPDATE

Mr. Marcus Edwards was on the agenda for the above matter, but he did not appear. It was passed to August 19, 2003.

8. ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA
Office Space Lease Bid 03-04

Office Space Purchase Bid 03-05

The above listed items were removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting per attached letter from Public Defender Nancy Daniels.

9. PUBLIC WORKS AGENDA

Award of Bid for Annual Asphalt Paving Contract

Public Works Director Robert Presnell addressed the Board. He stated that Peavy & Son Construction Company responded with the low bid for the advertised paving contract.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WATSON TO DENY BOTH BIDS AND RE-BID THE CONTRACT.

Mr. Louie Seay of Peavy Construction addressed the Board. He had a few remarks to explain how the cost of asphalt, aggregate and other road building materials had increased. He also cited increased worker's comp and payroll related expenses. He said that Peavy would not bid on the contract again.

Chair McGill responded to Mr. Seay's remarks by saying that he felt a great responsibility to save taxpayers money and he felt the County should at least try to get a better bid.

Commissioner Holt stated that she had supported putting the bid out again, but she felt that the Board should expand its search for a contract. She stated that the Board has to follow the rules for awarding contracts.

Further discussion followed.

THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0 IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO DENY ALL BIDS AND RE-BID THE CONTRACT.

10. PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES

Atlanta Heights Major Subdivision - Conceptual Plat Approval - new application 02PZ-010-207-4-05

Growth Management Director Bruce Ballister addressed the Board and gave an overview of the above stated project as outlined in the attachment. The project received conceptual approval in June 2002 but the time limits expired for the permit. This is a re-application. The Planning Commission recommended denial because the applicant did not appear to defend the application.

It was noted that the applicants, George Johnson and E. H.(Hentz) Fletcher, Jr., had met the special conditions that were imposed in the last application process.

Mr. Fletcher addressed the Board. He stated that he had removed the trash piles as requested by the Board as a special condition. He stated that he would agree to build only DCA approved homes or site built homes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED APPLICATION SUBJECT TO THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE AGENDA PACKET.

Chair McGill called for public comments. There was no response.

THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MOTION.

Public Hearing - 1st Reading of Ordinance 2003-006 for Adoption of 2003 Amendments to the Land Development Code

Mr. Ballister explained that the above ordinance is based on the Evaluation and Appraisal Report Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. He read the title into the record.

Chair McGill called for public comments. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED ORDINANCE.

Public Hearing - Second Reading of Ordinance 2003-005 for Small Scale Map Amendment - Evans Minor Subdivision 03PZ-018-205-2-03

Mr. Ballister read the title of the ordinance into the record.

The following people were recognized for questions and comments:

Andrew Kenon, 142 Kenon Lane, Quincy, FL - questions regarding Kenon Lane itself

Josephine Barnes, Kenon Lane, Quincy, FL - septic tank issue

Maurice Evans, 2121 Shady Rest Road, Havana, FL

The Board asked Mr. Evans to meet with the above residents after the meeting and respond to their questions. He agreed to do so.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON TO ADOPT THE ABOVE STATED ORDINANCE 2003-005 WHICH ADOPTS THE EVANS LAND USE AMENDMENT CHANGING 9.49 ACRES FROM AG2 TO RURAL RESIDENTIAL.

11. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

The joint meeting with the City of Quincy and the County Commission and the Airport Authority was set for August 19, 2003 at 5:30.

A budget workshop was set for Thursday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA TO WIT:

1. Permission from Board for Dr. Henry Grant to seek position of Superintendent of Schools
2. Library Five-Year Long Range Plan
3. Tax Collector's List of Errors, Insolvencies, Double Assessments and Discounts
4. Appointment of Dick Hollahan (District 5), Frank Rowan (District 3) and Tony Arnold (At Large) to Planning Commission
5. Contract for Rehabilitation Work for Katheryn T. Walter
6. SHIP Agreement and Special Assessment Lien - Arkeba Bouie
7. Notice of Compliance from Department of Community Affairs regarding National Flood Insurance Program Requirements
8. Custodial Contract for Havana Public Library with Majorie Fenwick, Custom Cleaning Service - \$325.00 per month due on 15th day of the month following rendition of services. Effective July 11, 2003 - July 11, 2004
9. Vehicle Usage Policy Amendment (County Commissioners shall not be allowed to drive County vehicles.) Authorized User defined as County employee, holding a valid Florida Drivers License. High school students are not authorized users.
10. Interagency Public Works Agreement with Department of Corrections - PSW #4
11. Appointment of Chair McGill to the Apalachhe Regional Planning Council and Jerry Wynn as Alternate for June 2003 through December, 2003.
12. Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Report for June 2003

13. CLERK'S AGENDA

Request to Advertised Budget Change

Clerk Thomas reported that actual expenditures for worker's compensation and health insurance in the fine and forfeiture fund will exceed the budget by approximately \$30,000. In order to increase the fund, there must be an advertised budget change. He asked for authority to make adjustments and a few other minor changes to the budget and publish the changes.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISED BUDGET CHANGES DISCUSSED ABOVE.

Budget Amendment 2003-08-05-01

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE ABOVE MENTIONED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Cash Report - Attached for Information Purposes
Financial Statements -Attached for Information Purposes

Clerk Thomas called attention to the attached Cash Report and Financial Statement for information purposes only.

Ratification of the Approval to Pay County Bills
Check Registers Dated 07/18/03; 0725/03; 08/01/03
Payroll Registers Dated 07/24/03; 08/07/03

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL TO PAY THE ABOVE STATED COUNTY BILLS.

14. COMMISSIONERS ITEMS

District 2 Report

Commissioner Watson had no report.

District 3 Report

Commissioner Roberson inquired about the vehicle use policy for Commissioners. It was noted that it appeared on the Consent Agenda above and was approved.

District 4 Report

Commissioner Holt stated that she felt that the Board should pay attention to the comments in the auditors report during the budget process. She also stated that she had no intentions of meeting with anyone individually regarding any budget. She said she would only be meeting with them with the entire Commission.

District 5 Report

Commissioner Dixon had no report.

District 1 Report

Chair McGill had no report.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
CALLED BY SHERIFF WOODHAM HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
AUGUST 7, 2003, AT 5:00 P.M. AT
THE W.A. WOODHAM JUSTICE SYSTEM,
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE
HAD, VIZ.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Bill McGill, Chair
Carolyn Roberson
Brenda Holt
Edward J. Dixon
Hal Richmond, County Attorney
Howard McKinnon, County Manager
Muriel Straughn, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Sterling L. Watson

Others present who participated in the discussions were:
Sheriff W. A. Woodham, Major Ed Spooner, Assistant State
Attorney Richard Combs, Assistant Public Defender Judy Hall,
County Judge Stewart Parsons, Annie Berry, Corporal Ivory from
the County Jail.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bill McGill. He
then turned the meeting over to Sheriff Woodham who requested
the meeting.

Before the discussion actually began, Commissioner Holt
asked the Sheriff when he would be able to meet with the
commissioners to explain his budget. He responded by saying he
had received a notice from the County Manager about a meeting on
August 28 and he expected to discuss it at that time.

Sheriff Woodham stated that the reason he called this
meeting was to make everyone aware of the overcrowded conditions
at the county jail. He said that he was hopeful that all of the
agencies in the court system could collectively come to a
conclusion that would ultimately bring about a solution.

The Sheriff then explained that the jail belongs to the
County Commission, but over the past 30 years its management has
just evolved to the Sheriff's responsibility. He said that in
reality, the County should have passed an ordinance designating

the Sheriff as the chief correctional officer, but it was never done.

Major Ed Spooner gave some statistical information regarding the current jail population. (See copy attached.) He told them that prisoners are sleeping on the floor and the conditions are not safe for the prisoners or the staff.

Assistant State Attorney Richard Combs also gave some statistical facts based on the July 31 population report.

Total Population 245

Inmates being held more than 180 days 12

 Of those 12 only 4 cases are still unresolved.

 Of those 4 unresolved cases, 2 are already set for trial, but 2 are not

VOP and FTA being held without bond 116

When the VOP charge is the sole charge without additional felony charges, the inmates are not held in jail, they are processed, given a notice to appear in court then released.

Inmates held for less than 30 days 100

Note: Offenders charged with first degree murder or sexual battery on a child must be held without bond.

Mental Health Patients

Sheriff Woodham called attention to the number of inmates with mental health issues. He said that they are either awaiting evaluations or are waiting for a bed at a hospital. He explained that they really need to be in custody somewhere else because jail placement actually compounds their instability. He told them that it takes a very long time for mental health inmates to work through the system because of back logs of the outside agencies dealing with the mentally ill.

Judge Parsons stated that state funding has been cut for Florida State Hospital, and it has created an even greater bed shortage. He pointed out that the jail was not designed to house any mental health patients and it is grossly inadequate.

Ms. Hall stated that she has found that filing a Writ of Habeas Corpus sometimes will expedite the process for mental health inmates.

Commissioner Dixon stated that Orange County and Broward County have developed some enlightening ways to deal with mental health inmates. He suggested that the staff contact them to see if such a program could be devised for Gadsden County.

Judge Parsons suggested that the County seek a grant to construct and create a psychiatric ward at the jail.

Annie Berry suggested that the County look into implementing a Drug Court and consider building an in-patient treatment facility in Gadsden County to deal with the prevalent drug and alcohol abuse. She also pointed out that the jail does not have adequate space for women.

Commissioner Dixon stated that he had been told that the Apalachee Center has 12 beds assigned to Gadsden County for residential drug and alcohol treatment but they are not being used. He asked the staff to look into it. Mr. Combs interjected that people are often sentenced to that center.

There following matters were discussed as possibilities:

Short term fix: add jail capacity and lower the threshold for bond standards in effort to get the population down to 150 within 2 years.

Look at the Rocket Docket: Prosecutor and public defender were asked to designate additional staff to look at the cases that can be disposed of quickly, get them all on a docket for the same day and get them resolved more quickly.

Sheriff's Work Camp: Trustees would report at 7 a.m. and change into striped uniforms, go to work somewhere for the day and be released at 7 p.m. to go home for the evening. For inmates that already have jobs, they could report on week-ends. Judges would have to actually sentence them to the Sheriff Work Camp. There would also have to be another judge and court room space availability for work camp cases. They would have to be straight probation type cases. Also - make this available to women.

Look at the arraignment schedule: What is the Clerk's cut-off date for setting cases on the arraignment docket? Could

that date be extended for jail custody cases? (It was noted that often new felony arrests create violation of probation charges that require a "no bond" stipulation.)

Co-op with schools: Require sentenced inmates to get reading and writing instructions while incarcerated. Give early release or probation as incentive to commit to learning to read.

Outside agencies participation: Chair McGill will write to the Florida Association of Counties to see if they can offer some insight as to how other counties are working through similar issues.

Grant possibilities to:

1. Hire consultant to look at the overcrowding issues, collect and analyze data, make long term projections, the present recommendations for long term solution.
2. Add psychiatric ward to the jail
3. Implement a Sheriff's Work Camp
4. Implement Drug Prevention and Intervention Program - possibly residential drug treatment facility in Gadsden County
5. Possibility of Drug Court

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING
WAS ADJOURNED WITH NO ACTIONS HAVING BEEN TAKEN.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON AUGUST 19,
2003, THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS
WAS HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING L. WATSON, VICE-CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair McGill.
Clerk Thomas led in pledging allegiance to the U.S. flag
and Commissioner Watson led the invocation.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended to move 11(a) from the Consent
Agenda to the County Manager's Agenda.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE
VOTE, TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 1, 2003
July 16, 2003

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECONDED
BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE
VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE STATED
MEETINGS.

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

Hospital

A workshop was set for September 2, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the possibility of negotiating with Ashford Healthcare regarding the hospital lease.

5. WILSONMILLER - REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chris McGarry, GIS Specialist with WilsonMiller addressed the Board. He told them that the Redistricting Committee had met on August 16 and had scheduled weekly meetings to conclude on September 15. He said they expect to be able to present 3 scenarios to the County Commission for consideration soon after.

6. SOIL SURVEY UPDATE

Mr. Marcus Edwards, Chairman of the Gadsden County Soil and Water Conservation District and Mr. Bob Weatherspoon of the Natural Resources Services, addressed the Board. They reported that they had been successful in their efforts to obtain funding from the federal government to have a soil survey done for Gadsden County. He explained that the last one was done in 1949 and went to a depth of 48 inches. The new survey began in April 2003 and will be completed in 3 years. There are 325,120 acres in Gadsden County and the cost of the project is approximately \$2.00 per acre. (Total \$650,000) The survey will go to a depth of 80 inches.

Mr. Edwards asked the Commissioners to insure soil scientists access to the county owned property and support the soil survey update by promoting its use in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. He also asked the County to supply a backhoe and an operator for soil sampling and soil characterization.

Mr. Weatherspoon replied that they would dig 8 pits to a depth of 80 inches each.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS AND SOIL AND WATER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AND

**GADSDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RELATIVE
TO UPDATING THE SOIL SURVEY OF GADSDEN COUNTY.**

7. MARY DEKLE - NORTH FLORIDA LEGAL SERVICES

Ms. Mary Dekle addressed the Board. She requested an additional \$2,000 in funding above the recent budget request of \$12,500. The total of new request is \$14,500.00. She stated that Legal Services have traditionally received fees from cases filed in Gadsden County and the money was collected and distributed by the Clerk's Office. As a result of the Article V funding, the fees will no longer be distributed to Legal Services.

No action was taken.

8. PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES

**PUBLIC HEARING - Adoption of 2003 amendments to the
Land Development Code - Public Hearing - 2nd Reading of
Ordinance 2003-006**

The title of the ordinance 2003-006 was read into the record. Chair McGill called for public comment. There was no response.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE
VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED ORDINANCE.**

**IdleWild Fish Camp - Type III Appeal of Denial of BPR
Beer and Wine License - Bill Peacock**

Mr. Bill Peacock had requested a beer and wine license and had it denied by the Planning Department. It was denied by the staff because the land development code Subsection 4202(M) does not permit the granting of alcohol permits for establishments whose previous BPR license has lapsed.

Mr. Bill Peacock, owner and operator, addressed the Board. Mr. Richmond administered an oath to him. He testified that the former owners had beer and cigarette license to sell. That license expired and he reapplied for another license. He stated that there will be no consumption on the premises.

Chair McGill asked Mr. Ballister if he had received any letters in response to the notices that he mailed. Mr. Ballister replied "No, sir."

Ms. Sharon Nivens addressed the Board with questions but had no testimony to offer. She stated no objections.

Mr. Emmanuel Robinson addressed the Board. He stated that he lived next door to the fish camp. He said he had no objection to Mr. Peacock selling beer.

Commissioner Dixon stated that "We have to revisit neighborhood commercial and have a look-see at it."

Commissioner Watson stated that he would like to try and be consistent with how it treats folks. He recalled that the Board denied two business owners in their application for beer and wine license. He cited Mr. Joe Butler at Shiloh and Mr. Engle in Scotttown. Both of them wanted to do the same thing as Mr. Peacock. He also stated that if the Board approved this, it would be unfair.

Chair McGill stated that he felt the circumstances and plight were somewhat different. He pointed out that 7 of the 9 fish camps sell beer. If Mr. Peacock is successful, it will be 8 of the 9.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLT TO OVERRIDE THE ADMINISTRATIVE DENIAL AND AUTHORIZE THE PLANNING DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE LICENSE APPLICATION. THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER WATSON AND ROBERSON VOTED NO.

9. PUBLIC WORKS AGENDA

Public Works Director Robert Presnell addressed the Board. He asked to transfer funds from the Public Works Road Construction/Improvement account to the Road Construction Re-surfacing account.

Contingency Request

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED TO

TO TRANSFER \$300,000 FROM PUBLIC WORKS
CONSTRUCTION/IMPROVEMENT (ACCT 112-0130-59901) TO ROAD
CONSTRUCTION RESURFACING ACCOUNT (112-0130-56318) FOR
THE COMPLETION OF GLORY ROAD.

Bid Award - Willocoochee Creek Bridge Project

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER ROBERSON TO AWARD THE BID FOR
WILLOCHOOCHEE CREEK BRIDGE TO CONCRETE SERVICES FOR
\$75,219.62.

10. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

Tourism Development Council Minutes

Commissioner Holt asked the Tourism Council to meet in
the evenings so that there could be more public access.
Commissioner Roberson was asked to relate the request to
the Council.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0, BY VOICE
VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA TO WIT:

- a. Minutes of Tourist Development Council
- b. Small County Solid Waste Grant
- c. Security Guard Services - Quincy Public Library
- d. Change Order No. 32 - Roadway Resurfacing Glory
Road (CR 370) and Asphalt Surfacing of Glen Julia
Road

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair McGill called for public comments. There was no
response.

13. CLERK'S AGENDA

Budget Amendments 2003-08-19-01 through 2003-08-19-03

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE
VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

Ratification of Approval to Pay County Bills - Check
Registers dated: 08/08/03; 08/15/03; Payroll
Register dated: 0807/03

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE
VOTE, TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL TO PAY THE COUNTY BILLS
LISTED ABOVE.

14. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

District 2

There was no report.

District 3

There was no report.

District 4

Commissioner Holt asked the County Manager to look at
all departments to see where there might be some cost
saving measures in the upcoming budget. She stated that
she feared that without conservative measures at all
levels, it could hamper the County's ability to move
forward with the projects that will serve the citizens.

District 5

Commissioner Dixon asked the Board to approve for the
record a proclamation recognized Rev. Kent Carroll for the
services he has rendered in Gadsden County.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER
ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO
APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION HONORING REV. KENT CARROLL.

District 1

There was no report.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD AND
UPON THE MOTION BY COMMISSIONER, CHAIR MCGILL DECLARED
THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
SEPTEMBER 02, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

Bill McGill, Chair
Sterling Watson, Vice-Chair
Carolyn Roberson
Brenda Holt
Edward J. Dixon
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk
Hal Richmond, County Attorney
Howard McKinnon, County Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. Commissioner Holt led in pledging allegiance to the U.S. Flag and Chair McGill led in a prayer.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was amended: 1) to include the SHIP Annual Report; 2) Move 11B from the Consent Agenda to the County Manager's agenda for discussion; 5) Remove Item #5 - Representative Curtis Richardson and Danny McLemore

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 5, 2003 Confidential Attorney/Client Special Meeting
August 5, 2003 Regular Meeting
August 7, 2003 Special Meeting

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE STATED MEETINGS.

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

Mr. Richmond had nothing to report.

5. Representative Curtis Richardson and Danny McLemore - Gadsden Health Council This item was removed from the agenda.

6. ASSISTANCE COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

Office Space Lease/Bid#3-04 & Office Space Purchase/Bid #03-05

Mr. Arthur Lawson addressed the Board. He stated that several months ago the Board instructed him to go out for bid for office space for lease and also an option to purchase space. He stated that both proposals are in the agenda packages.

He said that he received three bids initially to lease. He also received proposals for purchase. In addition, the Public Defender sent a letter for the Board's consideration. He explained that the alternatives are so varied and he need to get instruction from the Board.

Commissioner Dixon stated that unless and until the Board gets its comprehensive space needs better defined, he recommended that the Board do nothing.

Commissioner Holt stated that she felt that the Board should wait and build a new building. She also felt like the county offices are "in the way" in so far as downtown development. She supported doing a space need study.

Clerk Thomas interjected several remarks. He stated that he had not seen the letter from Ms. Nancy Daniels regarding her space needs and the third court room. He went on to say that regardless of where the public defender is housed, the third court room is still needed. He said that he had talked with Judge Francis personally and the judge told him that he would be willing to come over here to hear some cases if there would be a courtroom available. He pointed out that last year, the circuit returned 40 "senior judge days" back to the state. That would be the equivalent of 2 months on continuous trial time that Gadsden County could have made use of Gadsden had that third courtroom. The State then cut the number of "senior judge days" back to 20 because they didn't use them last year.

- 1) The Chief Judge is willing to come to Gadsden County
- 2) There are senior judge days available that can be used by Gadsden County.

3) The main courtroom in the courthouse can't be renovated until there is another courtroom. The Courts can't operate with only one courtroom.

Clerk Thomas reiterated that the third court room needs to happen. He said the County could use the chief judge and senior judges to deal with the felony jail cases and put the burden on the State to provide the prosecutors and public defenders to deal with other related issues. He acknowledged that the jail issue will still have to be dealt with regardless. However, he said he wanted to express his displeasure about the lack of progress over the last two years.

Commissioner Dixon stated that the Clerk brought up some issues that he had not considered before. He asked the Clerk to give him something in writing spelling out what needs there are for the total system.

Commissioner Watson stated that the Clerk has been clear for a couple of years regarding the need for courtroom space. He remarked that he would like to build a new building to accommodate the Tax Collector, Property Appraiser and the Public Defender. However, he said that he was not in favor of building a huge building to house all of county government. The Public Defender's space could be converted for new courtroom space.

Chair McGill suggested that the Board appoint a space needs committee and bring back a report at the next meeting on September 16.

Clerk Thomas called attention the following facts:

1) The Clerk's Felony and Juvenile Divisions were housed along with a court room and judge's chambers in the old prison for almost 10 years during which time the conditions were squalor and grossly inadequate.

2) It was proposed as a temporary situation because the Building Official had proposed at that time to build a facility on that lot, but the Board chose to purchase and renovate the old Barnett Bank building instead - which still not giving adequate space for a third courtroom.

3) During that time the County received a \$500,000 grant for the renovation but it didn't touch it for over 3 years.

The Clerk closed his remarks by saying that the one thing that he did not want to happen was to lose sight of the fact that the County needs another courtroom regardless of whether the Public Defender is relocated.

Discussion followed.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO REJECT ALL BIDS.

Discussion followed.

There was a consensus for the County Manager should meet with the County Engineers to determine the space needs of the County.

7. BUILDING OFFICIALS AGENDA

Mobile Home Abatement Order for Ronnie Mickens, Permit #200227425

Mr. Richmond told Mr. Mickens that he had the right to ask questions of Mr. Ritter upon completion of his testimony.

Building Official Frank Ritter was administered an oath as to his testimony.

Mr. Ritter entered into evidence the exhibits 1 - 8 which are attached. The exhibits list the timeframes and circumstances surrounding the issue. Mr. Mickens signed an agreement to bring the home into code compliance within 45 days. In October 2001, the Building Department received complaints from the Dixie Farms Homeowners Association regarding the degrading of the home. Mr. Mickens was sent a letter stating that he was in non-compliance and was asked to remove the property.

Mr. Ritter stated that Mr. Mickens requested additional time and was granted an extension. As time passed, the Department received more and more complaints from residents in the area. Mr. Ritter said that he, personally, made a site inspection then sent Mr. Mickens a letter via certified mail. (See mail receipt attached.) He said that Mr. Mickens made no response. After having received no response, he sent the matter to the Board of County Commissioners requesting a hearing on the non-compliance.

Chair McGill asked the Board if they had questions of Mr. Ritter.

Mr. Ron Mickens was administered an oath as to his testimony. He said that he lives in Lakeland, FL. He acknowledged that he received Mr. Ritter's letter and had made attempts to talk with him but got very frustrated. He stated that it was always his intent to only store the home on his property until he could bring it into compliance. He acknowledged that he had done nothing toward its restoration. He stated that he had received no complaints from the homeowner's association. He stated that he had not been presented with any rules or ordinances to which he was in violation. He requested a copy of the rules which he was violating. He said that he had not had the opportunity to sit down face to face with someone regarding his position. He said that his last understanding with the County was that as long as he did not have anybody living in the home, he could store it.

Commissioner Dixon asked him if he intends to come and get the home. He replied that he intends to improve the property and eventually live in it, but he did not have a time certain in mind. He stated that he hesitated to make improvements until he can make it his home due to a recent experience he had with other property being vandalized and burglarized.

Commissioner Dixon stated that he considers that the property has been abandoned. Mr. Mickens denied abandonment.

Commissioner Holt asked Mr. Mickens if he had signed the agreement shown as Exhibit # 5. Upon examination, Mr. Mickens denied that it was his signature.

Discussion followed.

Chair McGill called for order.

Mr. Ritter stated that the County can director the Code Enforcement officer to write a citation for the violation for each day that it remains non-compliant and bring it before the County Judge for injunctive relief.

Chair McGill called for order again.

Mr. Mickens declared that the meeting was hostile and was not fair to him. He argued that he had not received copies of

the exhibits which was entered into evidence. He asked for copies.

Mr. Ritter stated that the only thing that Mr. Mickens did not have is the complaint form that the clerk took in concerning the mobile home.

Mr. Mickens claimed that the Building Official was harassing him.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO FIND MR. MICKENS IN VIOLATION OF COUNTY CODE AND THE USED MOBILE HOME AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 9, 2000. THE MOTION DIRECTED THE BUILDING OFFICIAL TO DO WHATEVER THE BOARD HAS AUTHORITY TO DO TO INSURE THAT THE PROPERTY OWNER WILL REMOVE THE MOBILE HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Mr. Mickens stated for the record that he would obtain an attorney and appeal the Board's decision. He also asked for copies of everything pertaining to his record.

9. GROWTH MANAGEMENT ISSUES - PLANNING AND ZONING

Development of Regional Impact

Notice of Proposed Change 10/90

Ms. Nancy Linnan, attorney with Carlton Fields, addressed the Board on behalf of CDS Manufacturing of Quincy requesting a DRI Change. She requested a continuance until September 16, 2003. She explained that she had received a call from one of the occupants of the commerce park asking for more time to inquire as to CDS operation.

Mr. Clayton Sembler addressed the Board. He invited everyone to come to his business site at 441 Virginia St. He invited dialogue and input from the public and the Board.

Commissioner Dixon asked him to explain what CDS means. He replied that it began in 1999 making pre-cast and pre-stressed concrete products. He said that he hopes to expand the pre-stressed facilities to the Gadsden 10/90 Park.

Commissioner Watson asked how large the products will be. Mr. Sembler replied that they average from 25 ft. to 50 ft.

Commissioner Holt asked how many employees he would employ. Mr. Sembler said that he currently had 32 with more than 90% of them coming from Gadsden County. He said the payroll this year will be \$1 million.

Commissioner Dixon asked "As a result of this product being manufactured, what is the waste or is there any?"

Mr. Sembler replied, "Everything that we do is regulated by DEP. In addition to that we are also the winners of two innovative grants with Florida DEP. They are in my plant quite regularly. We just won an award recently, as a matter of fact, we were in Parade Magazine just on August 31.

Chair McGill asked what "CDS" stands for? Mr. Sembler answered that it stands for his father and grandfather, nothing more.

Randy Carey, a contractor on St. George Island, addressed the Board. He stated "Prior to Mr. Sembler, I used to get all my beams and piers from Tampa, Florida. They were garbage and they looked terrible. Clayton Sembler is my neighbor and I suggested to him many years ago that e go into this business. He has subsequently taken my advice and gone into it. He is now the # 1 provider for beam and pier construction for this particular area. I suspect with the growth that we have seen in the high wind areas (140 or 130 wind areas that require post and beam construction) and as you are well aware, Franklin County is the fastest growing county in the State right now, he will become one of the major employers in this county. I have no question in my mind about it."

Mr. Richmond administered an oath to Mr. Carey as to the above testimony.

Chair McGill called for comments from anyone who might not be able to come back on the 16th. There was no response.

Mr. Sembler asked Mr. Ballister to refer any inquiries about his business to the plant site.

Mortham Large Scale Land Use Amendment 03PZ-031-208-5-07
514 Acres AG 3 and Conservation to AG 1

Mr. Ballister told the Board that the Planning Commission had heard all the testimony on the above land use amendment.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Mr. Richard Thompson addressed the Commissioner and said that a portion of this site had been previously heard during the Errata Land Use hearing. (The conservation portion was heard but was not at the request of Mr. Mortham.) Mr. Thompson argued that the FL Statutes will not allow more than one action per year on a property. He was of the opinion that the amendment could not be acted on. The Planning Commission tabled the matter pending research of the Statute.

Subsequent to that meeting, it was determined that the Statute to which Mr. Thompson had referred relates only to small scale land use amendments. It was designed to keep a person from doing successive small scale amendments next to each other to circumvent the process.

Mr. Ballister asked the Board if they wanted to hear the application or send it back to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation.

Commissioner Watson asked if the Board could hear it even if part of it was part of the Errata Land Use Change. Mr. Ballister replied "Yes."

Commissioner Watson then referred to Item #4 and quoted, "Although the LPA is a required component in the creation of a Comp Plan and ERA review process..." He then asked Mr. Ballister if they are normally a part of the process?

Mr. Ballister replied, "They are normally part of the process and they held a duly advertised public hearing, but they did not come to a final determination."

Commissioner Watson pointed out that that the LPA did not believe they could because of Mr. Thompson's statement and the staff was doubtful enough to let their decision stand.

Commissioner Watson stated that he thought it should revert back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their recommendation.

Chair McGill called for other comments from the Board. There was no response.

Chair McGill then called for public comment.

Ms. Elva Peppers, consultant for Mr. Mortham, addressed the Board. She stated that she felt it would be appropriate for the Board to consider this matter at this meeting.

Mr. Allen Mortham addressed the Board. He stated that he was the owner of the property in question. He said that the P & Z Commission did not take action on the amendment based on "someone standing up and saying "I think I saw something somewhere that would preclude you from doing this." He stated that he would like for his land use amendment to go to DCA with others that are in close proximity to which are being reviewed right now.

There was a consensus of the Board that the matter should go back to the P & Z Commission, realizing that it was delayed through no fault of Mr. Mortham. Mr. Ballister was directed to expedite it as quickly as possible.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO
REMAND THE MORTHAM LAND USE AMENDMENT BACK TO THE P & Z
COMMISSION.**

Marshall Walker Minor Subdivision 03PZ-034-208-3-08

Type III Appeal of Administrative Denial

Mr. Ballister explained that Marshall Walker purchased a five acre tract of land from John and Betty Herndon in a minor subdivision called "Woodlawn Acres". The land is designated as rural residential on the Future Land Use Map, however, there are deed restrictions on the face of the deed which restricts development to one dwelling per 5 acres. He stated that he had denied the minor subdivision at the administrative level and this hearing is an appeal to his administrative denial.

Mr. Canidate bought five acres from the Herndons also. He put a mobile home on the property and later sold that home and one acre of land. He then tried to put another mobile home on the remaining four acres. When he applied for a permit to place that home, his application was denied. He applied for a variance, but later withdrew it.

Mr. Marshall Walker addressed the Board.

It was suggested that one option would be for Mr. Walker to go to the former owner to see if she would remove the deed restrictions.

Mrs. Betty Herndon, developer of Woodlawn Acres, addressed the Board. She explained that she and her husband bought 108 acres in early 1980's. When Mr. Herndon's health began to decline, they had to sell some of the property as a minor subdivision. They took 28 acres of the 108 acres and divided it into five lots. Three of the lots were 5-acres each and they faced Highway 274. The other lots faced Strong Road. One of the lots was 8 acres. It was their intention to have 5 family homes with enough acreage to possibly have animals. That is why they put restrictions on the deeds - only 1 house per 5 acres.

Mr. Washington (Parcel #1) and Mr. Walker (Parcel # 3) approached them about buying two of the lots. The Herndon's held the mortgage on both lots. Mr. Willie Canidate (Parcel # 2) later bought one of the lots. Mr. Canidate financed his property with a local bank. She later found out that Mr. Canidate sold his house and one acre to someone else. In doing so, he violated the deed restrictions. He then attempted to sell the other 4 acres and put another house on it. However, he was denied a permit to place another house on the 4 acres.

Mr. Walker then went to the Planning Department to develop a minor subdivision on his 5 acres. When she realized what he was trying to do, she called his attention to the deed restrictions on the face of the deed. She then found out that they had cut the timber from the land and did not apply the proceeds to the mortgage debt.

Ms. Herndon entered into evidence a picture of a For Sale sign which reads "4.5 Acres for Sale - Will Divide." She argued that there is an attempt from the land owners to deliberately violate the deed restrictions. She requested that the Board not allow the subdivision.

Mr. Willie Canidate addressed the Board. He stated that he thought that he could divide the land into 3 parcels. He said that when he sold the property to the current owner, the mobile home company called the Planning Department and was told that she could only have one home. He said that he offered to refund her money. She later called him back and told him that she had talked with the Planning Department and they told her she could put a home on the site. He said that he sold the other four acres believing that the new owner would be able to get a permit

for a home. He denied that he deliberately set out to deceive anyone.

Upon questioning by Commissioner Roberson, it was determined that when the Planning Department received the application, it stated that the permit was for one home on a five-acre parcel. Mr. Ballister stated that Mr. Canidate had proposed several scenarios to the Planning Department, but never disclosed that there were deed restrictions on the property. The staff responded to specific questions without the knowledge of the deed restrictions.

Commissioner Dixon stated that he recalled taking Mr. Canidate into Mr. Ballister and told him that if he intended to do anything with his property, these were the people to talk to about it. He called attention to the fact that the property is zoned rural residential which would allow 1 home per 1 acre. He then posed the question "When there are deed restrictions, why don't we color code the map to say that?"

Commissioner Holt stated that restrictions and encumbrances follow the land, not the mortgage - it always follows the land. It always falls back on the property owner. If the deed is not recorded, there is no way for anyone to know. There is no law that a deed has to be recorded. The owner imposed those restrictions and is the only person who can lift them.

Mr. Canidate then stated that he sold the property in good faith. He told the buyer that he would refund her money, but she later called to say that she had received permission from the Planning Department to permit the home. He learned two weeks later that her information had been incorrect.

Chair McGill asked Mr. Canidate if his deed contained the same information as the other lot owners. He replied that he was not certain of the language on his deed.

Mr. Canidate argued that when he went to Planning Department, he was told he could divide the parcel into 3 lots.

Commissioner Watson argued that there is no way for the Planning Department to know about every deed restriction in the County without going to the Courthouse and going through them one by one.

Mr. Canidate argued that he had talked with them and they knew of the restrictions.

Mr. Richmond stated that the issue before the Board is solely Mr. Walker and his appeal. He pointed out that there is a potential civil suit and liability that may be developing on the part of the County. He advised that the only advice the Board should give at this point would be to tell them to get a lawyer and pursue it civilly.

Reginald B. Washington, Sr. addressed the Board. He stated that he owns Lot # 1 of the 3 parcels being discussed. He stated that there was no intent or plan on their parts to undermine the county rules or the deed restrictions. They relied on information that they received about an ordinance that would allow them to sell the land. He admitted that the "For Sale" sign was his and he is now aware of the restrictions and would remove the incorrect information on it. He stated that there was no attempt to be dishonest.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 1, BY VOICE VOTE, TO DENY THE APPEAL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DENIAL. CHAIR MCGILL CAST THE LONE DISSENTING VOTE EXPLAINING THAT HE FELT THERE HAD BEEN SOME MISUNDERSTANDING.

Talquin Corners - Minor Subdivision - 03PZ-035-208-5-08
Continuation of Type III Appeal of Administrative Denial f

This issue was originally before the Board on May 6, 2003 . The Board voted to table the issue and give Mr. Mitchell time to get with the neighbors and discuss possibilities for the lot designs. See the attached proposed development. Mr. Ballister gave an overview of the project. See May 6, 2003 minutes and June 3, 2003 for details and history of the project.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR A MINOR SUBDIVISION AND UPHOLD THE STAFF DENIAL THE MOTION TO DENY INCLUDED THE COMMENT THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS TOO DENSE AND VIOLATED THE COUNTY CODE.

Chair McGill called for comments.

Mr. Gary Mitchell addressed the Board and asked them what he could legally do with the land. Mr. Ballister stated that under the current zoning, Mr. Mitchell could develop 2 lots of 1+ acres each and no more. He was instructed to get with Mr. Ballister and get the details of what he can legally do.

**THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, IN FAVOR OF THE
MOTION TO DENY.**

9. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

Veteran's Transportation

Mr. McKinnon reported that the County has expended all of the budgeted money for veteran's transportation to and from the veteran's hospital and doctors visits. He requested \$14,000 additional money to be taken from the general fund contingency.

Ms. Marion Lasley addressed the Board. She recalled that the current contract was awarded even though the vendor was the higher bidder. She asked if the other bidder would have had the same additional expense if they had been awarded the contract.

Commissioner Dixon answered, "Yes, if they had been willing to do as we asked."

Commisisoner Holt explained that the services were increased from what was being done before.

Commissioner Dixon stated that the County budgeted \$20,000. The bid was based on trips. The increase was due to the fact that there had been more trips made and therefore the budgeted amount was not adequate.

Commissioner Roberson recalled that the previous contract required that the veteran be picked up at a central location in Quincy. Now the provider will pick them up at their home.

Commissioner Watson stated that he felt that the County could do better on the price without having to decrease the service. He felt that better coordination would yield a savings.

Ms. Lasley stated that she felt the spending was getting out of hand and that frugality is a good thing.

Commissioner Dixon told Ms. Lasley that he did not think she understood the situation. He pointed out that this money was for veterans and who are seeking medical care that they are entitled to. If they don't go on a given day, it takes from 1 - 3 months to reschedule their visits. He pointed out that the

program is efficient if people are using it and when the bus isn't full, it is still about veterans and they shouldn't have to suffer until a bus can be filled.

Commissioner Holt stated that she felt that the system is working better and more efficiently now. She said that previously, there were veterans who were not receiving this benefit at all. She recalled that she learned that some veterans were actually hitch-hiking trying to get to Lake City and Gainesville for treatment.

Chair McGill stated that the service is based on the need of the veteran.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER ROBERSON TO TAKE \$14,000 FROM CONTINGENCY AND
PUT INTO THE VETERAN'S TRANSPORTATION BUDGET.**

Video County Commission Meetings - Bid #03-14

Mr. McKinnon called attention to the bids which were submitted for the video taping of the County Commission meetings. The staff recommended award of the bid to Southerland Enterprises at a rate of \$650.00 per meeting which included delayed broadcasting of the meetings.

Ms. Marion Lasley questioned whether or not the County had looked into working with the high school to air the meetings. She also questioned whether or not there is a public need to have the meetings aired at a delayed time.

Commissioner Roberson stated that the meetings can be viewed in Quincy, Gretna, Greensboro city limits, (few residents have Media Com). She stated that Town Manager Susan Freiden had told her that Havana does not have the capability to broadcast the meetings at this time. City Manager Lee Garner of Chattahoochee referred her to Bruce Burgess of Time Warner who confirmed that they could not broadcast the meetings. She suggested that the infrastructure should be in place before the County makes the financial commitment to broadcast.

Commissioner Holt recalled that she once asked the School Board to air their meetings some years ago because they do have the capability. She said they would not do it and she had concluded that they would not be interested in broadcasting the County Commission. She also said that she had talked with all of the municipalities who had told her that they would agree to

air the meetings. She added that she derived her statistics from the individual cities and she had presented them to the Board when the issue first came up. She argued that there is a need for the citizens to be able to view the meetings without actually having to be in attendance. She thought that it would be a positive thing for the County in terms of public relations.

She then stated that the contract is only for one year and it can be reviewed at the end of the year to analyze the effectiveness.

She concluded by saying "We've got to get the information out there in such a way that everyone has input."

Commissioner Dixon stated that the students could possibly work with Mr. Southerland to learn and experience broadcasting.

Commissioner Roberson asked that the Board not award the contract and put that money into the Senior Citizens Center.

Commissioner Holt suggested that the Airport Authority funding also be given to Senior Citizens.

Commissioner Dixon called attention to the fact that Waste Services went up \$100,000 for which he could not discern any public benefit.

Mr. Southerland addressed the Board. Discussion followed between the Board and him.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2, BY VOICE VOTE, TO AWARD THE BID TO SOUTHERLAND ENTERPRISES AT \$650 PER MEETING. COMMISSIONERS WATSON AND ROBERSON VOTED NO.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair McGill called for public comments. There was no response.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA TO WIT:

- A. Proclamation Establishing Family Day
- B. Video County Commission Meetings - Bid #03-04
This was moved to County Manager's Agenda for discussion.
- C. Annual Certified Mosquito Control Budget
- D. Gadsden County Emergency Food Distribution Contract
- E. Contract for Rehabilitation Work on Irene Lawson
- F. SHIP Agreement and Special Assessment Lien for Sonjadriill Gibson
- G. Community Development Subordination Agreement to New Century Mortgage Corporation made by Cynthia D. West
- H. EMPA Grant Contract 04BG-04-02-30-01-020
- I. Chamber of Commerce Report
- J. Redistricting Committee Minutes of August 16, 2003 for the Record
- K. SHIP Annual Report

12. CLERK'S AGENDA

Advertised Budget Change - Public Hearing

Clerk Nicholas Thomas announced the opening of a public hearing to take comments about a proposed budget change to appropriate \$30,000 from cash in the Fine and Forfeiture fund to cover worker's compensation and health insurance.

Chair McGill called for public comments. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ADVERTISED BUDGET CHANGE.

Budget Amendments 2003-09-02-001 through 2003-09-02-06

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE NAMED BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

Ratification of the Approval to Pay County Bills:

Check Registers dated 08/22/03; 08/29/03; and Payroll Register dated 08/21/03

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL TO PAY THE ABOVE STATED COUTNY BILLS.

13. COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

District 2 Report

Commissioner Watson had no report.

District 3 Report

Commissioner Roberson had no report.

District 4 Report

Commissioner Holt stated that it had been recommended to her to get SHIP information packages out to developers and real estate people. She asked the County Manager to take care of that.

She then said that she was still looking for places in the new budget to cut costs and had some suggestions for the County Manager regarding the Probation Department. She indicated that she would provide it to him.

District 5 Report

Commissioner Dixon had no report.

District 1 Report

Value Adjustment Board Appointments

Chair McGill appointed Commissioner Holt and Commissioner Roberson to serve with him on the Value Adjustment Board after they volunteered.

Tourism Development Council Appointment

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO REPLACE MS. ELIZABETH CLARY WITH JAMES ADKINS ON THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:16 P.M.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING OF
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY,
FLORIDA ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2003, THE
FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD,
VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING L. WATSON, VICE-CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. BUDGET OVERVIEW

Howard McKinnon began the overview by stating the County will pay \$100 toward family health insurance coverage.

He then stated that the overall budget was \$38,836,691 with \$10.67 million being financed as debt service on a bond issue. The actual amount for road paving would be \$9 million.

He then informed the Board that the City of Quincy will remit \$70,000 to the County for its share of the landfill fees from 1995 to 2002.

RECREATION

Chair McGill requested that the \$70,000 be used by the County Recreation Department. He specifically expressed a desire to set aside \$20,000 to purchase property outside of Havana in the Glades Community.

Commissioner Watson expressed a desire to upgrade the existing parks before buying property for new parks.

Commissioner Holt stressed the need to seek grants and set aside the remittance as matching funds.

Commissioner Dixon expressed a desire to set aside the \$70,000 to use as matching money for grants.

Commissioner Roberson expressed a desire to upgrade the existing parks.

The County Manager was directed to include the \$70,000 in the upcoming budget.

County Attorney Hal Richmond arrived at this juncture of the meeting - 6:20 p.m.

VETERAN SERVICES BUDGET

Commissioner Watson said that the County can't sustain the increase in the Veteran's budget from \$15,000 to \$72,000.

Chair McGill suggested that since the expense had gone over \$35,000, the County could possibly buy a van and hire a driver for less money.

Commissioner Dixon said the \$72,000 was simply the true cost of providing the best service.

THERE WAS A CONSENSUS TO CAP THE COST AT \$35,000.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Chair McGill expressed a desire to raise the Senior Citizens budget request from \$90,000 to \$100,000. The previous year's budget was \$40,000.

Commissioner Dixon supported an increase to \$150,000.

Chair McGill concurred with Commissioner Dixon to increase it to \$150,000.

EMPLOYEE RAISES AND HEALTH INSURANCE

Mr. McKinnon Stated that the employee raises were included at 2.5% with a minimum of \$750 and a maximum of \$1500.

Commissioner Holt suggested a merit bonus of \$500 or \$750 instead of across the board raises.

Commission Dixon suggested that employee pay something toward their health insurance coverage.

Mr. McKinnon related that the health insurance adviser said charging county employees for some portion of their insurance will cause double coverage to drop.

Chair McGill advised against reducing employee's coverage.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Commissioner Holt questioned the amount budgeted for garbage. Mr. McKinnon explained it was for the dumpsters placed around the County for garbage collection.

Mr. McKinnon reminded the Board of the request from the City of Midway for a part-time police officer.

Commissioner Roberson inquired into the status of the \$5,000 request for Shepard's Hand.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair McGill called for public comments on the proposed tentative budget. There was no response.

ADOPTION OF MILLAGE- 10.00 MILLS

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND OF COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO ADOPT THE GENERAL OPERATING MILLAGE AT 10 MILLS.

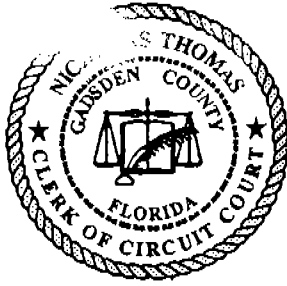
ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2003-2004

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FY 2003-2004 AT \$38,836,691.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR MCGILL DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

plus
Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
September 9, 2003 Tentative Budget Hearing



Bill McGill
BILL MCGILL, CHAIR

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK

GADSDEN COUNTY
TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING FOR FY 2003-2004
SEPTEMBER 8, 2003

1. Budget Overview
2. Adoption of General Operating Fund Millage – 10.00 Mills
3. Adoption of Tentative FY 2003-2004 Budget

Tab 1	Budget Overview
Tab 2	Budget Detail
Tab 3	Requested Capital Outlay Summary
Tab 4	Fund Summary of Revenues, Expenditures And Reserves

Tentative Budget Overview FY 2003-2004

Budget Amount from August 28th Meeting Without Transfers	\$ 23,402,481.00
Expenditure Reductions	\$ (171,898.00)
Insurance Co-Pay Adjustment Family Co-Pay of \$100	\$ (25,560.00)
Contingency Reduction	\$ (55,000.00)
Additional Recreation Expenses	\$ 59,619.00
Additional Veterans' Doctor Appointments Travel	\$ 72,000.00
Additional for Gadsden County Sr. Citizens	\$ 40,000.00
Reduction in DISC Village	\$ (20,000.00)
Additional for Design Fees and Studies	\$ 20,000.00
Addition for BCC Meetings Televised	\$ 15,600.00
Addition for Law Enforcement Workers' Comp Premium	\$ 22,110.00
Addition for Main Library Building (Financed)	\$ 1,800,000.00
Net Addition for Road Paving Program (Financed)	<u>\$ 8,877,099.00</u>
Budget Amount without Transfers	\$ 34,036,451.00
Transfers	<u>\$ 4,800,240.00</u>
Budget Including Transfers	\$ 38,836,691.00

HEALTH INSURANCE SURVEY

The Board of County Commissioners is considering options to increase the County's contributions to Employee +1 and Family coverage on the Health Insurance.

Please answer each of the questions listed below to assist us in this effort.

1. Are you covered under your spouse's health insurance? 17 Yes 120 No
2. The County pays 100% of the single coverage cost. Are you willing to pay \$50.00 per month toward single coverage, if the county were to use that money to help pay for family coverage? 21 Yes 118 No.
3. 6590 Would you switch from single coverage to employee +1 if you only had to pay \$203.72 per month? 10 Yes 123 No. Would you switch from single coverage to family coverage if you only had to pay \$283.24 per month? 6 Yes 128 No.
4. 7070 Would you switch from single coverage to employee +1 if you only had to pay \$174.62 per month? 14 Yes 114 No. Would you switch from single coverage to family coverage if you only had to pay \$242.77 per month? 7 Yes 119 No.

RETURN ALL SURVEYS TO THE MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2003.

Amortization Calculator

You may want to find out [more about this calculator](#), or read the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#). This calculator was written by [Bret Whissel](#).

Almost any data field on this form may be calculated. Enter the appropriate data in each slot, leaving blank (or zero) the value that you wish to calculate, and then activate "Calculate" to update the page.

Library Building

☐ Show Amortization Schedule

Principal: 1800000.00

Payments per
Year: 1

Annual
Interest Rate: 4.5000

Number of
Regular
Payments: 30

Balloon
Payment:

Payment
Amount: 110504.78

Principal borrowed: \$1800000.00

Annual Payments: 1 **Total Payments:** 30

Annual interest rate: 4.50% **Periodic interest rate:** 4.5000%

Regular Payment amount: \$110504.78 **Final Balloon Payment:** \$0.00

Note: the following numbers are estimates.

Total Repaid: \$3315143.40

Total Interest Paid: \$1515143.40

Interest as percentage of Principal: 84.175%

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	1	3111000	Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 7,950,480	\$ 8,892,825	\$ 9,483,761
1	1	3112000	Ad Valorem Taxes - Delin	48,072	50,000	25,000
1	1	3135000	Cable Television	45,218	-	-
1	1	315000	Communication Svcs Tax	27,742	35,000	31,600
1	1	3137001	Waste Management	147,290	145,720	156,000
1	1	3211000	Professional & Occup. Lic	16,392	18,000	18,000
1	1	3221000	Building Permits	381,886	276,000	295,000
1	1	3221001	Building Permits (Radon)	4,438	3,000	3,000
1	1	3301000	Community Food/Nutrition	8,932	9,328	-
1	1	3341008	Voter Education	17,845	-	-
1	1	3351300	Licenses-Insurance Agents	30,754	20,000	40,500
1	1	3351400	Licenses-Mobile Homes	35,660	34,000	33,000
1	1	3351500	Licenses-Alcoholic bevrge	5,685	7,500	6,000
1	1	3351800	Sales Tax Lcl Gov/1/2cent	1,045,106	1,113,178	1,083,438
1	1	3351900	Article 5 Reimbursement		-	-
1	1	3354901	DSL & GAS SALES CREDIT	38,115	36,000	37,100
1	1	3356901	Choose Life License Plate	980	-	-
1	1	3372002	City Contrib. for Animal Ctrl.	25,169	22,500	28,500
1	1	3411000	Fees Zoning	39,735	38,000	40,500
1	1	3411001	Sale of Maps & Publication	205	500	500
	1	3411002	Code Enf. Violation	250		-
1	1	3415400	Fees-Clerk County Court	541	500	500
	1	3419004	Fees-Bldg Inspection-Quincy	1,288		-
1	1	3464001	Fees for Services	3,571	6,000	3,500
1	1	3472001	Fees-Pat Thomas Park	24,610	25,000	26,000
1	1	3481100	County Court Filing Fees	\$ 1,362	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,800

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	1	3485100	Traffic Court-Filling Fees	\$ 10,338	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,700
1	1	3485301	Court Cost Special Assess	540	1,500	500
	1	3486200	Child Dependency Program	61,025		28,900
1	1	3486500	State Reimb. Article Five		-	-
1	1	3486600	Mediation & Arbitration		-	-
1	1	3486700	Public Defender Liens	1,687	3,000	1,000
1	1	3486800	Fees-County Probation	131,978	125,000	137,600
1	1	3611000	Interest-St Board of Admn	37,824	52,000	20,300
1	1	3611001	Interest-Tax Rolls	3,750	7,500	4,000
	1	3611003	Interest Earned	10,688		-
1	1	3611005	Interest-Quincy State Bnk	21,842	35,000	20,000
1	1	3621001	Rent-Livestock Pavil.	1,260	2,000	1,500
1	1	3621002	Rent-Agricultural Office	23,040	23,040	23,040
1	1	3621005	Rent-Primary Health Care	7,590	7,590	7,590
1	1	3621007	Rent-Steven's School	1	-	-
1	1	3641001	Sale of Property		1,000	-
1	1	3691001	Misc. Rev. Other	1,995	1,500	1,900
1	1	3691002	Misc. Rev. Supv Elections	2,436	2,000	1,500
1	1	3691003	Misc. Rev. Fuel System	450		500
1	1	3691004	Admin. Fee .10 per Gallon	422		500
1	1	3691006	Insurance Proceeds	1,483		-
1	1	3700001	Less 5% Est. Revenue	-	(550,234)	(578,611)
		TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 10,219,675	\$ 10,454,447	\$ 10,993,618

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	1	3811014	Transfer from Jail Bond		\$ -	\$ -
1	1	3811016	Transfer from Tax Collector	75,120	-	-
1	1	3811017	Trans. from Property Appraiser	36,024	-	-
1	1	3811021	Transfer from Clerk	224		
	1	3811026	Transfer from Debt Service	319		
1	1	3830001	Other Fin Sources (Prop App)		62,515	-
1	1	3899001	Appropriated Fund Balance	-	1,447,538	1,457,358
		TOTAL		\$ 111,687	\$ 1,510,053	\$ 1,457,358
		TOTAL AVAILABLE		\$ 10,331,362	\$ 11,964,500	\$ 12,450,976

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EXPENSES

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	1	51100	Executive Salaries	\$ 154,425	\$ 160,720	\$ 164,950
1	1	51300	Other Salaries		-	-
1	1	51400	Overtime		-	-
1	1	52100	Fica Taxes	11,494	12,295	12,619
1	1	52200	Retirement Contributions	22,020	19,061	26,771
1	1	52300	Health Insurance	24,614	17,230	15,307
1	1	52310	Life Insurance	171	185	172
1	1	52400	Worker's Compensation	757	753	712
1	1	52430	Worker's Comp-Sheriff	39,052	-	-
1	1	52440	Worker's Comp - Prior Yr	3,541	-	-
			PERSONAL SERVICES	256,074	210,244	220,531
	1		Prof Services-TV Production			\$ 15,600
1	1	53100	Professional Services	42,776	45,000	65,000
1	1	53154	Dangerous Bldg Demolition		12,000	8,000
1	1	53177	Prof. Svcs - Pilot Project	2,128	-	-
1	1	53178	Prof. Svcs-L Brown Settlmnt	111,000	-	-
1	1	53401	Garbage Tipping Fees	21,357	10,000	20,000
1	1	53425	Tommy Williams Settlement	4,129	-	-
1	1	54000	Travel & Per Diem	8,607	10,000	10,000
1	1	54100	Communication Services	10,801	11,000	12,000
1	1	54200	Postage	916	1,500	1,500
1	1	54302	Lndfl-Large Item Tip Fee			
1	1	54400	Rentals & Leases	2,497	3,500	2,500
1	1	54401	Rentals & Leases Postal	2,280	2,280	2,280
1	1	54402	Lease & Sublease	600	600	600
1	1	54500	Insurance-Liability	36,210	45,000	57,000
1	1	54501	Insurance Claims	26,740	25,000	20,000
1	1	54550	Insurance/Bonds		1,800	-
1	1	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)		1,500	1,500
1	1	54630	Maint. Agreements Copier	3,530	4,320	4,320
1	1	54802	Employee Recognition Awds		600	600
1	1	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl.	508	1,000	1,000
1	1	54901	Legal Advertising	4,068	3,000	5,000
1	1	55100	Office Supplies	2,667	1,800	1,800
1	1	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	9,241	11,000	11,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	290,055	190,900	239,700
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 546,129	\$ 401,144	\$ 460,231

COUNTY AUDITORS EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	2	53200	Accounting & Auditing	\$ 50,550	\$ 49,000	\$ 52,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 50,550	\$ 49,000	\$ 52,000

COUNTY ATTORNEY EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	3	53100	Professional Services	\$ 29,890	\$ 35,000	\$ 39,500
1	3	53110	Prof. Svces/Retainer	44,520	48,900	52,000
1	3	54000	Travel & Per Diem	605	750	750
1	3	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	511	1,000	1,000
OPERATING EXPENSES				\$ 75,526	\$ 85,650	\$ 93,250

PROPERTY APPRAISER EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	5	52300	Health Insurance	\$ 19,706	\$ 24,104	\$ 27,103
1	5	52310	Life Insurance	240	260	260
1	5	52400	Worker's Compensation	21,745	22,831	18,198
1	5	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	2,500	2,400
			PERSONAL SERVICES	41,691	49,695	47,961
1	5	54400	Rentals & Leases	1,807	1,824	4,280
1	5	54630	Maint. Agreements Copier	817	554	850
1	5	54910	Trim Bill Expense	16,327	16,500	17,000
1	5	55230	Operating-Equip Undr \$500	-	-	-
			OPERATING EXPENSES	18,951	18,878	22,130
1	5	56400	Mach & Equip (Financed)	-	62,515	-
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	-	62,515	-
			TOTAL EXPENSES	60,642	131,088	70,091
1	5	59114	Transfer to Prop. App.	538,293	599,963	632,764
1	5	59901	Reserve for Contingency	-	2,000	2,000
			TOTAL OTHER USES	\$ 598,935	\$ 733,051	\$ 704,855

PROPERTY APPRAISER EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	5	51100	Executive Salaries	\$ -	\$ 94,258	\$ 96,362
1	5	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	-	236,241	242,147
1	5	52100	Fica Taxes	-	25,283	25,896
1	5	52200	Retirement Contributions	-	32,674	35,956
			PERSONAL SERVICES	-	388,456	400,361
1	5	53112	Prof Svcs-Legal	-	15,000	20,000
1	5	53120	Data Processing	-	14,639	13,262
1	5	53400	Other Contractual Services	-	45,625	45,625
1	5	54000	Travel & Per Diem	-	4,000	5,000
1	5	54100	Communication Services	-	4,000	5,000
1	5	54200	Postage	-	6,767	7,500
1	5	54400	Rentals & Leases	-	33,547	32,220
1	5	54452	Rentals & Lease-Vehicle	-	23,000	23,000
1	5	54500	Insurance	-	3,327	3,327
1	5	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)	-	3,500	3,500
1	5	54627	Repair & Maint.-Vehicles	-	-	-
1	5	54635	Maint. Agreement Computer	-	9,938	17,950
1	5	54901	Legal Advertising	-	2,000	2,000
1	5	55100	Office Supplies	-	10,000	10,000
1	5	55200	Operating Supplies	-	3,500	3,500
1	5	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	-	4,000	4,000
1	5	55401	Training & Educational	-	1,500	1,500
			OPERATING EXPENSES	-	184,343	197,384
1	5	56400	Machinery & Equipment	-	27,164	35,019
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	-	27,164	35,019
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 599,963	\$ 632,764

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CAPITAL OUTLAY

COUNTY JAIL DOCTOR EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	6	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 16,270	\$ 16,694	\$ 17,444
1	6	52100	Fica Taxes	1,245	1,277	1,334
1	6	52200	Retirement Contributions	1,121	962	1,464
1	6	52300	Health Insurance	2,707	3,220	3,407
1	6	52310	Life Insurance	34	35	35
1	6	52400	Worker's Compensation	119	120	135
PERSONAL SERVICES				\$ 21,496	\$ 22,308	\$ 23,819

TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	7	52300	Health Insurance	\$ 25,586	\$ 31,554	\$ 33,901
1	7	52310	Life Insurance	306	348	348
1	7	52400	Worker's Compensation	1,437	1,510	1,548
1	7	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	2,500	2,500
			PERSONAL SERVICES	27,329	35,912	38,297
1	7	54400	Rentals & Leases	1,108	2,000	1,500
1	7	54620	Repair & maint. (Equip)	1,075		
1	7	54630	Maint. Agreements Copier	305	700	700
1	7	54920	Commissions & Fees	312,453	315,000	325,000
1	7	54930	Tax deed and title search	1,600	1,500	1,500
1	7	54940	Postage-mailing tax bills	3,414	4,000	3,750
			OPERATING EXPENSES	319,955	323,200	332,450
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 347,284	\$ 359,112	\$ 370,747

CLERK OF THE COURT - JUDICIAL COUNTY COURT EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	8	52400	Worker's Compensation	\$ 1,390	\$ 823	\$ 823
1	8	52500	Unemployment Compensation	-	1,220	1,220
			PERSONAL SERVICES	1,390	2,043	2,043
1	8	59116	Transfer to Clerk of Court	241,921	253,504	264,583
			TOTAL OTHER USES	241,921	253,504	264,583
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 243,311	\$ 255,547	\$ 266,626

CLERK OF THE COURT - JUDICIAL COUNTY COURT EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	8	51100	Executive Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1	8	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages		158,285	162,400
1	8	51400	Overtime		8,000	8,000
1	8	52100	Fica Taxes		12,721	13,036
1	8	52200	Retirement Contributions		9,578	14,297
1	8	52300	Health Insurance		19,295	21,225
1	8	52310	Life Insurance	-	208	208
			PERSONAL SERVICES	-	208,087	219,166
1	8	54900	Other Current Charges	-	45,417	45,417
			OPERATING EXPENSES	-	45,417	45,417
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 253,504	\$ 264,583

CLERK OF THE COURT - BOARD FINANCE EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	9	52400	Worker's Compensation	\$ 3,079	\$ 3,100	\$ 3,100
1	9	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	2,867	2,867
			PERSONAL SERVICES	3,079	5,967	5,967
1	9	59116	Transfer to Clerk of Court	467,092	533,825	563,373
			TOTAL OTHER USES	467,092	533,825	563,373
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 470,171	\$ 539,792	\$ 569,340

CLERK OF THE COURT - BOARD FINANCE EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	9	51100	Executive Salaries	\$ -	\$ 90,741	\$ 94,362
1	9	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages		298,166	305,947
1	9	51400	Overtime		4,000	4,000
1	9	52100	Fica Taxes		30,057	30,930
1	9	52200	Retirement Contributions		28,166	41,320
1	9	52300	Health Insurance		30,394	34,513
1	9	52310	Life Insurance	-	301	301
			PERSONAL SERVICES	-	481,825	511,373
1	9	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl.	-	47,000	47,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	-	47,000	47,000
			TOTAL EXPENSES	-	528,825	558,373
1	9	59901	Reserve for Contingency	-	5,000	5,000
				-	5,000	5,000
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 533,825	\$ 563,373

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
	10	53100	Professional Services			\$ 9,367
1	10	54100	Communication Services	4,642	4,500	4,500
1	10	54200	Postage	559	200	200
1	10	54400	Rentals & Leases	4,074	4,684	4,825
1	10	54600	Repair & Maintenance	745	1,000	1,000
1	10	55100	Office Supplies	1,579	2,500	2,500
1	10	55230	Operating-Equip Undr \$500	2,101	4,659	5,020
1	10	55400	Books/Publ/Sub/Membr	1,075	1,500	2,500
			OPERATING EXPENSES	14,775	19,043	29,912
1	10	56400	Machinery & Equipment	-	8,300	10,000
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	-	8,300	10,000
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 14,775	\$ 27,343	\$ 39,912

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CAPITAL OUTLAY

COUNTY COURT JUDGE EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	13	51300	Other Salaries & Wages	\$ -	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,125
1	13	52100	Fica Taxes		86	86
1	13	54000	Travel & Per Diem	824	1,000	700
1	13	54100	Communication Services	1,824	1,500	1,500
1	13	54200	Postage	310	400	400
1	13	54400	Rentals & Leases	866	500	500
1	13	54600	Repair & Maintenance	895	750	1,200
1	13	54630	Maint. Agreements Copier	99	300	1,000
1	13	54900	Other Current Chgs. & Obl.	-	-	-
1	13	55100	Office Supplies	190	750	750
1	13	55230	Operating-Equip Undr \$500	265		-
1	13	55400	Books/Publ/Sub/Membr	-	300	300
OPERATING EXPENSES				\$ 5,273	\$ 6,711	\$ 7,561

STATE ATTORNEY EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	15	54100	Communications Services	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,107
1	15	54200	Postage		4,500	3,375
1	15	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl	951		
1	15	55400	Books/Publ/Sub/Membr	-	8,000	6,000
OPERATING EXPENSES				\$ 951	\$ 22,500	\$ 21,482
	15	56400	Machinery & Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,900
CAPITAL OUTLAY				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,900
TOTAL EXPENSES						<u>\$ 25,382</u>

PURCHASING AND PERSONNEL EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	16	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 113,939	\$ 117,887	\$ 121,025
1	16	51300	Other Salaries & Wages	2,451	2,500	2,500
1	16	52100	Fica Taxes	8,801	9,210	9,450
1	16	52200	Retirement Contributions	7,847	6,790	10,154
1	16	52300	Health Insurance	7,819	9,659	10,220
1	16	52310	Life Insurance	97	104	104
1	16	52400	Worker's Compensation	570	655	563
1	16	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	1,207	1,207
			PERSONAL SERVICES	141,524	148,012	155,223
1	16	53181	Contract/EAP/Drug Screening	3,276	6,000	6,000
1	16	54000	Travel & Per Diem	2,711	3,600	3,000
1	16	54100	Communication Services	2,833	4,500	3,500
1	16	54200	Postage	817	800	820
1	16	54400	Rentals & Leases	2,718	3,000	2,500
1	16	54500	Insurance		540	540
1	16	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)	1,651	2,100	1,700
1	16	54630	Maint. Agreements Copier	434	704	704
1	16	54700	Printing & Binding	99	200	250
1	16	54802	Employee Recog. Awards	476	1,000	1,000
1	16	54900	Other Current Chgs. & Obl.			
1	16	54901	Legal Advertising	2,737	5,000	5,000
1	16	55100	Office Supplies	2,948	2,500	2,500
1	16	55210	Gas & Oil		200	200
1	16	55230	Operating-Equip Undr \$500	2,021	2,500	2,500
1	16	55400	Books/Publ/Sub/Membr	2,266	2,500	2,500
1	16	55401	Training & Educational	1,237	4,000	4,000
1	16	55402	Software Purchases	121	1,000	500
			OPERATING EXPENSES	26,345	40,144	37,214
1	16	56400	Machinery & Equipment	1,350	1,300	1,300
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	1,350	1,300	1,300
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 169,219	\$ 189,456	\$ 193,737

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CLERK OF COURT - JUDICIAL COURT FEES EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	17	52400	Worker's Compensation	\$ 458	\$ 2,164	\$ 2,164
1	17	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	2,653	2,653
			PERSONAL SERVICES	458	4,817	4,817
1	17	54909	Circuit Court Fees	181,717	159,800	159,800
1	17	54911	Recording Fees	218	500	500
1	17	54913	Tax Deed Filing	542	-	-
			OPERATING EXPENSES	182,477	160,300	160,300
1	17	59116	Transfer to Clerk	37,036	37,587	37,587
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 219,971	\$ 202,704	\$ 202,704

HUMAN SERVICES EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	18	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 22,987	\$ 23,815	\$ 24,564
1	18	52100	Fica Taxes	1,758	1,822	1,879
1	18	52200	Retirement Contributions	1,583	1,372	2,061
1	18	52300	Health Insurance	2,707	3,220	3,407
1	18	52310	Life Insurance	17	34	34
1	18	52400	Worker's Compensation	113	128	114
1	18	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	180	180
			PERSONAL SERVICES	29,165	30,571	32,239
1	18	54000	Travel & Per Diem		200	-
1	18	54100	Communication Services		750	-
1	18	54200	Postage		200	-
1	18	55100	Office Supplies		200	-
1	18	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	-	100	-
			OPERATING EXPENSES	-	1,450	-
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 29,165	\$ 32,021	\$ 32,239

PUBLIC DEFENDER EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	19	54011	Travel & Per Diem-Attorney	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1	19	54100	Communication Services		25,600	6,680
1	19	55400	Books/Publ/Sub/Membr	3,649	7,200	4,500
	19	55200	Supplies	-	-	1,770
			OPERATING EXPENSE	3,649	32,800	12,950
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,649	\$ 32,800	\$ 12,950

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	24	54500	Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	
1	24	54800	Promotional Activities	39,997	40,000	40,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 39,997	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000

COURTROOM SECURITY AND FURNISHINGS

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	25	53406	Contractual Security	\$ 40,197	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,000
1	25	55230	Operating-Equip Undr. \$500	-	-	-
			OPERATING EXPENSES	40,197	10,000	12,000
1	25	56250	Improvements	-	-	-
1	25	56400	Machinery & Equipment	-	4,000	3,000
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	-	4,000	3,000
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 40,197	\$ 14,000	\$ 15,000

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APALACHEE PLANNING EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	27	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	29	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 110,696	\$ 158,439	\$ 175,746
1	29	52100	Fica Taxes	8,424	12,121	13,445
1	29	52200	Retirement Contributions	7,661	9,126	14,745
1	29	52300	Health Insurance	5,501	12,061	14,150
1	29	52310	Life Insurance	105	129	175
1	29	52400	Worker's Compensation	542	1,448	1,370
1	29	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	1,268	1,659
			PERSONAL SERVICES	132,929	194,592	221,290
1	29	53100	Professional Services	6		3,000
1	29	54000	Travel & Per Diem	646	6,900	5,180
1	29	54100	Communication Services	1,255	2,500	2,250
1	29	54200	Postage	184	200	700
1	29	54502	Vehicle Insurance	709	1,400	1,900
1	29	54600	Repair & Maintenance	1,056	3,000	1,600
1	29	54620	Repair & Maintenance (Equip)	1,187	1,500	2,300
1	29	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl	248	500	2,320
	29	54901	Legal Advertising	-	-	900
1	29	55100	Office Supplies	899	1,600	1,900
1	29	55210	Gas & Oil	108	1,200	2,000
1	29	55230	Operating Equip. Under \$500		2,000	2,000
1	29	55230	Books/Pubs/Subs/Mbrshp	499	1,200	1,000
1	29	55401	Training & Education	660	500	2,670
			OPERATING EXPENSES	7,457	22,500	29,720
1	29	56400	Machinery & Equipment	-	18,000	5,200
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	-	18,000	5,200
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 140,386	\$ 235,092	\$ 256,210

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CAPITAL OUTLAY

CENTRAL DATA PROCESSING

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	30	54635	Maint. Agreement Computer	\$ 18,398	\$ 24,713	\$ 24,713
1	30	55101	Supplies Computer System	11,554	12,000	12,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	29,952	36,713	36,713
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 29,952	\$ 36,713	\$ 36,713

COUNTY BUILDING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	31	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 163,045	\$ 207,593	\$ 214,491
1	31	51400	Overtime	7,888	5,000	5,000
1	31	52100	Fica Taxes	13,109	16,264	16,791
1	31	52200	Retirement Contributions	11,790	12,246	18,415
1	31	52300	Health Insurance	21,890	25,729	27,736
1	31	52310	Life Insurance	275	278	313
1	31	52400	Worker's Compensation	12,703	14,954	11,911
1	31	52500	Unemployment Comp.	43	1,627	2,076
			PERSONAL SERVICES	230,743	283,691	296,733
1	31	54100	Communication Services	1,354	1,000	2,000
1	31	54300	Utility Services	113,746	120,000	125,000
1	31	54400	Rentals & Leases	23,122	6,000	22,000
1	31	54500	Insurance	14,680	28,230	23,230
1	31	54502	Vehicle Insurance	918	1,654	1,800
1	31	54600	Repair & Maintenance	768	5,000	5,000
1	31	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)	2,811	5,000	5,000
1	31	54622	Repair & Maint. Build/grd	55,962	60,000	50,000
1	31	54626	Repair & Maint.-Elevator	7,347	8,500	10,000
1	31	54627	Repair & Maint.-Vehicles	3,768	2,300	1,850
1	31	54628	Maint. Grnds-Garden Club	2,000	2,000	2,000
1	31	54630	Maint Agreements Copier	979		1,200
1	31	54641	Justice Center - W. A. Woodh	35,023	25,000	25,000
1	31	54642	Rep. & Maint. Public Health	1,862	7,600	7,600
	31	54643	Rep. & Maint. Sr Cit			2,000
1	31	54900	Other Current Charges		500	500
1	31	55100	Office Supplies	89	400	400
1	31	55208	Uniforms	2,397	1,800	2,600
1	31	55210	Gas & Oil	2,015	1,600	1,500
1	31	55223	Operating Exp.-Janitorial	7,359	12,000	12,000
1	31	55230	Operating-Equip Undr \$500	5,702	5,000	5,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 281,902	\$ 293,584	\$ 305,680

COUNTY BUILDING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	31	56200	Building Purchase Annex 1	\$ -	\$ 195,000	-
1	31	56250	Improvements	19,676		
1	31	56255	Courthouse Renovations	96,790	102,700	59,200
1	31	56256	Renovations-TCC Bldg.	25,965	-	14,000
1	31	56257	Renovations-Quincy Sqr.			
1	31	56258	Renovations-Admin Bldg.			
1	31	56259	Renovations-SOE Bldg	2,041	6,800	
1	31	56260	Renovations	5,481	20,100	24,500
1	31	56400	Machinery & Equipment	5,236	43,850	49,350
1	31	56500	Construction in Progress			
1	31	56501	Const. In Progress-Annex 1	-	-	
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	<u>155,189</u>	<u>368,450</u>	147,050
1	31	59106	Transfer to Grants Funds	38,987		
			TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 706,821</u>	<u>\$ 945,725</u>	<u>\$ 749,463</u>

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CAPITAL OUTLAY

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY REPAIR & MAINTENANCE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	32	54500	Insurance	\$ 6,505	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
1	32	54620	Repair & Maint. Equipment	6,209	25,000	25,000
1	32	54622	Repair & Maint. Build./Grd.	39,064	25,000	25,000
1	32	56200	Improvements			
1	32	56250	Bld. Improvements	1,467	10,000	-
1	32	56252	Improve-Jail Cell Rep		-	41,873
1	32	56400	Machinery & Equipment	-	-	
OPERATING EXPENSES				\$ 53,245	\$ 71,000	\$ 102,873

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SQG ASSESSMENT AND NOTIFICATION

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	33	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ -	\$ 1,936	\$ 1,975
1	33	52100	Fica Taxes		148	151
1	33	52200	Retirement Contributions		112	166
1	33	52300	Health Insurance		-	-
1	33	52310	Life Insurance	-	-	-
			PERSONAL SERVICES		2,196	2,292
1	33	54700	Printing & Binding		100	-
1	33	55100	Office Supplies		500	-
1	33	55210	Gas & Oil		500	-
1	33	55402	Software Purchases	65	-	-
			OPERATING EXPENSES	65	1,100	-
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 65	\$ 3,296	\$ 2,292

BUILDING INSPECTION EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	49	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 217,731	\$ 227,525	\$ 233,610
1	49	51300	Other Salaries		2,200	2,200
1	49	51400	Overtime	142	2,000	2,000
1	49	52100	Fica Taxes	16,356	17,726	18,192
1	49	52200	Retirement Contributions	14,999	13,220	19,952
1	49	52300	Health Insurance	19,161	19,753	24,329
1	49	52310	Life Insurance	240	244	244
1	49	52400	Worker's Compensation	24,765	20,795	19,249
1	49	52500	Unemployment Compensation	-	1,100	2,275
			PERSONAL SERVICES	293,394	304,563	322,051
1	49	54000	Travel & Per Diem	1,075	3,112	2,612
1	49	54100	Communication Services	5,579	4,500	5,000
1	49	54200	Postage	466	700	700
1	49	54500	Insurance		400	400
1	49	54502	Vehicle Insurance	2,395	3,200	4,510
1	49	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)	1,036	2,000	1,500
1	49	54622	Repair & Maint. Bldg./Grd.			
1	49	54627	Repair & Maint.-Vehicles	1,389	1,700	1,550
1	49	54630	Maint. Agreements Copier	407	800	800
1	49	54900	Other Current Chgs. & Obl.	54	300	300
1	49	54901	Legal Advertising		300	300
1	49	55100	Office Supplies	3,354	3,000	3,000
1	49	55208	Uniforms	2,363	2,200	2,300
1	49	55210	Gas & Oil	4,493	3,800	3,800
1	49	55230	Operating-Equip Undr \$500		1,500	1,500
1	49	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	1,957	2,000	2,000
1	49	55401	Training & Educational	2,375	3,000	2,905
1	49	55402	Software Purchases	-	7,000	-
			OPERATING EXPENSES	26,943	39,512	33,177
1	49	56400	Machinery & Equipment	20,972	2,200	18,000
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	20,972	2,200	18,000
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 341,309	\$ 346,275	\$ 373,228

*FY 2004

COMMODITY FOOD - FEDERAL EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	52	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 2,134	\$ 4,345	\$ 4,345
1	52	51300	Other Salaries	3,660	-	-
1	52	51400	Overtime	69	-	-
1	52	52100	Fica Taxes	448	332	332
1	52	52200	Retirement Contributions	161	250	365
1	52	52300	Health Insurance	88		
1	52	52310	Life Insurance	3		
1	52	52400	Worker's Compensation	439	256	256
1	52	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	30	30
			PERSONAL EXPENSES	7,002	5,213	5,328
1	52	54100	Communication Services	208	622	622
1	52	54200	Postage		50	50
1	52	54300	Utility Services	869	1,405	1,405
1	52	54600	Insurance		608	608
1	52	54630	Maint Agreements Copier	807		
1	52	55100	Office Supplies	45	500	500
1	52	55220	Misc. Supplies		330	330
1	52	55230	Operating-Equip Undr \$500	-	600	600
			OPERATING EXPENSES	1,929	4,115	4,115
1	52	56400	Machinery & Equipment	-	-	-
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	-	-	-
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 8,931	\$ 9,328	\$ 9,443

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	53	54100	Communication Services	\$ -	\$ -	
1	53	54110	Communications-Chatta.	756	1,000	1,000
1	53	54120	Communications-Quincy			
1	53	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)	-	-	-
OPERATING EXPENSES				\$ 756	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

COMMODITY FOOD - LOCAL EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	54	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 2,280	\$ 5,878	\$ 3,488
1	54	51300	Other Salaries & Wages	2,531		2,390
1	54	51400	Overtime	170		
1	54	52100	Fica Taxes	374	450	450
1	54	52200	Retirement Contributions	138	339	293
1	54	52300	Health Insurance	59		
1	54	52310	Life Insurance	2		
1	54	52400	Worker's Compensation	366	580	499
1	54	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	68	68
			PERSONAL SERVICES	5,920	7,315	7,188
1	54	54100	Communications	119		
1	54	54300	Utility Services	477		
1	54	54500	Insurance	106		
1	54	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)			
1	54	55100	Office Supplies			
1	54	55220	Misc. Supplies			
1	54	55230	Operating Equip. Under \$500	-	-	-
			OPERATING EXPENSES	702	-	-
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,622	\$ 7,315	\$ 7,188

VETERAN'S SERVICES EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	57	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 50,607	\$ 52,430	\$ 53,929
1	57	51400	Overtime	46		
1	57	52100	Fica Taxes	3,912	4,011	4,126
1	57	52200	Retirement Contributions	3,489	3,020	4,525
1	57	52300	Health Insurance	2,929	3,220	3,407
1	57	52310	Life Insurance	69	70	151
1	57	52400	Worker's Compensation	364	353	334
1	57	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	504	504
			PERSONAL SERVICES	61,416	63,608	66,976
1	57	54000	Travel & Per Diem	794	2,560	2,500
1	57	54100	Communication Services	1,779	2,675	1,675
1	57	54200	Postage	302	550	600
1	57	54400	Rentals & Leases		1,095	1,300
1	57	54500	Insurance-Vehicle	335	649	500
1	57	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)	85	675	675
1	57	54627	Vehicle Maintenance	302	2,200	3,800
1	57	54630	Maint. Agreements Copier	99	460	460
1	57	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl.		500	500
1	57	54901	Legal Advertising		150	200
1	57	55100	Office Supplies	1,462	1,800	1,300
1	57	55200	Operating Supplies			
1	57	55210	Gas & Oil	371	1,100	1,000
1	57	55230	Operating Equip. Undr.\$500	2,461	600	600
1	57	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	708	700	700
1	57	55402	Software Purchases	72	750	750
			OPERATING EXPENSES	8,770	16,464	16,560
1	57	56400	Machinery & Equipment	1,450	720	720
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	1,450	720	720
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 71,636	\$ 80,792	\$ 84,256

*FY 2004

GROWTH MANAGEMENT - PLANNING & ZONING EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	59	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 178,631	\$ 194,942	\$ 200,386
1	59	51300	Other Salaries & Wages	3,875	-	-
1	59	51400	Overtime		600	1,200
1	59	52100	Fica Taxes	13,505	14,959	15,421
1	59	52200	Retirement Contributions	12,269	11,263	16,913
1	59	52300	Health Insurance	14,469	16,795	17,875
1	59	52310	Life Insurance	175	209	209
1	59	52400	Worker's Compensation	11,334	10,500	8,947
1	59	52500	Unemployment Comp.	3,851	1,864	1,935
			PERSONAL SERVICES	238,109	251,132	262,886
1	59	53100	Professional Services	995		6,500
1	59	53150	Prof. Svc. Engineering	18,082	17,000	10,000
1	59	54000	Travel & Per Diem	3,802	3,778	5,620
1	59	54100	Communication Services	7,031	8,316	4,995
1	59	54200	Postage	1,720	2,000	2,150
1	59	54400	Rentals & Leases	282	300	300
1	59	54500	Insurance-Vehicle	1,023	1,840	1,840
1	59	54600	Repair & Maintenance	1,505	1,000	1,000
1	59	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)	1,518	2,000	1,500
1	59	54630	Maint. Agreements Copier	3,760	4,500	4,800
1	59	54700	Printing & Binding	793	1,000	1,000
1	59	54802	Employee Recognition Awds		60	60
1	59	54900	Other Current Chgs. & Obl.	53	-	100
1	59	54901	Legal Advertising	711	3,500	4,200
1	59	55100	Office Supplies	2,717	4,275	5,215
1	59	55210	Gas & Oil	1,647	1,000	2,000
1	59	55230	Operating Equip Undr \$500	8,057	1,700	8,750
1	59	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	2,542	2,000	2,950
1	59	55401	Training & Educational	5,719	2,400	5,800
1	59	55402	Software Purchases	6,004	14,220	3,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	67,961	70,889	71,780
1	59	56400	Machinery & Equipment	32,873	6,500	17,275
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	32,873	6,500	17,275
1	59	59106	Transfer to Grants Fund			
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 338,943	\$ 328,521	\$ 351,941

*FY 2004

CAPITAL OUTLAY

COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	61	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 91,100	\$ 115,161	\$ 119,657
1	61	51300	Other Salaries & Wages	611		
1	61	51400	Overtime			
1	61	52100	Fica Taxes	5,084	8,692	9,154
1	61	52200	Retirement Contributions	2,810	6,633	10,039
1	61	52300	Health Insurance	5,522	10,095	7,294
1	61	52310	Life Insurance	163	277	277
1	61	52400	Worker's Compensation	7,216	8,545	6,515
1	61	52500	Unemployment Compensation	343	1,089	1,151
			PERSONAL SERVICES	112,849	150,492	154,087
1	61	53400	Other Contractual Service	5,129	2,000	1,000
1	61	54000	Travel & Per Diem	11,362	15,000	12,000
1	61	54100	Communication Services	6,434	8,000	7,300
1	61	54300	Utility Services	6,953	7,800	8,500
1	61	54400	Rentals & Leases	3,114	3,500	3,500
1	61	54500	Insurance	1,422	3,500	3,500
1	61	54502	Vehicle Insurance	822	2,000	1,700
1	61	54620	Repair & Maint. Equip.	1,761	2,000	2,000
1	61	54622	Repair & Maint Build/grd	125		125
1	61	54627	Repair & Maint. - Vehicle	586	2,000	2,000
1	61	54629	Maint. of Pav. & Grounds	2,797	7,600	5,600
1	61	54630	Maint. Agreements Copier	439	3,500	3,000
1	61	54631	Maint of Livestock Annex	925	2,000	2,000
1	61	54632	Maint of Computers	37	2,500	1,500
1	61	54800	Promotional Activities	6,313	6,000	6,000
1	61	54801	Demonstration Materials	211	1,000	1,000
1	61	54900	Other Current Chgs. & Obl.	34	200	200
1	61	54901	Legal Advertising		200	200
1	61	55100	Office Supplies	4,553	3,000	4,500
1	61	55210	Gas & Oil	1,058	2,500	1,500
1	61	55230	Operating-Equip. Under \$500	5,855	1,000	1,000
1	61	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	896	1,500	1,500
1	61	55401	Training & Educational		600	600
1	61	55402	Software Purchases	51	200	200
			OPERATING EXPENSES	60,877	77,600	70,425
1	61	56400	Machinery & Equipment	-	3,500	3,500
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	-	3,500	3,500
1	61	59106	Transfer to Grants Fund	11,278	-	-
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 185,004	\$ 231,592	\$ 228,012

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SOIL CONSERVATION EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	63	58100	Aids to Government Agency	11,500	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500
			OPS Salary		13,480	14,230
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 11,500	\$ 24,980	\$ 25,730

FORESTRY ASSESSMENT EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	65	58100	Aids to Government Agency	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
			GRANTS AND AIDS	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	73	54500	Insurance	\$ 3,688	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,500
			OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 3,688	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,500

WELFARE - MEDICARE EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	75	58112	Co Billing-Hosp & Nursing Home	\$ 544,735	\$ 650,000	\$ 615,000
			GRANTS AND AIDS	\$ 544,735	\$ 650,000	\$ 615,000

AID TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	77	58202	GADSDEN DAYCARE CENTER	3,000	5,000	5,000
1	77	58203	AMERICAN RED CROSS	10,000	8,000	8,000
1	77	58204	CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE	3,000	10,000	10,000
1	77	58206	THE SHELTER, INC		3,000	3,000
1	77	58207	GUARDIAN AD LITEM	14,455	14,455	14,455
1	77	58208	DISC VILLAGE	24,044	25,000	5,000
1	77	58209	GADS CO. SEN CITZ COUNCIL	38,000	50,000	90,000
1	77	58210	GADS-QUINCY AIRPORT ATH	10,000	10,000	10,000
1	77	58211	LEGAL SVCS OF N. FLORIDA	9,000	9,000	9,000
1	77	58212	BIG BEND TRANSIT	6,437	-	-
1	77	58213	Big Bend Track Club			-
1	77	58214	SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM	25,000	25,000	25,000
1	77	58215	CAPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY	4,500	5,000	5,000
1	77	58216	REFUGE HOUSE	5,000	6,000	6,000
1	77	58217	BEAR CREEK EDUCATIONAL CT	7,500		-
1	77	58218	GAD. CIT. FOR HLTH. BABIES		5,000	5,000
1	77	58219	A SHEP. HAND RES. CENTER		5,000	5,000
1	77	58220	GADSDEN ARTS CENTER		10,000	10,000
1	77	58222	D&S TRANSIT			72,000
GRANTS AND AIDS				\$ 159,936	\$ 190,455	\$ 282,455

INDIGENT HOSPITAL SERVICE EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	85	58114	Hospital Svs-Indigent	\$ 16,973	\$ 40,000	\$ 25,000
			GRANTS AND AIDS	\$ 16,973	\$ 40,000	\$ 25,000

APALACHEE MENTAL HEALTH EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	87	58120	Mental Health - Baker Act	\$ 53,376	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
1	87	58130	Mental Health - Alcohol	17,624	23,000	23,000
GRANTS AND AIDS				<u>\$ 71,000</u>	<u>\$ 88,000</u>	<u>\$ 88,000</u>

PAUPER BURIALS EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	91	53100	Professional Services	\$ -	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,250
			OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,250

GADSDEN COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	93	54500	Insurance	\$ 740	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	740	1,500	1,000
			TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 740</u>	<u>\$ 1,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>

RECREATION DIRECTOR

	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
51200 Regular Salaries & Wages			41,000
52100 Fica Taxes			3,137
52200 Retirement Contribution			3,440
52300 Health Insurance			3,888
52310 Life Insurance			34
52400 Worker's Compensation			120
PERSONAL SERVICES			\$ 51,619
Operating Expenses			8,000
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 59,619

PAT THOMAS PARK

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	101	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 17,381	\$ 18,007	\$ 18,757
1	101	52100	Fica Taxes	1,149	1,378	1,435
1	101	52200	Retirement Contributions	1,197	1,037	1,574
1	101	52300	Health Insurance	3,090	3,800	3,887
1	101	52310	Life Insurance	34	35	40
1	101	52400	Worker's Compensation	1,429	1,378	1,204
1	101	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	245	250
			PERSONAL EXPENSES	24,280	25,880	27,147
1	101	53010	Other Current Charges	-	100	100
1	101	53100	Professional Services		4,000	2,000
1	101	53180	Permitting Parks	211	400	500
1	101	53400	Other Contractual Ser.	882	700	800
1	101	53401	Covering Garbage Services	367	800	1,200
1	101	54100	Communication Services	540	900	900
1	101	54300	Utility Services	6,406	6,500	7,000
1	101	54400	Rentals & Leases	660	3,000	1,500
1	101	54500	Insurance	696	1,500	1,000
1	101	54502	Vehicle Insurance	333	650	750
1	101	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)	2,672	3,500	3,600
1	101	54622	Repair & Maint. Build/grd	10,510	7,000	8,000
1	101	54627	Repair & Manint. Vehicles		500	500
1	101	55100	Office Supplies		150	200
1	101	55208	Uniforms		300	300
1	101	55210	Gas & Oil	1,339	900	900
1	101	55230	Operating Equip Undr \$500	2,057	2,000	2,800
			OPERATING EXPENSES	26,673	32,900	32,050
1	101	56300	Improv. Other Than Bldgs.	32	9,000	53,000
1	101	56400	Machinery & Equipment	7,995	10,000	-
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	8,027	19,000	53,000
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 58,980	\$ 77,780	\$ 112,197
	101	56200	Buildings			56,000
*FY 2004			CAPITAL OUTLAY			
			two shelters and bathrooms-robertsville		\$	28,000
			play structures			25,000
					\$	53,000

PROBATION EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	118	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 89,656	\$ 128,182	\$ 133,461
1	118	51300	Other Salaries & Wages	3,357	-	-
1	118	51400	Overtime	1,852	1,000	1,000
1	118	52100	Fica Taxes	6,987	9,882	10,286
1	118	52200	Retirement Contributions	7,634	7,441	11,281
1	118	52300	Health Insurance	9,373	13,894	14,108
1	118	52310	Life Insurance	109	140	174
1	118	52400	Worker's Compensation	5,975	8,078	8,095
1	118	52500	Unemployment Compensation	168	786	1,237
			PERSONAL SERVICES	125,111	169,403	179,642
1	118	54000	Travel & Per Diem	591	1,440	1,500
1	118	54100	Communication Services	2,243	2,500	2,200
1	118	54200	Postage	1,389	1,600	1,700
1	118	54503	Insurance Comm Service	369	-	-
1	118	54600	Repair & Maint.	-	-	-
1	118	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)	1,336	2,500	3,000
1	118	54630	Maint. Agreements Copier	689	628	536
1	118	55100	Office Supplies	4,225	2,500	3,000
1	118	55230	Operating-Equip Undr \$500	329	900	525
1	118	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	271	300	300
1	118	55401	Training & Educational	180	1,200	925
1	118	55402	Software Purchases	-	950	450
			OPERATING EXPENSES	11,622	14,518	14,136
1	118	56400	Machinery & Equipment	-	10,795	-
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	-	10,795	-
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 136,733	\$ 194,716	\$ 193,778

*FY 2004

CAPITAL OUTLAY

CIRCUIT COURT REPORTER EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	231	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ -
1	231	52200	Retirement Contributions	44		
1	231	52300	Health Insurance	8		
1	231	52400	Worker's Comp	-	-	-
			PESONAL SERVICES	72		
1	231	54100	Communication Services	540	500	1,100
1	231	54200	Postage		200	200
1	231	54600	Repair & Maintenance	575	1,000	2,300
1	231	54620	Repair & Maint (Equip)	1,024		-
1	231	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl			-
1	231	55100	Office Supplies	1,236	2,000	1,500
1	231	55230	Operating-Equip. Undr. \$500	447		-
1	231	55401	Training & Educational		500	500
1	231	55402	Software Purchases	-	560	1,200
	231	55400	Books/Pub/Sub	-	-	200
			OPERATING EXPENSES	3,894	4,760	7,000
1	231	56400	Machinery & Equipment	1,412	2,000	3,000
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	1,412	2,000	3,000
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,378	\$ 6,760	\$ 10,000

*FY 2004

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	235	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 142,559	\$ 147,694	\$ 153,491
1	235	51300	Other Salaries & Wages	5,509	6,000	6,000
1	235	51400	Overtime		1,060	1,060
1	235	52100	Fica Taxes	10,724	11,839	12,282
1	235	52200	Retirement Contributions	4,712	4,144	6,361
1	235	52203	Retirement -Sr Mng Annuity	8,297	9,594	8,094
1	235	52300	Health Insurance	6,694	7,890	9,214
1	235	52310	Life Insurance	103	240	240
1	235	52311	Life Insurance -Co Manager	409	425	425
1	235	52320	Disability Ins-Co Manager	1,557	1,700	1,700
1	235	52400	Worker's Compensation	10,646	10,261	8,330
			PERSONAL SERVICES	191,210	200,847	207,197
1	235	54000	Travel & Per Diem	1,221	3,500	3,000
1	235	54100	Communication Services	475	2,000	1,500
1	235	54200	Postage	254	250	250
1	235	54400	Rental & Leases	288		-
1	235	54500	Insurance	-		-
1	235	54502	Vehicle Insurance	393	700	700
1	235	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)	632	1,200	1,200
1	235	54621	Rep. & Maint. Fuel Sys.	3,333	6,500	5,500
1	235	54627	Repair & Maint.-Vehicles		1,000	1,000
1	235	54700	Printing & Binding	40	1,200	1,200
1	235	55100	Office Supplies	1,690	1,500	1,500
1	235	55210	Gas & Oil	631	1,200	900
1	235	55230	Operating-Equip Undr \$500	398	500	500
1	235	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	545	800	800
1	235	55401	Training & Educational	110	1,500	1,200
1	235	55402	Software Purchases	1,645	1,500	1,100
			OPERATING EXPENSES	11,655	23,350	20,350
1	235	56400	Machinery & Equipment	5,394	2,000	2,000
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	5,394	2,000	2,000
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 208,259	\$ 226,197	\$ 229,547

*FY 2004

CAPITAL OUTLAY

LITTER/ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	238	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 56,353	\$ 56,960	\$ 45,273
1	238	51400	Overtime	3,372	4,080	4,080
1	238	52100	Fica Taxes	4,531	4,357	3,776
1	238	52200	Retirement Contributions	4,074	3,281	4,141
1	238	52300	Health Insurance	7,321	11,579	10,221
1	238	52310	Life Insurance	93	108	108
1	238	52400	Worker's Compensation	1,722	2,490	2,356
1	238	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	532	655
			PERSONAL EXPENSES	77,466	83,387	70,610
1	238	53100	Professional Services	2,963	8,000	5,500
1	238	54000	Travel & Per Diem		3,365	1,810
1	238	54100	Communication Services	2,077	3,000	3,000
1	238	54200	Postage		500	250
1	238	54300	Utilities	1,765	2,500	2,500
1	238	54400	Rentals & Leases	522		1,328
1	238	54500	Insurance (Building)	147	250	250
1	238	54502	Insurance (Vehicle)	752	1,500	1,889
1	238	54600	Repair & Maintenance	1,355	1,000	1,000
1	238	54620	Rep. & Maint. (Equip)	2,693	3,000	3,000
1	238	54900	Other Current Chgs. & Oblig.	54	1,500	500
1	238	55100	Office Supplies	813	1,200	1,200
1	238	55200	Operating Supplies	4,224	11,000	10,000
1	238	55208	Uniforms	1,397	1,620	1,620
1	238	55210	Gas & Oil	3,359	7,000	5,500
1	238	55220	Misc. Supplies	95	3,000	1,500
1	238	230	Operating-Equip. Undr. \$500	10,998	1,668	1,668
1	238	55400	Books\Memberships\Sub. Train.	1,250	3,835	3,835
			OPERATING EXPENSES	34,464	53,938	46,350
1	238	56200	Buildings - Animal Shelter			-
1	238	56400	Machinery & Equipment	825	-	-
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	825	-	-
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 112,755	\$ 137,325	\$ 116,960

GADSDEN COUNTY HEALTH UNIT

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
1	400	53408	Contractual - HRS	\$ 80,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 80,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000

ARTICLE V COURT COSTS

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
PUBLIC DEFENDER APPOINTED-CIRCUIT CRIMINAL						
1	708	53027	Extra - Ct Appt Aty	\$ 3,210	\$ -	\$ -
1	708	53103	Court Appointed Attorneys	181,302	150,000	121,800
1	708	53104	Other Attorney Costs	7,620	8,000	6,000
		TOTAL		192,132	158,000	127,800
PUBLIC DEFENDER-CIRCUIT JUVENILE						
1	710	53103	Court Appointed Attorneys	106,744	95,000	78,750
1	710	53104	Other Attorney Costs	9,038	8,000	6,750
1	710	53111	Psychological Evaluations		1,000	-
1	710	54923	Pub Def - Expert Witness	125	-	-
		TOTAL		115,907	104,000	85,500
PUBLIC DEFENDERS APPTD-CRC PROB						
1	711	53103	Court Appointed Attorneys	6,433	5,000	19,225
1	711	53104	Other Attorney Costs	836	-	-
		TOTAL		7,269		19,225
PUBLIC DEFENDER APPOINTED-COUNTY COURT CRIMINAL						
1	712	53103	Court Appointed Attorneys	18,140	12,000	9,000
1	712	53104	Other Attorney Costs	749	1,000	1,000
		TOTAL		18,889	13,000	10,000
PUBLIC DEFENDER APPOINTED-COUNTY COURT TRAFFIC						
1	714	53103	Court Appointed Attorneys	1,380	2,000	2,000
1	714	53104	Other Attorney Costs	91	-	-
		TOTAL		1,471	2,000	2,000
COURT REPORTER-CIRCUIT CRIMINAL						
1	715	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	43,581	87,256	70,541
1	715	51300	Other Salaries			3,375
1	715	51400	Overtime	2,840	1,100	1,500
1	715	52100	Fica Taxes	3,550	6,759	6,567
1	715	52200	Retirement Contributions	3,165	5,089	6,308
1	715	52300	Health Insurance	2,579	6,003	4,953
1	715	52310	Life Insurance	33	190	190
1	715	52400	Worker's Compensation	223	565	417
1	715	53100	Professional Services		8,000	4,400
1	715	53300	Court Repr Appearance Fee	930		-
1	715	53301	Appear Fee Rept in Ct Pro	3,650		-
1	715	53302	Transcript Fees Appeal etc.	2,157		-
1	715	53304	Transcript Fees-Deposition	9,151	8,500	5,000
1	715	53308	Trans Fee - Depo - St Atty	802		-
1	715	53309	Trans Fee - Depo - Pub Def	2,661	-	-
	715	55230	Equipment < \$500	-	-	288
		Operating Expenses		\$ 75,322	\$ 123,462	\$ 103,539
Capital Outlay						
	715	56400	Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 630
Total						\$ 104,169

ARTICLE V COURT COSTS

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
COURT REPORTER-CIRCUIT COURT JUVENILE						
1	717	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 459	\$ 461	\$ 970
1	717	51300	Other Salaries			-
1	717	51400	Overtime	30	22	50
1	717	52100	Fica Taxes	37	37	78
1	717	52200	Retirement Contributions	33	28	86
1	717	52300	Health Insurance	27	39	45
1	717	52310	Life Insurance	-	2	-
1	717	52400	Worker's Compensation	2	2	-
1	717	53300	Court Repr App Fee	-		-
1	717	53301	Appear. Fee Rept. in Ct. Pro.	-		-
1	717	53302	Transcript Fees	-	1,000	1,000
1	717	53304	Transcript Fees-Deposit	180	-	-
		TOTAL		768	1,591	2,229
COURT REPORTER-COUNTY COURT CRIMINAL						
1	719	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	1,835	1,842	3,882
1	719	51300	Other Salaries			-
1	719	51400	Overtime	120	87	250
1	719	52100	Fica Taxes	150	148	316
1	719	52200	Retirement Contributions	133	111	347
1	719	52300	Health Insurance	109	122	140
1	719	52310	Life Insurance	1	8	-
1	719	52400	Worker's Compensation	9	7	-
1	719	53302	Transcript Fees		500	-
1	719	53304	Transcript Fees-Deposit	762	-	-
1	719	53309	Trans Fee - Depo - Pub Def	456	-	-
		TOTAL		3,575	2,825	4,935
CLINICAL EVALUATIONS-CIRCUIT CRIMINAL						
1	721	53102	Competency Exams	75,317	2,000	1,500
1	721	53111	Psychological Evaluations	72,317	55,000	30,000
1	721	53118	Clinical Eval - Pub Def Ord	10,263	-	-
		TOTAL		157,897	57,000	31,500
CLINICAL EVALUATIONS-CIRCUIT JUVENILE						
1	723	53111	Psychological Evaluations	7,812	13,000	9,750
CLINICAL EVALUATIONS-CIRCUIT PROBATION						
1	724	53102	Competency Exams	475	2,500	2,500
1	724	53111	Psychological Evaluations	625	2,500	2,500
		TOTAL		1,100	5,000	5,000
CLINICAL EVALUATION-COUNTY CRIMINAL						
1	726	53102	Competency Exams/Phy		1,000	1,000
1	726	53111	Clinical Evaluations	5,075	6,000	6,000
1	726	53118	Clinical Eval - Pub Def Ord	1,038	-	-
		TOTAL		6,113	7,000	7,000
COURT INTERPRETERS-CIRCUIT CRIMINAL						
1	727	54905	Interpreters	3,815	2,000	2,000
COURT INTERPRETERS CIRCUIT JUVENILE						
1	729	54905	Interpreters	\$ 375	\$ 500	\$ 500

ARTICLE V COURT COSTS

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
COURT INTERPRETERS-COUNTY COURT CRIMINAL						
1	731	54905	Interpreters	2,818	3,000	3,000
WITNESS MGT-CIRCUIT CRIMINAL						
1	733	54010	Travel-Witness	2,341	2,500	6,000
1	733	54013	Pub Def Ord Witness-Trav	220		
1	733	54013	St Atty Ord Witness-Trav	567		
1	733	54904	Ordinary-Witness Fee	1,340	1,500	-
		TOTAL		4,468	4,000	6,000
WITNESS MGT-CIRCUIT CRIMINAL						
1	737	54010	Travel & Per Diem - Witness	678	-	-
1	737	54904	Ordinary Witness Fee	373	-	-
		TOTAL		1,051		-
EXPERT WITNESS-CIRCUIT CRIMINAL						
1	739	54010	Travel-Witness		500	500
1	739	54903	Expert Witness Fee	6,198	8,000	5,000
1	739	54923	Pub Def - Expert Witness	5,100		
1	739	54924	St Atty - Expert Witness	1,200	-	-
		TOTAL		12,498	8,500	5,500
EXPERT WITNESS-CIRCUIT PROBATION						
1	742	54903	Expert Witness Fee		1,000	1,000
OTHER COURT COSTS-CIRCUIT CRIMINAL						
1	748	53117	Mediation & Arbitration	26,047		
1	748	54906	Other Court Costs	23,716	30,000	20,000
1	748	54915	Medical Examiner	28,748	-	
1	748	54925	Other Ct costs - Public Def	4,535	-	-
		TOTAL		83,046	30,000	20,000
OTHER COURT COSTS-CIRCUIT JUVENILE						
1	750	54903	Expert Witness Fee		500	500
1	750	54906	Other Court Costs	128	1,000	1,000
		TOTAL		128	1,500	1,500
OTHER COURT COSTS-COUNTY CRIMINAL						
1	752	54906	Other Court Costs		500	500
OTHER COURT COSTS-COC TRAFFIC						
1	769	54906	Other Court Costs	278	500	500
TOTAL EXPENSES				\$ 696,732	\$ 538,378	\$ 448,978

FIRE PROTECTION FUND REVENUES

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
105	105	3126001	Infrastructure Sales Tax	\$ 754,000	\$ 788,600	\$ 814,423
105	105	3192001	Fire Protection Delin Tax	764	-	
105	105	3312001	Forestry Radio Grant			
105	105	3611000	Interest-St Board of Admn	608	1,000	
105	105	3611001	Intrest-Taxt Rolls	20		
105	105	3700001	Less 5% Est. Revenue		(39,480)	(40,721)
105	105	3830001	Other Sources	571,860	-	-
			TOTAL REVENUE	1,327,252	750,120	773,702
105	105	3899001	Appropriated Fund Bal.		28,383	42,693
			TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ 1,327,252	\$ 778,503	\$ 816,395

FIRE PROTECTION FUND EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
105	105	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 30,708	\$ 29,877	\$ 28,649
105	105	52100	Fica Taxes	2,169	2,286	2,192
105	105	52200	Retirement Contributions	2,115	1,721	2,391
105	105	52300	Health Insurance	3,090	3,700	3,887
105	105	52310	Life Insurance	34	35	40
105	105	52400	Worker's Compensation	4,259	4,107	1,084
105	105	52500	Unemployment Compensation	-	360	360
			PERSONAL SERVICES	42,375	42,086	38,603
105	105	53100	Professional Services			
105	105	54000	Travel & Per Diem	12	800	800
105	105	54100	Communication Services	921	1,200	1,300
105	105	54200	Postage		100	100
105	105	54500	Insurance	8,002	2,700	3,000
105	105	54502	Vehicle Insurance	69	600	750
105	105	54551	Insur-Vehicle Sycamore	348	2,100	2,300
105	105	54553	Insur-Bldg Sycamore	72	150	150
105	105	54555	Workers Comp-Sycamore	585	700	750
105	105	54557	Insur-Bldg Coonbottom	68	150	150
105	105	54558	Insur-Bldg. Mt. Pleasant		150	150
105	105	54560	Insur-Vehicle Coonbottom	1,168	2,100	2,300
105	105	54561	Insur-Vehicle Mt Pleasant	1,787	2,500	2,500
105	105	54562	Insur-Vehicle Robertville	1,203	2,100	2,200
105	105	54563	Insur-Vehicle Wetumpka	1,663	2,500	2,600
105	105	54564	Insur-Bldg Robertsville	85	150	150
105	105	54565	Insur-Bldg Wetumpka	96	150	150
105	105	54566	Workers Comp-Coonbottom	585	800	900
105	105	54567	Workers Comp-Mt Pleasant	585	800	900
105	105	54568	Workers Comp-Robertsville	585	700	800
105	105	54569	Workers Comp-Wetumpka	585	900	950
105	105	54570	Insur-Vehicle Chattahoochee	1,146	1,400	1,500
105	105	54571	Insur-Bldg Mt Pleasant	258		
105	105	54572	Insur-Vehicle Quincy	1,185	1,500	1,500
105	105	54573	Insur-Vehicle Greensboro		1,500	1,500
105	105	54574	Insur-Vehicle Gretna		1,500	1,500
105	105	54575	Insur-Vehicle Midway		1,500	1,500
105	105	54600	Repair & Maintenance	1,223	500	1,000
105	105	54627	Rep. & Maint.-Vehicles	1,537	6,000	6,000
105	105	54800	Promotional Activities			500
105	105	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl.	156	6,900	4,000
105	105	55100	Office Supplies	322	500	500
	105		Volunteer Clothing & Fuel Allow			10,000
105	105	55210	Gas & Oil	86	1,400	1,400
105	105	55230	Operating - Equip Undr \$500	2,305	3,100	3,800
105	105	55401	Training & Educational		1,000	5,000
105	105	55402	Software Purchases	-	500	500
			OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 26,637	\$ 48,650	\$ 63,100

FIRE PROTECTION FUND EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
105	105	56200	Buildings	\$ 26,160	\$ 19,000	\$ 75,695
105	105	56300	Improv Other Than Buildgs	30,000	34,000	25,000
105	105	56400	Machinery & Equipment	702,014	36,000	26,000
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	758,174	89,000	126,695
105	105	58101	Fire Contl-Forestry Dept.	6,882	7,200	7,200
105	105	58102	Fire Contl-Chattahoochee	31,821	32,776	33,759
105	105	58103	Fire Contl-Coonbottom	6,774	6,977	7,186
105	105	58104	Fire Contl-Greensboro	21,088	21,721	22,373
105	105	58105	Fire Contl-Gretna	12,202	12,568	12,945
105	105	58106	Fire Contl-Havana	50,567	52,084	53,646
105	105	58107	Fire Contl-Midway	14,688	15,129	15,583
105	105	58108	Fire Contl-Mt. Pleasant	6,283	6,472	6,925
105	105	58109	Fire Contl-City of Quincy	263,000	296,113	280,000
105	105	58110	Fire Contl-Robertsville	6,558	6,755	6,958
105	105	58111	Fire Contl-Wetumpka	9,096	9,369	9,650
105	105	58116	Fire Contl-Sycamore	5,483	5,648	5,817
			GRANTS AND AIDS	434,442	472,812	462,042
105	105	57100	Debt Service Principal		125,955	125,955
105	105	59100	Transfer to Transportation Fund		-	-
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,261,628	\$ 778,503	\$ 816,395

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CAPITAL OUTLAY

105	105	56200	new station Robertsville and Gretna (financing)	75,695
105	105	56400	airbags and rescue tools	26,000
	105	56300	fire hydrants 5th year plan	20,000
	105	56300	fire hydrants cities	5,000

LAW LIBRARY FUND REVENUE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
111	111	3482600	Circuit Court Criminal Fees	\$ 5,858	\$ 5,180	\$ 5,860
111	111	3483600	County Court Civil Fees	2,153	1,820	2,290
111	111	3700001	Less 5% Est. Revenue	-	(350)	(408)
			TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 8,011	\$ 6,650	\$ 7,742
111	111	3899001	Appropriated Fund Bal.			
			TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ 8,011	\$ 6,650	\$ 7,742

LAW LIBRARY FUND EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
111	111	56400	Machinery & Equipment		\$ -	
111	111	56601	Books	6,369	7,000	7,742
			TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 6,369	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,742

TRANSPORTATION FUND #1 REVENUE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
112	112	3123000	Legislative Voted 9th cnt	\$ 38,499	\$ 32,000	\$ 25,200
112	112	3124001	Local Alt. Fuel User Fee	954	1,500	1,000
112	112	3124101	Local Option Gas Tax 6cnt	1,315,158	1,130,000	1,389,000
112	112	3126001	Infrastructure Sales Tax	965,231	963,800	995,405
112	112	3351801	Alternative Fuel Tax			
112	112	3354200	Constitutional Gas Tax	1,009,593	1,012,192	1,085,000
112	112	3354400	County Gas Tax (7th cent)	445,665	454,143	478,800
112	112	3354402	Tier II & III Diesel	918,591	737,000	962,000
112	112	3354900	Motor Fuel Use Tax	5,601	3,000	5,700
112	112	3491004	Fees-Road Dept.	19,648	18,000	16,760
112	112	3491005	Fees-Road Maint-Midway	7,323	2,000	6,420
112	112	3611000	Interest-St Board of Admn	68,763	70,000	30,100
112	112	3611005	Interest Quincy State Bank	274	4,000	500
112	112	3641001	Sale of Property	655,386		-
112	112	3691001	Misc. Rev. Other			-
112	112	3691002	Misc. Rev. Sale of Equip.			-
112	112	3700001	Less 5% Est. Revenue	-	(221,382)	(249,794)
112	112	3811019	Transfer from Grants	119,109		
112	112	3830001	Other Financing Sources	<u>854,674</u>	<u>255,000</u>	<u>9,288,000</u>
			TOTAL REVENUE	6,424,469	4,461,253	14,034,091
112	112	3899001	Appropriated Fund Balance		<u>2,006,458</u>	<u>118,287</u>
			TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ 6,424,469	\$ 6,467,711	\$ 14,152,378

TRANSPORTATION FUND #1 EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
112	112	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 157,071	\$ 174,096	\$ 171,965
112	112	51300	Other Salaries & Wages			
112	112	51400	Overtime	9,192	12,460	26,216
112	112	52100	Fica Taxes	12,540	14,272	15,161
112	112	52200	Retirement Contributions	13,573	10,746	16,627
112	112	52300	Health Insurance	10,721	13,284	15,706
112	112	52310	Life Insurance	132	174	139
112	112	52400	Worker's Compensation	5,638	5,445	5,401
112	112	52500	Unemployment Comp.	173	2,041	2,010
			PERSONAL SERVICES	209,040	232,518	253,226
112	112	53100	Professional Services	1,735	5,000	2,500
112	112	53150	Prof Services Engineering	539	6,000	6,000
112	112	53400	Other Contractual Service		2,000	2,000
112	112	53404	DEP Permits Required		3,000	1,500
112	112	54000	Travel & Per Diem	31	1,800	1,500
112	112	54100	Communication Services	7,483	11,000	9,000
112	112	54200	Postage	412	600	600
112	112	54300	Utility Services	22,434	31,000	25,000
112	112	54400	Rentals & Leases	11,203	9,000	5,000
112	112	54500	Insurance	497	1,034	1,034
112	112	54502	Vehicle Insurance	37,265	52,800	27,800
112	112	54505	General Liability	35,190	22,000	36,000
112	112	54506	Inland/Marine Liability	16,155	13,200	13,200
112	112	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)	1,244	3,000	3,000
112	112	54622	Repair & Maint. Build/grd	2,785	4,500	4,000
112	112	54630	Maint. Agreements Copier	1,062	1,100	1,300
112	112	54802	Employee Recognition Awds	29	500	400
112	112	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl.	2,764	2,356	2,356
112	112	54901	Legal Advertising	185	1,500	1,500
112	112	55100	Office Supplies	2,563	3,000	3,000
112	112	55210	Gas & Oil	8,214	23,336	22,558
112	112	55211	Vehicle Usage		780	780
112	112	55220	Miscellaneous Supplies	2,488	2,700	3,000
112	112	55230	Operating-Equip Undr \$500	1,148	3,000	2,000
112	112	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	743	1,200	1,200
112	112	55401	Training & Educational	110	2,100	2,100
112	112	55402	Software Purchases	45	1,000	1,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 156,324	\$ 208,506	\$ 179,328

TRANSPORTATION FUND #1 EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
112	112	56260	Renovations		\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
112	112	56300	Improv Other Than Bldgs.		5,000	5,000
112	112	56400	Machinery & Equipment	894	14,000	-
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	894	22,000	8,000
112	112	57100	Debt Service Principal	336,902	383,134	336,457
112	112	57200	Debt Service Interest	58,563	-	275,000
112	112	58301	Other Financing Uses	634,766	-	-
			TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	1,030,231	383,134	611,457
			TOTAL EXPENSES	1,396,489	846,158	1,052,010
112	112	59901	Reserve for Contingency	-	-	65,000
			TOTAL OTHER USES	-	-	65,000
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,396,489	\$ 846,158	\$ 1,117,010

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CAPITAL OUTLAY

PAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
112	126	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 374,142	\$ 283,398	\$ 290,999
112	126	51400	Overtime	57,101	40,814	32,172
112	126	52100	Fica Taxes	33,002	24,802	24,723
112	126	52200	Retirement Contributions	31,530	18,675	27,114
112	126	52300	Health Insurance	46,318	35,721	41,079
112	126	52310	Life Insurance	658	522	452
112	126	52400	Worker's Compensation	34,511	29,924	46,103
112	126	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	3,129	3,233
			PERSONAL SERVICES	577,262	436,985	465,876
112	126	53140	Professional Ser/Surveys		4,000	4,000
112	126	54400	Rentals & Leases	6,088	10,000	2,000
112	126	55208	Uniforms	4,395	3,604	4,074
112	126	55210	Gas & Oil	35,254	37,320	38,790
112	126	55211	Vehicle Usage		780	780
112	126	55300	Road Materials & Supplies	38,958	75,000	70,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	84,695	130,704	119,644
112	126	56400	Machinery & Equipment	22,477	282,300	-
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*			
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 684,434	\$ 849,989	\$ 585,520

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CAPITAL OUTLAY

UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
112	127	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 472,673	\$ 441,325	\$ 454,967
112	127	51400	Overtime	67,725	64,121	66,419
112	127	52100	Fica Taxes	40,545	38,667	39,886
112	127	52200	Retirement Contributions	39,133	29,114	43,744
112	127	52300	Health Insurance	56,984	52,392	60,251
112	127	52310	Life Insurance	704	766	696
112	127	52400	Worker's Compensation	43,356	35,600	35,672
112	127	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	4,916	5,092
			PERSONAL SERVICES	721,120	666,901	706,727
112	127	53140	Professional Ser/Surveys		4,000	3,000
112	127	54150	Freight Charges	160,326	8,000	20,000
112	127	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)			
112	127	55208	Uniforms	4,667	5,544	7,210
112	127	55210	Gas & Oil		58,350	55,795
112	127	55211	Vehicle Usage	59,089	780	780
112	127	55300	Road Materials & Supplies	147,938	60,000	80,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	372,020	136,674	166,785
112	127	56400	Machinery & Equipment	910,477	117,000	98,000
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*			
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,003,617	\$ 920,575	\$ 971,512

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CAPITAL OUTLAY*

DETAIL

56400

Machinery & Equipment

REPLACE 1999 - 331 DUMP TRUCK - @ \$45,000 EA

REPLACE 1999 - 334 DUMP TRUCK - @ \$45,000 EA

REPLACE 1999 - HARROW - @ \$8,000 EA

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
112	128	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 99,272	\$ 111,776	\$ 111,273
112	128	51400	Overtime	22,544	21,729	21,629
112	128	52100	Fica Taxes	9,278	10,213	10,167
112	128	52200	Retirement Contributions	8,406	7,690	11,150
112	128	52300	Health Insurance	9,544	9,526	10,955
112	128	52310	Life Insurance	120	139	139
112	128	52400	Worker's Compensation	9,566	9,622	8,813
112	128	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	1,304	1,298
			PERSONAL SERVICES	158,730	171,999	175,424
112	128	54400	Rentals & Leases		1,000	1,000
112	128	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)	229,168	210,000	195,000
112	128	54622	Repair & Maint. Build/Grd	-	-	18,000
112	128	55208	Uniforms	879	1,107	1,254
112	128	55210	Gas & Oil	6,934	17,377	19,801
112	128	55211	Vehicle Usage		780	780
112	128	55220	Miscellaneous Supplies	1,264	5,200	3,700
112	128	55230	Operating-Equip Undr \$500	2,897	3,000	5,000
112	128	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	344	500	500
112	128	55401	Training & Educational		1,000	1,000
112	128	55402	Software Purchases	-	2,000	1,500
			OPERATING EXPENSES	241,486	241,964	247,535
112	128	56400	Machinery & Equipment	51,347	-	25,500
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	51,347	-	25,500
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 451,563	\$ 413,963	\$ 448,459

DETAIL 56400 Machinery & Equipment
 REPLACE AIR COMPRESSOR @ \$2,500 EA
 REPLACE OIL SEPARATOR @ \$7,000 EA
 REPLACE TWO GAS PUMPS @ \$8,000 EA

RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
112	129	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 255,210	\$ 385,585	\$ 352,371
112	129	51400	Overtime	44,620	43,083	51,265
112	129	52100	Fica Taxes	22,896	32,793	30,878
112	129	52200	Retirement Contributions	20,729	24,691	33,865
112	129	52300	Health Insurance	32,529	35,722	41,080
112	129	52310	Life Insurance	400	522	522
112	129	52400	Worker's Compensation	23,854	24,236	23,597
112	129	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	4,262	3,930
			PERSONAL SERVICES	<u>400,238</u>	<u>550,894</u>	<u>537,508</u>
112	129	53400	Other Contractual Service		15,000	5,000
112	129	53401	Contract Covering Garbage	1,519		
112	129	54150	Freight Charges	33,726	6,000	10,000
112	129	54300	Utility Services	20,320	20,000	20,000
112	129	54400	Rentals & Leases		2,000	2,000
112	129	54623	Repair & Maint. Safety Dev.	1,797	16,000	15,400
112	129	54951	Outsource Work Crews			
112	129	55200	Operating Supplies	14,184	16,000	16,000
112	129	55208	Uniforms	4,737	6,996	4,702
112	129	55210	Gas & Oil	43,357	53,418	45,392
112	129	55211	Vehicle Usage		780	780
112	129	55230	Operating-Equip Undr \$500	7,214	7,000	7,000
112	129	55300	Road Materials & Supplies	<u>101,684</u>	<u>65,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>
			OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>228,538</u>	<u>208,194</u>	<u>191,274</u>
112	129	56302	Safety Devices	50,560	75,000	53,000
112	129	56400	Machinery & Equipment	<u>30,212</u>	<u>133,300</u>	<u>165,000</u>
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	<u>80,772</u>	<u>208,300</u>	<u>218,000</u>
			TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 709,548</u>	<u>\$ 967,388</u>	<u>\$ 946,782</u>

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CAPITAL OUTLAY

DETAIL 56400 Machinery & Equipment
REPLACE 257 SIGN TRUCK - 1 TON - 2 DOOR - TOOL BODY - 2WD @ \$42,000 EA
REPLACE 125 PICKUP WITH - 3/4 TON - 4 DOOR CREW CAB - 2WD @ \$25,000 EA
REPLACE 255 GRABBER TRUCK - 4 DOOR CREW CAB - 2WD @ \$98,000 EA

ROAD CONSTRUCTION / IMPROVEMENT

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
112	130	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 73,643	\$ 188,625	\$ 305,397
112	130	51400	Overtime	9,479	25,343	46,425
112	130	52100	Fica Taxes	6,338	16,369	26,915
112	130	52200	Retirement Contributions	5,613	12,325	29,519
112	130	52300	Health Insurance	9,544	16,069	27,719
112	130	52310	Life Insurance	120	139	470
112	130	52400	Worker's Compensation	6,696	10,104	13,596
112	130	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	1,943	3,560
			PERSONAL SERVICES	111,433	270,917	453,601
112	130	53100	Professional Svcs	-	-	20,000
112	130	53150	Professional Svcs Engineering	67,560	20,000	30,000
112	130	54150	Freight Charges		80,000	240,000
112	130	54400	Rental & Leases	76,676	50,000	65,000
112	130	55208	Uniforms	1,007	2,217	1,880
112	130	55210	Gas & Oil	10,325	22,204	28,889
112	130	55230	Equipment Under \$500	1,947	2,000	2,000
112	130	55300	Road Materials & Supplies	22,433	50,000	37,500
			OPERATING EXPENSES	179,948	226,421	425,269
112	130	56315	Road Const./Comp. Plan List	367,727	650,000	1,020,000
112	130	56317	Bridge Improvement		80,000	150,000
112	130	56318	Road Resurfacing	1,260,182	850,000	3,161,400
	130		Utility Relocate-CR 65 Realign.			35,000
112	130	56400	Machinery & Equipment	18,196	27,300	471,825
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	1,646,105	1,607,300	4,838,225
112	130	59901	Reserve for Contingency		300,000	-
112	130		Reserve for Future Years			4,366,000
112	130	59106	Transfer to Grants Fund			
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,937,486	\$ 2,404,638	\$ 10,083,095

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CAPITAL OUTLAY*

DETAIL 56400 Machinery & Equipment
 REPLACE 142 PICKUP WITH - 3/4 TON - 4 DOOR CREW CAB - 2WD @ \$25,000 EA
 ADDITIONAL BACKHOE - PURCHASE RENTED BACKHOE @\$40,000 EA
 ADDITIONAL UNDERGROUND LOCATOR - @\$4,000 EA

112	130		Utility Relocation for 65 Realignment			35,000
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LANDFILL/ARTHROPOD FUND REVENUE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
113	113	3346201	Mosquito Control State	\$ 8,282	\$ 13,176	\$ 13,176
113	113	3346202	Mosquito Ctrl/Waste Tire	17,992	29,326	29,326
113	113	3611003	Interest Earned	472	500	500
113	113	3700001	Less 5% Estimated Revenue		(2,150)	(2,150)
113	113	3811000	Transfer from General Fnd	227,350	200,712	
113	113		Transfer from Landfill Grant		50,000	363,075
			TOTAL REVENUE	254,096	291,564	403,927
113	113	3899001	Appropriated Fund Balance		100,700	25,000
			TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ 254,096	\$ 392,264	\$ 428,927

LANDFILL EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
113	219	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 10,747	\$ 29,061	\$ 29,811
113	219	51400	Overtime	643	4,191	4,359
113	219	52100	Fica Taxes	871	2,544	2,614
113	219	52200	Retirement Contributions	679	1,915	2,867
113	219	52300	Health Insurance	933	3,216	3,887
113	219	52310	Life Insurance	11	35	35
113	219	52400	Worker's Compensation	1,395	1,671	3,214
113	219	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	321	384
			PERSONAL SERVICES	<u>15,279</u>	<u>42,954</u>	<u>47,171</u>
113	219	53100	Professional Scvs	8,155		
113	219	53101	Landfill Analysis	11,291	18,000	17,000
113	219	53400	Other Contractual Services		600	
113	219	53401	Contract Covering Garbage	48,165	135,000	235,000
113	219	53402	Agreement w/Chattahoochee	18,000	18,000	18,000
113	219	53413	Landfill Maintenance	4,214	10,000	
113	219	54100	Communication Services		-	
113	219	54502	Vehicle Insurance	478	700	700
113	219	55200	Operating Supplies	239	200	500
113	219	55208	Uniforms		252	314
113	219	55210	Gas & Oil		1,560	4,071
113	219	55230	Operating-Equip Undr \$500	-	-	-
			OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>90,542</u>	<u>184,312</u>	<u>275,585</u>
113	219	56302	Safety Devices		-	-
113	219	56300	Improve Other Than Bldgs		65,000	-
113	219	56400	Machinery & Equipment	22,677	-	-
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	<u>22,677</u>	<u>65,000</u>	<u>-</u>
113	219	59901	Reserve for Contingency	-	15,000	15,000
			TOTAL OTHER USES	<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
			TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 128,498</u>	<u>\$ 307,266</u>	<u>\$ 337,756</u>

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CAPITAL OUTLAY

ARTHROPOD FUND EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
113	221	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 19,319	\$ 35,671	\$ 36,563
113	221	51300	Other Salaries & Wages	5,406	5,760	5,760
113	221	51400	Overtime	1,830	8,012	6,215
113	221	52100	Fica Taxes	1,657	3,782	3,713
113	221	52200	Retirement Contributions	1,650	2,848	4,072
113	221	52300	Health Insurance	19	3,216	3,886
113	221	52310	Life Insurance	2,859	35	35
113	221	52400	Worker's Compensation	-	3,713	2,478
113	221	52500	Unemployment Compensation	-	401	181
			PERSONAL SERVICES	32,740	63,438	62,902
113	221	53116	Related Exp. Tire Mgmt.	204		
113	221	54000	Travel & Per Diem	472	1,200	1,500
113	221	54400	Rentals & Leases			
113	221	54500	Insurance	880	1,600	1,600
113	221	54600	Repair & Maintenance	1,540	2,000	2,000
113	221	54610	Supplies & Maintenance	3	1,000	1,000
113	221	54700	Printing & Binding		500	500
113	221	55110	Misc. Expense			
113	221	55208	Uniforms	126	277	313
113	221	55210	Gas & Oil	2,843	4,000	5,256
113	221	55214	Chemicals	5,940	6,000	6,000
113	221	55230	Operating-Equip Undr \$500		1,000	1,000
113	221	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	35	100	100
113	221	55401	Training & Educational	10	500	500
			OPERATING EXPENSES	12,053	18,177	19,769
			TOTAL EXPENSES	44,793	81,615	82,671
113	221	56200	Buildings	591	1,383	1,000
113	221	56400	Machinery & Equipment	-	2,000	7,500
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	591	3,383	8,500
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 45,384	\$ 84,998	\$ 91,171

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CAPITAL OUTLAY

DETAIL

56400

Machinery & Equipment

REPLACE ULV MOSQUITO SPRAY FOGGER @ \$7,500 EA

FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND REVENUE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
115	115	3346901	CSE 66.65% Reimb SH SVS	\$ 20,163	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,300
115	115	3351200	State Rev Sharing Proceed	708,215	728,000	730,129
115	115	3351201	Cigarette Tax	25,687	25,400	25,000
115	115	3351601	Racing Tax (Pari Mutuel)	223,250	223,250	223,250
115	115	3351820	Local Gov Emerg Sales Tax	857,623	882,000	899,053
115	115	3372001	Grant from School Board	135,684	135,000	135,000
115	115	3415201	Fees-Sheriff	57,201	53,000	61,300
115	115	3415205	Work Release	6,995	10,000	17,000
115	115	3481200	County Court Charges	2,235	4,000	750
115	115	3482200	Circuit Court Charges	11,406	14,000	3,375
115	115	3482300	Circuit Court Criminal Cr. Cost	10,244	12,000	3,375
115	115	3485200	Service Charges	349,520	334,000	268,125
115	115	3485300	Traffic Court Costs	40,663	36,000	37,575
115	115	3511003	Law Enf. Conf. Prpty.	116		-
115	115	3511008	Court Fines - Lee Funds	20,796		-
115	115	3511010	Domestic Violence Fines	6,152	6,000	6,675
115	115	3611002	Interest-Sheriff	629		-
115	115	3621003	Tower Rent			
115	115	3700001	Less 5% Est. Revenue	-	(123,983)	(121,395)
115	115	3811015	Transfer From Sheriff	13,668		
115	115	3811000	Transfer from General Fnd	2,612,358	2,967,565	3,417,378
115	115	3811005	Transfer from Gen-CSE Fees	30,550		
115	115	3811015	Transfer from Jail Bond Fund	60,924	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE				5,194,079	5,323,232	5,723,890
115	115	3899001	Appropriated Fund Balance		425,000	300,000
TOTAL AVAILABLE				\$ 5,194,079	\$ 5,748,232	\$ 6,023,890

FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
115	115	52300	Health Insurance	\$ 159,282	\$ 191,585	\$ 209,448
115	116	52300	Health Insurance	113,869	148,561	175,981
115	115	52310	Life Insurance	1,951	2,104	2,104
115	116	52310	Life Insurance	1,507	1,420	1,420
115	115	52330	Life Insurance - Deputies		1,400	1,400
115	116	52350	Catastrophic Inmate Med. Ins.	26,805	37,000	37,000
115	115	52400	Worker's Compensation	109,588	133,000	140,966
115	116	52400	Worker's Compensation	41,141	58,000	61,572
115	115	52500	Unemployment Comp	60	5,000	5,000
115	116	52500	Unemployment Comp	8,935	8,000	8,000
			PERSONAL SERVICES	463,138	586,070	642,891
115	115	59108	Transfer to Sheriff	3,176,391	3,261,079	3,392,835
115	116	59108	Transfer to Sheriff	1,859,968	1,901,083	1,988,164
			OTHER USES	5,036,359	5,162,162	5,380,999
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,499,497	\$ 5,748,232	\$ 6,023,890

LAW ENFORCEMENT - SHERIFF'S EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
115	115	51100	Executive Salaries		\$ 102,065	\$ 104,331
115	115	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages		1,747,270	1,792,699
115	115	51400	Overtime		59,530	59,530
115	115	51600	Special Pay		25,000	25,000
115	115	52100	Fica Taxes		147,941	151,161
115	115	52200	Retirement Contributions		311,748	392,765
			PERSONAL SERVICES	-	2,393,554	2,525,486
115	115	53100	Professional Services		12,000	12,000
115	115	53500	Investigations		27,000	27,000
115	115	54000	Travel & Per Diem		15,000	15,000
115	115	54100	Communication Services		100,000	100,000
115	115	54200	Postage		3,500	3,500
115	115	54300	Utility Services		8,700	8,700
115	115	54502	Vehicle Insurance		55,125	55,125
115	115	54505	General Liability		51,600	51,600
115	115	54627	Repair & Maint.-Vehicles		45,000	45,000
115	115	54950	Outfitting Costs		20,400	20,400
115	115	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl.		48,000	48,000
115	115	55100	Office Supplies		16,500	16,500
115	115	55203	Fingerprinting & Supplies		5,000	5,000
115	115	55210	Gas & Oil		90,000	90,000
115	115	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr		5,000	5,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	-	502,825	502,825
			TOTAL EXPENSES	-	2,896,379	3,028,311
115	115	56400	Machinery & Equipment		279,000	279,000
115	115	56403	Computer Payment		70,000	70,000
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	-	349,000	349,000
115	115	59106	Transfer to Grants		15,700	15,524
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 3,261,079	\$ 3,392,835

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CAPITAL OUTLAY

CORRECTIONS

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
115	116	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ -	\$ 850,790	\$ 872,911
115	116	51215	Incentive Pay		1,560	1,560
115	116	51400	Overtime		58,427	58,427
115	116	52100	Fica Taxes		69,674	71,795
115	116	52200	Retirement Contributions	-	174,534	184,882
			PERSONAL SERVICES	-	1,154,985	1,189,575
115	116	53170	Care-Prisoners (Hospital)		65,000	107,000
115	116	53171	Care-Prisoners (Othr Med)		39,900	39,900
115	116	54000	Travel & Per Diem		8,000	8,000
115	116	54100	Communication Services		30,000	30,000
115	116	54200	Postage		1,850	1,850
115	116	54300	Utility Services		84,800	100,000
115	116	54502	Vehicle Insurance		9,204	7,500
115	116	54505	General Liability		36,244	37,429
115	116	54627	Repair & Maint.-Vehicles		11,000	11,000
115	116	54950	Outfitting Costs		15,000	15,000
115	116	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl.		35,000	30,000
115	116	55100	Office Supplies		18,000	18,000
115	116	55204	Jail Supplies		34,000	34,000
115	116	55205	Food		198,000	216,810
115	116	55206	Jail Supplies / Other		58,000	58,000
115	116	55210	Gas & Oil	-	26,100	26,100
			OPERATING EXPENSES	-	670,098	740,589
			TOTAL EXPENSES	-	1,825,083	1,930,164
115	116	56400	Machinery & Equipment		43,000	25,000
115	116	56403	Computer Payment	-	33,000	33,000
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	-	76,000	58,000
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 1,901,083	\$ 1,988,164

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CAPITAL OUTLAY

LIBRARY FUND REVENUE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
118	118	3317000	Communication Aid	\$ 5,932	\$ 7,692	\$ 5,460
118	118	3347001	Aid to Libraries	307,031	282,589	295,000
118	118	3377010	Library-City of Quincy	6,000	6,000	6,000
118	118	3377020	Library-Town of Havana	10,000	10,000	10,000
118	118	3377030	Library-City of Chattahoochee	4,000	4,000	4,000
118	118	3471001	Fees-Photo Copies	2,196	2,000	2,390
118	118	3471002	Fees-Late Video	2,259	2,200	2,096
118	118	3471003	Fees-Membership	786	675	616
118	118	3661005	Literacy Volunteers-Wages	14,374		
118	118	3661009	Donations	500		
118	118	3691001	Misc. Rev. Other	142		72
118	118	3700001	Less 5% Estimated Revenue	-	(15,758)	(16,282)
118	118	3811000	Transfer from General Fnd	293,751	287,446	302,894
118	118	3830001	Other Financing Sources	-	-	1,800,000
TOTAL REVENUE				646,971	586,844	2,412,246
118	118	3899001	Appropriated Fund Balance	-	14,000	20,000
TOTAL AVAILABLE				\$ 646,971	\$ 600,844	\$ 2,432,246

LIBRARY EXPENSE - STATE PORTION

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
118	123	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 75,629	\$ 89,134	\$ 105,792
118	123	51300	Other Salaries & Wages		-	
118	123	51400	Overtime	6	-	
118	123	52100	Fica Taxes	5,427	6,819	8,093
118	123	52200	Retirement Contributions	5,240	5,134	8,876
118	123	52300	Health Insurance	10,115	12,864	12,221
118	123	52310	Life Insurance	120	139	139
118	123	52400	Worker's Compensation	371	506	602
118	123	52500	Unemployment Compensation	-	857	1,020
			PERSONAL SERVICES	96,908	115,453	136,743
118	123	53405	Contractual - Custodial	3,000	3,000	3,600
118	123	53406	Contractual - Security	10,545	12,078	12,078
118	123	54000	Travel & Per Diem	2,876	4,509	4,100
118	123	54100	Communication Services	11,161	18,000	20,028
118	123	54102	Inter Library Loan Chrges	2,719	4,700	4,660
118	123	54200	Postage	322	4,000	3,000
118	123	54300	Utility Services	13,883	10,300	15,500
118	123	54400	Rentals & Leases	22,610	24,500	19,700
118	123	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)	12,730	8,500	9,500
118	123	54622	Repair & Maint. Build/Grd.	573	1,455	818
118	123	54630	Maint. Agreement Copier	1,493	3,575	4,420
118	123	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl.		-	
118	123	54918	Ed.-Pub. Awareness	2,320	1,500	1,500
118	123	55100	Office Supplies	9,140	7,700	7,700
118	123	55110	Miscellaneous Expense	576	600	600
118	123	55210	Gas & Oil	1,089	1,100	1,100
118	123	55223	Operating Exp - Janitorial	561	600	600
118	123	55230	Operating-Equip Under \$500	5,427	1,800	
118	123	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	22,520	25,300	18,600
118	123	55402	Software Purchase	1,629	2,000	2,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	125,174	135,217	129,504
			TOTAL EXPENSES	222,082	250,670	266,247
118	123	56400	Machinery & Equipment	7,176	10,000	3,000
118	123	56600	Books/Publicat/Libr. Matl	5,519	4,000	4,000
118	123	56601	Books	72,255	17,919	21,753
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	84,950	31,919	28,753
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 307,032	\$ 282,589	\$ 295,000

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LIBRARY EXPENSE - LOCAL PORTION

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
118	125	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 209,113	\$ 218,692	\$ 225,054
118	125	51400	Overtime	-	-	-
118	125	52100	Fica Taxes	15,828	16,730	17,217
118	125	52200	Retirement Contributions	14,361	12,597	18,882
118	125	52300	Health Insurance	17,597	22,511	25,049
118	125	52310	Life Insurance	257	244	278
118	125	52400	Worker's Compensation	3,197	3,041	3,487
118	125	52500	Unemployment Compensation	-	2,103	2,246
			PERSONAL SERVICES	260,353	275,918	292,213
118	125	53150	Prof. Svc. Engineering	1,050	-	-
118	125	54300	Utility Services	10,197	7,500	6,000
118	125	54400	Rentals & Leases	10,000	10,000	10,000
118	125	54500	Insurance	6,175	6,174	6,483
118	125	54502	Vehicle Insurance	1,387	1,450	5,000
118	125	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl.	1,270	2,000	450
118	125	55230	Operating - Equip Undr \$750	4,893	-	2,100
			OPERATING EXPENSES	34,972	27,124	30,033
			TOTAL EXPENSES	295,325	303,042	322,246
118	125	56200	Buildings	-	-	1,800,000
118	125	56400	Machinery & Equipment	-	12,000	-
118	125	56601	Books	16,581	3,213	15,000
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	16,581	15,213	1,815,000
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 311,906	\$ 318,255	\$ 2,137,246

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CAPITAL OUTLAY

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
135	135	3341007	Grants - Voting Machines	\$ 120,000	\$ -	
135	135	3811000	Transfer from General Fnd	<u>397,625</u>	<u>371,975</u>	<u>414,264</u>
			TOTAL REVENUE	517,625	371,975	414,264
			TOTAL AVAILABLE	<u>\$ 517,625</u>	<u>\$ 371,975</u>	<u>\$ 414,264</u>

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
135	135	51100	Executive Salaries	\$ 73,745	\$ 78,674	\$ 80,446
135	135	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	69,747	73,858	77,500
135	135	51300	Other Salaries & Wages	1,875	5,000	5,000
135	135	51400	Overtime	7,006	6,000	6,000
135	135	52100	Fica Taxes	11,633	12,510	12,924
135	135	52200	Retirement Contributions	11,434	13,931	19,978
135	135	52300	Health Insurance	10,829	12,879	13,628
135	135	52310	Life Insurance	137	139	139
135	135	52400	Worker's Compensation	735	700	765
135	135	52500	Unemployment Comp.	20	600	800
			PERSONAL SERVICES	187,161	204,291	217,180
135	135	53112	Prof Svcs-Legal	300	5,000	5,000
135	135	53400	Other Contractual Service	6,145	3,000	3,000
135	135	54000	Travel & Per Diem	1,870	4,000	4,000
135	135	54012	Typical Month Travel			
135	135	54100	Communication Services	5,326	5,500	5,500
135	135	54200	Postage	13,413	12,000	15,000
135	135	54400	Rentals & Leases	856	800	1,100
135	135	54500	Insurance		400	400
135	135	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)	19,048	16,000	16,000
135	135	54700	Printing & Binding	2,254	12,000	12,000
135	135	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl.			
135	135	54901	Legal Advertising	149	2,000	2,000
135	135	54941	Othr - Registration Mailout	1,835		3,000
135	135	55100	Office Supplies	4,547	3,000	3,000
135	135	55210	Gas & Oil	445	800	800
135	135	55230	Operating-Equip Undr \$500	4,331	3,000	3,000
135	135	55400	Book/Publ/Subscript/Membr	1,764	2,000	2,000
135	135	55401	Training & Education	3,052	3,000	3,000
135	135	55402	Software Purchases	858	11,000	7,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	66,193	83,500	85,800
135	135	56400	Machinery & Equipment	169,674	30,000	30,000
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	169,674	30,000	30,000
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 423,028	\$ 317,791	\$ 332,980

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HOLDING ELECTIONS EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
135	137	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
135	137	51300	Other Salaries & Wages	12,745	16,000	30,000
135	137	52100	Fica Taxes		1,454	1,454
135	137	52200	Retirement Contributions		230	230
135	137	52400	Worker's Compensation		100	100
			PERSONAL SERVICES	12,745	21,784	35,784
135	137	53100	Professional Services	4,292	10,000	12,000
135	137	54000	Travel & Per Diem	157	800	800
135	137	54100	Communication Services		400	400
135	137	54300	Utility Services		200	200
135	137	54400	Rentals & Leases	871	1,600	2,000
135	137	54500	Insurance		400	400
135	137	54620	Repair & Maint. (Equip)		1,000	1,000
135	137	54700	Printing & Binding	9,645	10,000	20,000
135	137	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl.	133	1,000	1,200
135	137	54901	Legal Advertising	2,534	3,000	3,000
135	137	55100	Office Supplies	3,168	3,000	3,000
135	137	55230	Operating - Equip Undr \$750	130	-	-
			OPERATING EXPENSES	20,930	31,400	44,000
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 33,675	\$ 53,184	\$ 79,784

CANVASSING BOARD EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
135	138	53151	Administrative Services	\$ 925	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
			OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 925	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500

EMERGENCY RESCUE FUND REVENUE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
142	142	3419003	Fees-EMS Stand-by	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
142	142	3426001	Emer. Ambulance Ser.	1,738,932	936,000	1,091,580
142	142	3426002	Medicare Adjustment	(246,599)		
142	142	3426003	Medicaid Adjustment	(195,212)		
142	142	3426004	Collections Prior Write/Off	(326,141)		
142	142	3426011	Bad Debt Allowance	-		
142	142	3661003	Contribution-Chatta.	20,000	20,000	20,000
142	142	3691001	Misc. Revenue Other	-	-	
142	142	3700001	Less 5% Est. Revenue		(47,800)	(55,579)
142	142	3811000	Transfer from Gen. Fund	<u>150,000</u>	<u>389,070</u>	<u>207,629</u>
			TOTAL REVENUE	1,140,980	1,297,270	1,263,630
142	142	3899001	Appropriated Fund Bal.		<u>249,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
			TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ 1,140,980	\$ 1,546,270	\$ 1,613,630

CHATTAHOOCHEE AMBULANCE EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
142	142	53400	Other Contractual Service	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000
142	142	54400	Rentals & Leases		100	100
142	142	54624	Repair & Maint. Ambulance		3,000	3,000
142	142	54625	Repair & Maint. Radios		500	500
142	142	55210	Gas & Oil	185	2,000	2,000
142	142	55221	Medical Supplies Consume	-	500	500
TOTAL EXPENSES				\$ 24,185	\$ 30,100	\$ 30,100

CPR EMS PUBLIC EDUCATION EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
142	143	55110	Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 94	\$ 100	\$ 100
TOTAL EXPENSES				\$ 94	\$ 100	\$ 100

EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
142	144	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 396,885	\$ 480,161	\$ 494,297
142	144	51300	Other Salaries & Wages	82,533	30,649	38,422
142	144	51400	Overtime	258,204	271,728	276,410
142	144	52100	Fica Taxes	56,096	59,864	61,898
142	144	52200	Retirement Contributions	115,116	125,284	160,127
142	144	52300	Health Insurance	47,903	50,106	65,046
142	144	52310	Life Insurance	684	731	731
142	144	52400	Worker's Compensation	60,045	60,328	61,275
142	144	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	7,526	7,895
			PERSONAL SERVICES	1,017,466	1,086,377	1,166,101
					1,575	1,575
142	144	53408	Contractual - HRS		500	500
142	144	54000	Travel & Per Diem	114	6,800	6,300
142	144	54100	Communication Services	6,429	11,300	10,800
142	144	54300	Utility Services	10,342	100	10
142	144	54400	Rentals & Leases			
142	144	54500	Insurance	362		
142	144	54502	Vehicle Insurance	7,775	8,500	8,500
142	144	54520	Medical Liab. Insurance	7,918	8,500	8,500
142	144	54530	Building Insurance	336	1,000	1,000
142	144	54540	Medical Director Ins.		3,000	3,000
142	144	54550	Employee Dishonesty Bd.		140	140
142	144	54600	Repair & Maintenance	32,734	32,000	32,000
142	144	54622	Repair & Maint. Build/grd	4,833	4,000	4,000
142	144	54636	Maint. Agmt. Cardiac Monitors	4,392	4,600	4,500
142	144	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl.		50	50
142	144	54901	Legal Advertising		50	50
142	144	55200	Operation Supplies	54	450	450
142	144	55208	Uniform Expense	3,275	6,000	4,000
142	144	55210	Gas & Oil	32,762	32,000	32,000
142	144	55220	Miscellaneous Supplies	1,465	500	1,500
142	144	55221	Medical Supplies Consume	28,163	24,000	28,000
142	144	55222	Laundry Service	6,660	5,700	6,700
142	144	55230	Operating-Equip Undr \$500	2,352	1,800	1,800
142	144	55400	Book/Purl/Subscript/Membr	174	-	200
			OPERATING EXPENSES	150,140	152,565	155,575
				90,088	97,200	101,200
142	144	56400	Machinery & Equipment	90,088	97,200	101,200
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*			
				11,250	28,663	
142	144	59106	Transfer to Grants			
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,268,944	\$ 1,364,805	\$ 1,422,876

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EMS BILLING & ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
142	145	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ 97,779	\$ 101,301	\$ 106,308
142	145	51400	Overtime	73	1,044	1,044
142	145	52100	Fica Taxes	7,466	7,829	8,212
142	145	52200	Retirement Contributions	11,656	10,834	15,564
142	145	52300	Health Insurance	5,414	7,145	6,814
142	145	52310	Life Insurance	103	105	105
142	145	52400	Worker's Compensation	4,461	4,449	4,143
142	145	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	818	1,024
			PERSONAL SERVICES	126,952	133,525	143,214
142	145	53100	Professional Services	9		
142	145	54100	Communication Services	2,472	5,000	3,000
142	145	54200	Postage	253	1,540	1,540
142	145	54400	Rentals & Leases	2,205	2,600	2,600
142	145	54490	Medicaid Transaction Fee	981	1,000	1,000
142	145	54630	Maint. Agreements Copier	3,230	1,700	3,300
142	145	54635	Maint. Agreement Computer	25		
142	145	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl	6,785	5,400	5,400
142	145	55100	Office Supplies	173	500	500
142	145	55402	Software Purchase	16,133	17,740	17,340
			OPERATING EXPENSES			
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 143,085	\$ 151,265	\$ 160,554

ENHANCED 911 REVENUE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
168	1168	3126002	Telephone Surcharge	\$ 128,432	\$ 159,000	\$ 167,130
168	1168	3611005	Interest - QSB	2,469	7,656	556
168	1168	370001	Less 5% Est. Revenue	-	(8,333)	(8,384)
TOTAL REVENUE				130,901	158,323	159,302
168	1168	3899001	Appropriated Fund Balance	-	63,377	8,384
TOTAL AVAILABLE				\$ 130,901	\$ 221,700	\$ 167,686

ENHANCED 911 EXPENSES

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
168	1168	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	\$ -	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000
168	1168	52100	Fica		5,000	5,049
168	1168	52200	Retirement Contributions		6,000	5,537
168	1168	52300	Health Insurance	5,337	6,000	6,900
168	1168	52310	Life Insurance		100	100
168	1168	52400	Worker's Compensation		800	800
168	1168	52500	Unemployment Comp.	-	700	700
			PERSONAL SERVICES	5,337	84,600	85,086
168	1168	54000	Travel & Per Diem		4,000	4,500
168	1168	54100	Communication Services	11,429	7,000	7,400
168	1168	54500	Insurance		1,600	1,700
168	1168	54900	Other Curr Chgs & Obl		60,000	63,000
168	1168	55100	Office Supplies		2,500	3,000
168	1168	55210	Gas & Oil	-	2,500	3,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	11,429	77,600	82,600
168	1168	56400	Machinery & Equipment	-	59,500	
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	-	59,500	-
168	1168	57100	Debt Service-Principal	146,188		
168	1168	57200	Debt Service-Interest	12,840	-	-
			TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	159,028	-	-
168	1168	59108	Transfer to Sheriff	69,486	-	
			TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 245,280	\$ 221,700	\$ 167,686

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
Tourist Development Tax			30,000
Less 5% Est. Revenue			-1,500
TOTAL REVENUE			28,500
Appropriated Fund Balance			1,500
TOTAL AVAILABLE			\$ 30,000

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

	PRIOR YEAR BUDGET 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
Administration			3,000
Marketing			15,000
Special Events			6,000
Infrastructure Improvements			6,000
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 30,000

LANDFILL GRANT FUND

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
179	179	3899001	Appropriated Fund Balance		50,000	
TOTAL AVAILABLE				\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
179	179	3899001	Appropriated Fund Balance		50,000	
TOTAL AVAILABLE				\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -

LANDFILL GRANT FUND

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
179	1179	59105	Mosq. Control / Landfill		\$ 50,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER				\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -

COURT COST FUND REVENUE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
610	610	3481400	County Court Criminal Charges	\$ 51,754	\$ 43,500	\$ 58,000
610	610	3482400	Circuit Court Criminal Charges	15,815	16,500	13,800
610	610	3482400	Circuit Court Criminal Charges			
610	610	3700001	Less 5% Estimated Revenue		(3,000)	(3,590)
			TOTAL REVENUE	67,569	57,000	68,210
610	610	3899001	Appropriated Fund Balance		3,000	3,590
			TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ 67,569	\$ 60,000	\$ 71,800

COURT COST FUND EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
610	610	53304	Transcript Fees-Deposit.	\$ -	\$ -	-
610	610	54100	Communication Services	16,090	-	-
610	610	54300	Utility Services			
610	610	54400	Rentals & Leases			
610	610	54900	Other Current Chgs. & Obl.			
610	610	54915	Medical Examiner	45,085	60,000	65,400
610	610	55400	Books/Publ/Subscript/Membr	6,394	-	6,400
			OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 67,569	\$ 60,000	\$ 71,800

COUNTY DRUG ABUSE REVENUE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
615	615	3511007	Fines-County Drug Abuse	\$ -	\$ 3,600	\$ 750
615	615	3700001	Less 5% Estimated Revenue		(180)	(38)
	615		Transfer From Special Revenue			35,566
615	615	3811000	Transfer From General		32,858	
TOTAL REVENUE				\$ -	\$ 36,278	\$ 36,278

COUNTY DRUG ABUSE EXPENSE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
615	615	59106	Transfer to Grants Fund	\$ 30,021	\$ 36,278	\$ 36,278
			OTHER USES	\$ 30,021	\$ 36,278	\$ 36,278

HOSPITAL REVENUE

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
102	102	3611000	Interest-St Board of Admn	\$ 10,172	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,700
102	102	3611003	Interest Earned	767		-
102	102	3621004	Rent-Hospital	75,000	120,000	120,000
102	102	3811020	Transfer from Endowment			-
102	102	3691001	Misc. Rev. Other	2,000		-
102	102	3700001	Less 5% Estimated Revenue		(6,500)	(6,385)
102	102	3811023	Transfer from Int. & Sinkin		-	-
			TOTAL REVENUE	87,939	123,500	121,315
102	102		Appropriated Fund Balance		(58,325)	(26,140)
			TOTAL REVENUE	87,939	65,175	95,175
RENEWAL AND REPLACEMENT						
103	103	3611000	Interest-St Board of Admn	582	400	320
103	103	3700001	Less 5% Est. Revenue		(20)	(16)
103	103	3811003	Transfer from Hosp. Reven	60,000	65,000	95,000
103	103	3811020	Transfer from Endowment		-	-
			TOTAL REVENUE	60,582	65,380	95,304
DEBT SERVICE						
201	201	3111000	Ad Valorem Taxes	-	-	-
201	201	3112000	Ad Valorem Taxes - Delin		-	-
201	201	3611000	Interest-St Board of Admn		-	-
201	201	3611001	Interest-Tax Rolls		-	-
201	201	3611005	Interest-QSB		-	-
201	201	3700001	Less 5% Est. Revenue	-	-	-
			TOTAL REVENUE	-	-	-
201	201	3811003	Transfer from Hosp. Rev.	-	-	-
			Appropriated Fund Balance	-	-	-
			TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

HOSPITAL INTEREST AND SINKING

FUND #	DEPT #	ACCT #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2002	PRIOR BUDGET 2003	REQUEST BUDGET 2004
DEBT SERVICE						
201	906	57200	Debt Service Principal		\$ -	
201	906	57200	Debt Service Interest		-	
201	906	57300	Other Debt Service Costs		-	
201	906	59122	Transfer to Renew & Rep		-	
			TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	-	-	-
HOSPITAL REVENUE						
102	102	53106	Special District Fee	175	175	175
102	102	53150	Prof Services Engin			
102	102	54900	Other Current Chgs & Obl	-	-	
			OPERATING EXPENSES	175	175	175
102	102	57300	Other Debt Service Costs	797	-	-
			TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	797	-	-
102	102	59501	Depreciation Expense	-	-	-
			TOTAL DEPRECIATION	-	-	-
			TOTAL EXPENSES	972	175	175
102	904	53113	Amortization Expense		-	-
102	904	57200	Debt Service Interest	863		
102	904	59122	Transfer to Renew & Rep.	60,000	65,000	95,000
102	904	59123	Transfer to Debt. Service	7,612		
102	904	59501	Depreciation	159,787	-	-
			OTHER USES	228,262	65,000	95,000
			TOTAL	229,234	65,175	95,175
RENEWAL AND REPLACEMENT						
103	103	53100	Professional Services		-	
103	103	53108	Expense DER Required		25	25
103	103	53150	Prof Services Engin			
103	103	54400	Rentals & Leases	1,500		
103	103	54500	Insurance	7,575	4,000	8,000
103	103	59501	Depre Expense	61,692		-
103	103	54622	Repair & Maint. Build/grid	-	2,000	2,000
			OPERATING EXPENSES	70,767	6,025	10,025
103	103	56250	Improvements		59,355	85,279
103	103	56400	Machinery & Equipment		-	
			CAPITAL OUTLAY*	-	59,355	85,279
103	103	59501	Depreciation Expense		-	-
			OTHER USES	-	-	-
			TOTAL	\$ 70,767	\$ 65,380	\$ 95,304

Requested Capital Outlay 2003-2004

General Fund

005 - Property Appraiser

Office Equipment	\$ 3,000.00
Electronic Data Processing Equip.	\$ 12,019.00
GIS Equipment (Financed)	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 35,019.00

010 - Circuit Court Judge

Security Upgrades, Electronic Locks	\$ 9,000.00
Bullet Proofing	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 10,000.00

015 - State Attorney

Computers	<u>\$ 3,900.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,900.00

016 - Purchasing and Personnel

Computer	<u>\$ 1,300.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,300.00

025 - Courtroom Security and Furnishings

Security Equipment	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,000.00

029 - Community Development

Computer and Office Equipment	<u>\$ 5,200.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,200.00

031 - County Buildings/Grounds

Maintenance Truck	\$ 18,000.00
Law Library Renovations-Courthouse	\$ 20,300.00
Courthouse Basement Renovation	\$ 38,900.00
General Renovations	\$ 15,000.00
Public Works Buildings Renovation	\$ 9,500.00
Renovations - Woodham Center	\$ 14,000.00
Heat Pumps - Law Library	\$ 4,400.00
Replace HVAC- Judicial Complex	\$ 17,000.00
Two Ton HVAC- Courthouse	\$ 1,950.00
Heatpump- Courthouse Basement	\$ 4,500.00
Heatpump- Woodham Justice center	<u>\$ 3,500.00</u>
Total	\$ 147,050.00

Requested Capital Outlay 2003-2004

049 - Building Inspection	
Truck	\$ 18,000.00
Total	\$ 18,000.00
057 - Veteran's Services	
Office Equipment	\$ 720.00
Total	\$ 720.00
059 - Planning and Zoning	
Feed Document Scanner	\$ 5,800.00
Projection Screen	\$ 800.00
Computer Equipment	\$ 10,200.00
LCD Projector Bulb	\$ 475.00
Total	\$ 17,275.00
061 - County Extension	
Computers	\$ 3,500.00
Total	\$ 3,500.00
101 - Parks	
Bldgs-Robertsville	\$ 28,000.00
Park Equipmet	\$ 25,000.00
Total	\$ 53,000.00
231 - Circuit Court Reporter	
Court Reporter Equip	\$ 3,000.00
Total	\$ 3,000.00
235 - County Manager	
Computer Equipment	\$ 1,300.00
Office Equipment	\$ 700.00
Total	\$ 2,000.00
105 - Fire Protection	
Fire Stations-Financing	\$ 75,695.00
Fire Hydrants (5thYr of Plan)	\$ 20,000.00
Fire Hydrant Install Assistance/Cities	\$ 5,000.00
Air Bags/Rescue Tools	\$ 26,000.00
Total	\$ 126,695.00

Requested Capital Outlay 2003-2004

112 - Pub Wks Admin		
Renovations and Improvements	\$	8,000.00
Total	\$	<u>8,000.00</u>
127 - Unpaved Road Maint		
Two Dump Trucks	\$	90,000.00
Harrow	\$	<u>8,000.00</u>
Total	\$	98,000.00
128 - Vehicle Maintenance		
Air Compressor	\$	2,500.00
Oil Separator	\$	7,000.00
Gas Pumps	\$	<u>16,000.00</u>
	\$	25,500.00
129 - ROW Maint		
Safety Devices	\$	53,000.00
Sign Truck	\$	42,000.00
Grabber Truck	\$	98,000.00
Extended Cab P/U Truck	\$	<u>25,000.00</u>
Total	\$	218,000.00
130 - Road Construction		
Extended Cab P/U	\$	25,000.00
New Road Construction/Paving	\$	1,020,000.00
Bridge Improvement	\$	150,000.00
Road Resurfacing	\$	3,161,400.00
Backhoe	\$	40,000.00
Underground Locator	\$	4,000.00
CR 65 Utility Relocate	\$	35,000.00
Motor Graders (Road Bldg)	\$	<u>402,825.00</u>
Total	\$	4,838,225.00
221 - Arthropod Fund		
Bldgs	\$	1,000.00
Fogger	\$	<u>7,500.00</u>
Total	\$	8,500.00
115 - Sheriff		
Equipment and Cars	\$	279,000.00
Computer Payment	\$	<u>70,000.00</u>
Total	\$	349,000.00
116 - Jail		
Equipment	\$	25,000.00
Computer Payment	\$	<u>33,000.00</u>
Total	\$	58,000.00

Requested Capital Outlay 2003-2004

123 - Library (State)	
Computers	\$ 3,000.00
Books and Publications	\$ 25,753.00
Total	\$ 28,753.00

125 - Library (Local)	
Main Library Building	\$ 1,800,000.00
Books	\$ 15,000.00
Total	\$ 1,815,000.00

135 - Supervisor of Elections	
Voting Equipment	\$ 20,000.00
Office Equipment	\$ 5,000.00
Office Furniture	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$ 30,000.00

142 - Emergency Medical Services	
Ambulance	\$ 89,000.00
Mobile Radio	\$ 3,000.00
Portable Radios	\$ 2,200.00
Pro Pak monitors	\$ 3,000.00
Computers	\$ 4,000.00
Total	\$ 101,200.00

**FUND SUMMARY OF REVENUE
EXPENDITURE AND RESERVE REQUIREMENTS**

	BUDGET 2003	BUDGET 2004
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
REVENUE	\$ 10,454,447	\$ 10,993,618
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	62,515	\$ -
EXPENDITURES	(7,714,874)	\$ (7,745,736)
TRANSFERS IN	-	\$ -
TRANSFERS OUT	(4,249,626)	\$ (4,705,240)
EXCESS REVENUE/(EXPENDITURES)	<u>(1,447,538)</u>	<u>\$ (1,457,358)</u>
5% REVENUE	550,234	\$ 578,611
FUND BALANCE	911,269	\$ 878,747
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,461,503</u>	<u>\$ 1,457,358</u>
<u>FIRE PROTECTION FUND</u>		
REVENUE	\$ 750,120	\$ 773,702
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	-	\$ -
EXPENDITURES	(778,503)	\$ (816,395)
EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	<u>(28,383)</u>	<u>\$ (42,693)</u>
5% REVENUE	39,480	\$ 40,721
FUND BALANCE	(11,097)	\$ 1,972
TOTAL	<u>\$ 28,383</u>	<u>\$ 42,693</u>
<u>LAW LIBRARY</u>		
REVENUE	\$ 6,650	\$ 7,742
EXPENDITURES	(7,000)	\$ (7,742)
EXCESS REVENUE/(EXPENDITURES)	<u>\$ (350)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

TRANSPORTATION FUND #1

	BUDGET 2003	BUDGET 2004
REVENUE	\$ 4,206,253	\$ 4,746,091
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	255,000	9,288,000
EXPENDITURES	(6,467,711)	(14,152,378)
TRANSFERS IN	-	-
EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	(2,006,458)	(118,287)
5% REVENUE	221,382	249,794
FUND BALANCE	1,785,076	(131,507)
TOTAL	\$ 2,006,458	\$ 118,287

LANDFILL/ARTHOPOD FUND

REVENUE	\$ 40,852	\$ 40,852
EXPENDITURES	(392,264)	(428,927)
TRANSFERS IN	250,712	363,075
EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	(100,700)	(25,000)
5% REVENUE	2,150	2,150
FUND BALANCE	98,550	22,850
TOTAL	\$ 100,700	\$ 25,000

FINE & FORFEITURE FUND

REVENUES	\$ 2,355,667	\$ 2,306,512
EXPENDITURES	(5,748,232)	(6,023,890)
TRANSFERS IN	2,967,565	3,417,378
EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	(425,000)	(300,000)
5% REVENUE	123,983	121,395
FUND BALANCE	301,017	178,605
TOTAL	\$ 425,000	\$ 300,000

	BUDGET 2003	BUDGET 2004
<u>LIBRARY FUND</u>		
REVENUES	\$ 299,398	\$ 309,352
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$ -	\$ 1,800,000
EXPENDITURES	(600,844)	(2,432,246)
TRANSFERS IN	287,446	302,894
EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	(14,000)	(20,000)
5% REVENUE	15,758	16,282
FUND BALANCE	(1,758)	3,718
TOTAL	\$ 14,000	\$ 20,000

LANDFILL GRANTS FUND

REVENUES	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENDITURES	-	-
TRANSFERS OUT	(50,000)	-
EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	(50,000)	-
5% REVENUE	-	-
FUND BALANCE	50,000	-
TOTAL	\$ 50,000	\$ -

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

REVENUES	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENDITURES	(371,975)	(414,264)
TRANSFERS IN	371,975	414,264
EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	\$ -	\$ -

	BUDGET 2,003	BUDGET 2004
<u>EMERGENCY RESCUE FUND</u>		
REVENUES	\$ 908,200	\$ 1,056,001
EXPENDITURES	(1,546,270)	(1,613,630)
TRANSFERS IN	389,070	207,629
EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	(249,000)	(350,000)
5% REVENUE	47,800	55,579
FUND BALANCE	201,200	294,421
TOTAL	\$ 249,000	\$ 350,000

ENHANCED 911

REVENUES	\$ 158,323	\$ 167,686
EXPENDITURES	(221,700)	(167,686)
TRANSFERS IN	-	-
EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	(63,377)	-
5% REVENUE	8,333	-
FUND BALANCE	55,044	-
TOTAL	\$ 63,377	\$ -

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

REVENUES	\$ -	\$ 28,500
EXPENDITURES	\$ -	(30,000)
EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	\$ -	(1,500)
5% REVENUE	\$ -	1,500
FUND BALANCE	\$ -	-
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -

COURT COST FUND

REVENUES	\$	57,000	\$	68,210
EXPENDITURES		(60,000)	\$	(71,800)
EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	\$	(3,000)	\$	(3,590)
5% REVENUE	\$	3,000	\$	3,590
FUND BALANCE		-	\$	-
TOTAL	\$	3,000	\$	3,590

DRUG ABUSE FUND

REVENUES	\$	3,420	\$	36,278
EXPENDITURES		(36,278)	\$	(36,278)
TRANSFERS IN		32,858	\$	-
EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	\$	-	\$	-

BUDGET	BUDGET
2,003	2004

HOSPITAL REVENUE

REVENUES	\$	123,500	\$	121,315
EXPENDITURES		(175)	\$	(175)
TRANSFERS OUT		(65,000)	\$	(95,000)
EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)		58,325	\$	26,140
5% REVENUE		6,500	\$	6,385
FUND BALANCE		(64,825)	\$	(32,525)
TOTAL	\$	(58,325)	\$	(26,140)

HOSPITAL RENEWAL & REPLACEMENT

REVENUES	\$	380	\$	304
EXPENDITURES		(65,380)	\$	(95,304)
TRANSFERS IN		65,000	\$	95,000
EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)		-	\$	-
5% REVENUE		-	\$	-
FUND BALANCE		-	\$	-
TOTAL	\$	-	\$	-

GRAND TOTALS

REVENUES	\$	19,364,210	\$	20,656,163
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		317,515	\$	11,088,000
EXPENDITURES		(24,011,206)	\$	(34,036,451)
TRANSFERS IN		4,364,626	\$	4,800,240
TRANSFERS OUT		(4,364,626)	\$	(4,800,240)
EXCESS REVENUES/EXPENDITURES		<u>(4,329,481)</u>	\$	<u>(2,292,288)</u>
5% REVENUE		1,018,970	\$	1,076,007
FUND BALANCE		3,310,511	\$	1,216,281
TOTAL	\$	<u>4,329,481</u>	\$	<u>2,292,288</u>

AT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING OF
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY,
FLORIDA ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2003, THE
FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD,
VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING L. WATSON, VICE-CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. BUDGET OVERVIEW

Howard McKinnon began the overview by stating the County will pay \$100 toward family health insurance coverage.

He then stated that the overall budget was \$38,836,691 with \$10.67 million being financed as debt service on a bond issue. The actual amount for road paving would be \$9 million.

He then informed the Board that the City of Quincy will remit \$70,000 to the County for its share of the landfill fees from 1995 to 2002.

RECREATION

Chair McGill requested that the \$70,000 be used by the County Recreation Department. He specifically expressed a desire to set aside \$20,000 to purchase property outside of Havana in the Glades Community.

Commissioner Watson expressed a desire to upgrade the existing parks before buying property for new parks.

Commissioner Holt stressed the need to seek grants and set aside the remittance as matching funds.

Commissioner Dixon expressed a desire to set aside the \$70,000 to use as matching money for grants.

Commissioner Roberson expressed a desire to upgrade the existing parks.

The County Manager was directed to include the \$70,000 in the upcoming budget.

County Attorney Hal Richmond arrived at this juncture of the meeting - 6:20 p.m.

VETERAN SERVICES BUDGET

Commissioner Watson said that the County can not sustain the increase in the Veteran's budget from \$15,000 to \$72,000.

Chair McGill suggested that since the expense had gone over \$35,000, the County could possibly buy a van and hire a driver for less money.

Commissioner Dixon said the \$72,000 was simply the true cost of providing the best service.

THERE WAS A CONSENSUS TO CAP THE COST AT \$35,000.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Chair McGill expressed a desire to raise the Senior Citizens budget request from \$90,000 to \$100,000. The previous year's budget was \$40,000.

Commissioner Dixon supported an increase to \$150,000.

Chair McGill concurred with Commissioner Dixon to increase it to \$150,000.

EMPLOYEE RAISES AND HEALTH INSURANCE

Mr. McKinnon Stated that the employee raises were included at 2.5% with a minimum of \$750 and a maximum of \$1500.

Commissioner Holt suggested a merit bonus of \$500 or \$750 instead of across the board raises.

Commission Dixon suggested that employee pay something toward their health insurance coverage.

Mr. McKinnon related that the health insurance adviser said charging county employees for some portion of their insurance will cause double coverage to drop.

Chair McGill advised against reducing employee's coverage.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Commissioner Holt questioned the amount budgeted for garbage. Mr. McKinnon explained it was for the dumpsters placed around the County for garbage collection.

Mr. McKinnon reminded the Board of the request from the City of Midway for a part-time police officer.

Commissioner Roberson inquired into the status of the \$5,000 request for Shepard's Hand.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair McGill called for public comments on the proposed tentative budget. There was no response.

ADOPTION OF MILLAGE- 10.00 MILLS

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND OF COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO ADOPT THE GENERAL OPERATING MILLAGE AT 10 MILLS.

ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2003-2004

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FY 2003-2004 AT \$38,836,691.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR MCGILL DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
SEPTEMBER 16, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING L. WATSON, VICE-CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order then led in pledging allegiance to the U.S. Flag. Assistant County Manager Arthur Lawson led in a prayer.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended as follows:

Delete all of the items under Growth Management Director Bruce Ballister. See Memos attached.

Add Sherry Taylor and Alma Veneze to make a presentation in search of a letter of support for grant they are writing. Chair McGill stated that they were not aware of the ordinance requiring that they register with the Grants Department.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIOENR WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE.

3. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

Notice of Intent to Adopt Ordinance Providing for the Sheriff to Be Chief Corrections Officer for County

Notice of Intent to Adopt Ordinance Providing for Criminal Penalties for Improper Use of County Dumpster Sites

Mr. Richmond recalled that the Board had instructed him to draft two new ordinances - 1) providing for the Sheriff to be the chief jailer; and 2) ordinance to provide for criminal penalties to be administered against the improper use of County maintained dumpster sites. He then asked for authority to issue a Notice of Intent for a public hearing at the second meeting in October or the first meeting in November.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ADVERTISE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCES DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Bishop Holifield - Glen Julia Road - Law Suit

Mr. Richmond reported that Mr. Holifield has given official notice that he intends to pursue his claim against the County with regard to damages to his property from the water runoff from the County Road. He asked for a private attorney client meeting to advise the Board of the actions and discuss strategy and options. He then asked for authority to advertise the closed-door meeting.

There was a consensus to meet on October 21, 5:00 p.m. and authorized the County Attorney to advertise the meeting.

4. JANICE GUILFORD- COUNTY/SCHOOL BOARD SCHOOL SITING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Ms. Janice Guilford from Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) addressed the Board. She reported that in April and May a committee was set up composed of representatives from the County, the School Board and each of the six municipalities within the County. The purpose of the committee and subsequent hearings was to bring about an interlocal agreement with regard to school sitings. The 2002 Legislature mandated that every county in the state of Florida would have such an agreement. It basically states that they will communicate with each other on selecting sites for public schools.

Ms. Guilford explained that the main problems surfaced in south Florida along interstates where the School Boards would place schools without given consideration to the Counties who

would be responsible for putting the infrastructure into place. The agreement merely opens the dialogue between the governments.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT DESCRIBED ABOVE.

5. JOYCE GIBSON, GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM & FUNDING

Ms. Marcia Hilte, Circuit Director of Guardian Ad Litem Program, addressed the Board in Ms. Gibson's absence. She stated that she is concerned about the possible implications of Article V, Revision 7.

After discussion with the Board, there was a consensus that the matter should be tabled and set for a date when Ms. Gibson could attend.

6. GROWTH MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The Growth Management issues were removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting per request from the applicants.

Development of Regional Impact

Oak Ridge - Live Oak Ridge Minor Subdivision - Stormwater Impacts

7. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

Mr. McKinnon had nothing to report.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sherry Taylor

Sherry Taylor, Executive Director of Children Are Our Future, Inc. addressed the Board. She stated that the reason she asked to come before the Board is that there is a grant that she is interested in applying for, but they must go through a municipality to apply for it. In other words, the County would need to submit the grant. She explained that she had gone through the Juvenile Justice Workshop learning all of the particulars which should be included in the grant.

Ms. Taylor stated that Gadsden County is in dire need of the grant. It targets juveniles who have had some infraction with the law. According to the data, Gadsden County (with the 32351 zipcode) has the highest juvenile delinquent rate. The second largest juvenile delinquent rate area is Havana.

She asked that the Board authorize the grant and expedite it as quickly as possible.

Mr. McKinnon added that he had talked with Grants Director Nancy Gee about the grant application, but he was not certain how she would want to proceed with regard to the grant. He asked the Board if they would like to direct the staff to apply for the grant or follow the staff recommendation.

Chair McGill asked how much money would be involved with the grant. Ms Taylor replied that the maximum amount is up to \$200,000 and she would like to apply for 75 - 85% of it. She said that it would require a 50% match and it would have to be a joint partnership. Children Are Our Future already has the staff and space which will meet their portion of the match.

Chair McGill asked if she was asking the County for money. She replied that she would need to have a match of approximately \$35,000 coming from Children Are Our Future. But the match can be in-kind.

Chair McGill asked her how she arrived at the statistics which she quoted for juvenile delinquents. She replied that it came from the incident reports of the juvenile arrests.

Commissioner Watson stated that he had nothing before him to substantiate Ms. Taylor's request and would be reluctant to make a commitment without documentation or discussion from the Grants Director.

Commissioner Holt stated that she doesn't have a problem with the County applying for the grant, but she would want to be certain that the County would not be responsible for matching funding. She concurred that she would be reluctant because there is no information before the Board.

Commissioner Dixon concurred with Commissioner Watson that the Board has established a process and he would like for the Board to maintain that process. He suggested that the Chair could call an emergency meeting to meet the October 3 deadline.

There was a consensus that Ms. Taylor would get information to each of the Commissioners and the Chairman could then call an emergency meeting to make a decision.

Chair McGill then called for public comments. There was no response.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA TO WIT:

- a. State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement
- b. FL Library Network Statewide Delivery Program Agreement
- c. PTLEA-Participant Housing Facility - 03PZ-019-206-1-04 Development Order
- d. Rehabilitation Agreement & Special Assessment Lien
- Irene Lawson
- e. Bid Award #03-16 Road Side Sod Installation -Georgia Florida Turf Farms, Inc. of Quincy, FL at \$.1795 per sq ft.
- f. Equal Employment Opportunity Plan
- g. Memorandum of Agreement - Voter Education Funds
- h. Renewal of Interlocal Agreement with City of Chattahoochee for Ambulance Services
- i. Request for Reappointment of Kenny Rutten to Airport Authority - Retroactive to June 7, 2003
- j. New Road Name Requests:
 - Billy Ray Hitson Drive
 - Cotton Ferry Road
 - Jernigan Lane
 - Williamsburg Way
 - Turkey Run
 - Hough Farm Acres Road
 - Garnell Way
 - Taylor Court

10. CLERK'S AGENDA

Budget Amendments 2003-09-16-01 through 2003-09-16-08

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

**Ratification of Approval to Pay County Bills - Check
Registers Dated: 09/05/03; 09/12/03; Payroll Register dated
09/04/03**

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIOENR WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE,
TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE STATED COUNTY BILLS.**

Clerk Thomas reported that the Clerk's Office completed the bore under the street from the Courthouse to the Judicial Annex to run a fiber optic connection which will complete the County/State Agency computer fiber optic connection. He said that the County Departments and State Agencies have had connection via SDN line, but this will make it much faster.

He then reported that the Finance Director and he have been looking at the finance situation and the currently proposed budget. He stated that there are a couple of problems that he felt he should bring to their attention, just for information purposes, then they could address it however they feel appropriate.

First, he commended the Board for trying to address so many needs in the County. He concurred that the needs are real, but there is a problem with the revenues and with spending down the reserves.

For example, he pointed out that FY 2003 began with \$2.6 million in the general fund balance. At the end of FY 2003, it will drop to \$1.8 million because the current budget will have used that much of the fund balance just as it was budgeted to do. The County has again budgeted \$900,000 in the FY 2003/2004 proposed budget and the reserves can potentially drop to \$900,000 by September 30, 2004. He went on to say that by the end of 2005, the County could be in real financial difficulty.

Mr. Thomas continued to say that the fine and forfeiture fund began the FY 2003 with a fund balance of \$800,000. Based on the tentative budget, by the end of 2004, there will be no reserves there.

With the EMS fund, the 2003 year began with a fund balance of \$500,000. With the tentative budget, by the end of 2004, there will no be any fund balance at all.

Given the above listed potentials, the Clerk advised that the Board to remember that when they are considering bond

issues. He stated that he felt that the road bond would be a good thing to do. The gas tax revenue remains to be good. However, he pointed out that the potential problem lies in the next 2 - 3 years. The County could be put in the position to make a jail expansion to solve overcrowding issues. He cautioned that the jail expansion and the operation of a larger jail will demand a larger portion of the sales tax that is currently being diverted to roads. He added that he did not believe that the County can support multiple bond issues, especially when the reserves are so low.

He reiterated that the road bond as a stand alone issue would be fine, but if the jail project is on the horizon, then he cautioned that the Board might want to take another good look at it.

He referenced a letter by then citizen Watson who wrote a letter to the editor bemoaning the County for not having reserves and having multiple bond issues. At that time the County has the hospital bond and a jail bond. He elicited the image of great literary image of an albatross. The Clerk stated that he thought that could be where the County could be headed again.

Chair McGill asked the Clerk if he had some recommendation that he could make to avoid the pitfall he described.

The Clerk stated that he thought the County is spending more than they are receiving in revenues. When that happens, you draw down on the reserves. He said that the slow down in the economy has not yielded much interest money. In past budgets, the Board has not budgeted the interest money - it just let it carry over into the reserve balances. He also pointed out the Board had budgeted money with which to purchase a building, but the purchase never came about. So that was money that never got expended and that allowed the fund balance to actually grow.

However, the recent trend has been that the entire budget has been spent. The fund balance has escaped much of an impact, but he projected that it will drop again this fiscal year for the second year in a row.

Chair McGill asked the Clerk to put his observations into a memo and demonstrate where the pitfalls are. He asked that he include what the actual reserves are as of this year's budget and for next year's budget.

Commissioner Holt asked if there are any recommendations with the budget right now spending that the Board can look at.

The Clerk responded that the Board does the budget and ultimately makes those decisions. He reason for bringing the matter up was to let them know that the spending is more than the incoming revenue and therefore the reserves are coming down. He continued by saying that at some point, if the Board maintains the current rate of spending, by the end of 2005, the County will have a real financial problem.

Commissioner Holt suggested that there may be some items that the Board should not spend.

Commissioner Dixon stated that he understood what was happening, but he took particular offense to the fact that the Clerk has not attended budget meetings nor has he written a memo to the Board, but that he chose a public forum to make his concerns known. At the budget workshops, the Board had discussed at length what options might be available. He added that he appreciates the fiscal advice, but said "Come on and get into the game that we have been having for quite some time. There is nobody that can sit here and say "We ain't had enough budget meetings." Nobody. You could have jumped in at any point. I have a real problem with that, Mr. Chairman."

Commissioner Holt asked "How do we go about looking at anything now unless we just go back and say, "Hey, everybody just go back and take a 10% cut and let's move on. Put the money in reserves and keep going." Look at everyone." ...It is as simple as that, I mean, how you look at it. If he says that we are going broke, and if he is correct, then everyone shows up and cut everybody 10% or 20% and see if they will show up."

Commissioner Dixon asked that the Clerk put his statistics and projections on paper so that he can "peruse his fiscal undertinting."

Clerk Thomas stated that he would get it in writing by the end of the day on Wednesday.

11. COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS

District 2

Commissioner Watson had no report.

District 3

Commissioner Roberson had no report.

District 4

Commissioner Holt:

Mr. Ballister, on the power lines, do we have an ordinance on it. If we have an ordinance on it, I need to know what changes and all of that we need to look at since there is going to be a good little fight out in Greensboro.

Ballister:

Yes, ma'am. When the Progress Energy people first approached me last spring, they advertised their public hearing in Greensboro, we couldn't go to it because it occurred on the same night as one of our meetings. I indicated to them at the time that there was not any catch in our ordinance that would get them into a public hearing before the County. Not realizing that at the time, but the ordinance that we just passed that adopted our new Land Development Code does allow for Class II or Public Hearings for the approval of transmission lines as essential services.

They have an application before the Planning Department right now for the Atwater Substation which will be the terminus of their proposed line. But I understand that there are numerous complaints about the current alignment through the City of Greensboro. There is, at the Public Service Commission, no linkage to this transmission line because it is not of sufficient kilo wattage.

We can inform Progress Energy that at that meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission, we will add to the discussion, or bring to the table the transmission line location issues also. And to the comfort there to discuss the right of way also. I am sure it will add considerably to the length of that meeting, but there have been several calls to my department at least on "How do we get this to the public? We tried to see if PSC would hear it. It is below their threshold. I believe that they didn't even give the Town of Greensboro an opportunity to have a public hearing but they passed a resolution opposing the alignment on their own. I believe that it is probably in the best

interest of your constituents to have this alignment discussed in public.

Richmond:

May I make a comment?

Ballister:

Yes, sir.

Richmond:

I didn't mean to interrupt. Right now there is something pending in your office? An application?

Ballister:

We have an application for the site plan at the end of that line.

Richmond:

May I make this suggestion, I don't mean to cut this off, but I think ya'll have a right to get all the information you need from Mr. Ballister. I just think it would be better if we didn't do it in a public hearing at this point in time. Because what Mr. Ballister says here could possibly be used against him later and vice versa. You need to know the information and I am not trying to cut that off, but if there is something pending, I think it would be appropriate to not discuss it tonight.

I apologize to ya'll.

Ballister:

You could either link it with the substation site or bring it up individually at another meeting.

Richmond:

Yes, put it all together in one bundle is appropriate.

Holt:

What kind of deadline date are they looking at? Progress Energy?

Ballister:

I don't know what their schedule is. They have made very little contact with my office other than to say they were going to have a meeting last May. I have heard comments that there was an indication that there would be another

public hearing, but none have been advertised. I don't know what their schedule is.

Holt:

I spoke with them and it wasn't. They wanted to have during the day and that wasn't a good time for working people. I got them to cancel that one, but you are right. We need to schedule a time, Mr. Chairman that we can sit down and have public comment and have people come in.

Dixon:

Tom Tuckey is their Community Relations Director for this area and he would be the guy that you need to go through or go to.

McGill:

I had a call from him, but he didn't leave me a telephone number and he didn't call me back like he said. We didn't talk.

Holt:

What do we do about scheduling something? Do we wait until that meeting?

Ballister:

It may be appropriate to have a meeting for that issue. It doesn't seem like it will be a short issue.

Holt:

It is not and it's going to prolong any meeting.

Dixon:

Why don't we just give them a call and give them a time?

Richmond:

Well, it is going through Planning and Zoning first, isn't it?

Ballister:

The site plan will.

Dixon:

Leave the site plan alone, I mean, let it go it's process. But if you want to have a public meeting on the issue, not a board meeting, but a public meeting, then you can go ahead and do that and get Tom and whomever their

representatives are from Progress Energy down here to talk about the situation.

Ballister:

Commissioner, if you will give me that contact person's phone number, I will be happy.

Holt:

I've got it right here.

District 5

Commissioner Dixon had no report.

District 1

Chair McGill referenced a letter the Board received from Dave McLain regarding the negotiations of the three rivers situation. He said he was trying to reach him to find out why the discussions to stop. However, Governor Bush did sign a proclamation and he sent it to the governors of Alabama and Georgia, but to his knowledge, he has still not responded to Gadsden County on the issue. He said the letter is in the reading file in the County Commission office. He encouraged them to read it.

Chair McGill stated that he wrote to the Florida Association of Counties about to ascertain how other counties are dealing with jail overcrowding.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR
MCGILL DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
GADSDEN COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON
SEPTEMBER 29, 2003, THE
FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE
HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

STERLING WATSON, VICE- CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

ABSENT: BILL MCGILL, CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Vice - Chair Watson called the meeting to order.

SHERRY TAYLOR - CHILDREN OF OUR FUTURE, INC

Sherry Taylor, Executive Director of Children are Our Future, addressed the Board. She stated that the Board had requested some information of her at a previous meeting and she was present to respond.

She stated briefly that her organization is trying to identify a particular population, which is a concern for Gadsden County. She said that she had chosen a Youth Gang Prevention Model. She advised the Commissioners that there is concern about some of the youth coming together and committing acts of crime. She went on to say that she talked to Sheriff's Department and Gadsden County Schools. She said that when she talked to Captain Barkley, he shared some interesting data with her regarding the youth and gangs in Gadsden County.

Ms. Taylor told the Commissioners that there were 6 homicides in Gadsden County in year of 2002 according to a report prepared for the Attorney's General Office. She went on to tell how the homicides were related to gang activity, giving percentages 85% black, 15% Hispanic and 5% Caucasian.

She explained that it is considered a gang when 2 or more kids come together to commit acts of violence. She also stated that community gangs go against each other. She submitted copies of the school crime and violence report form.

Ms. Taylor stated that she was running an after-school program and she has found that 85% of the time is spent on doing homework. She said that she was set up to do so much more with the children. She reported that she had talked with some of the teachers and they told her that the students have massive amounts of homework because of behavior problems in the classroom. They aren't able to get through daily activities and complete their schoolwork so the students have to take it home.

Commissioner Holt asked if the amount she was requesting for the budget is \$98,000 and in-kind match of \$49,000. She then asked her who would be responsible for writing the grant.

Sherry Taylor replied that the grant had to be written and overseen by a government or municipality in order to meet DJJ requirements of the Title V grant. She advised the Board that the program would bring in a ½ million dollars that could help to deter the behavior that exists in our community.

Commissioner Watson said that this would be something new for the board - being over something that it has no direct control.

Ms. Taylor responded by saying that the most the Board would have to do is submit the data to DJJ. She said that it would be the non-profit organizations that would be responsible for gathering the data.

Mr. McKinnon advised that his office was in the process of checking out the grant to see who the partners would be. He added that there had been some discussion regarding the grant.

Commissioner Roberson asked if this was the same grant the City of Quincy had at one time with which there were problems.

Nancy Gee, Grants Coordinator for the County, advised that when she worked for the City of Quincy, they had the Title V grant. She stated that there were problems, which resulted in the grant being rescinded, and the City had to pay back money. She said that the Title V is a massive grant because it involves municipalities. She then stated that one organization could not run the grant because DJJ is not looking for a program; they are looking for a system that will continue when the grant has expired. She advised that whoever runs the program should have made enough connections to ensure that monies will continue to flow and the system will continue.

Ms. Gee stated that it is a good grant if you have the time and the people to do it. She said that it is more paperwork than anything else. She went on to say that her department does not have the time to put into the grant so that it can be run properly. Title V is a research grant. She also advised that the deadline for the grant is October 3, 2003.

Commissioner Holt asked if the grant would pay for a coordinator.

Ms. Gee advised that there was money in the grant for a coordinator. She went on to say that if the County applied for the grant, the person would have to be employed by the County.

Commissioner Watson called for a motion?

Mr. McKinnon was asked if the County could work it out. He replied that the only problem he could see was time and how the grant would get written.

Ms. Taylor stated that time would not be a problem because they already have a system in place.

Commissioner Watson stated that he was not in favor of this grant.

Commissioner Dixon stated that he thought the grant was an opportunity.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 2 - 2, BY VOICE VOTE, TO NOT APPLY FOR THE TITLE V GRANT.

COMMISSIONERS WATSON AND ROBERSON VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. COMMISSIONERS HOLT AND DIXON OPPOSED THE MOTION.

Chair McGill was not present for the vote.

The Board stated that Chair McGill would be the deciding vote.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE VICE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

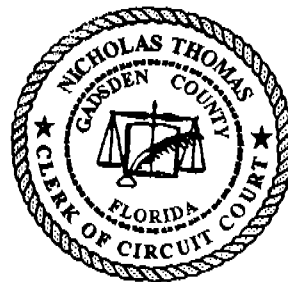


Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:



Nicholas Thomas, Clerk





Children Are Our Future, Inc.
Sherrie Taylor, Founder
Program Manager

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO:

GADSDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER,

CHAIRMAN MR. BILL MCGILL &

COUNTY MANAGER, MR. HOWARD MCKINNON

for

YOUTH GANG PREVENTION MODEL

INTRODUCTION

Children Are Our Future, Inc., submits this proposal to the Gadsden County Manager, Mr. Howard McKinnon, for support and partnership in implementing a juvenile delinquency prevention program that is a proven and successful model in many rural, urban, and suburban communities across the nation. The Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention within the US Department of Justice recommends the model. The overall goal is to launch this program and then after one year apply to the US Department of Justice to become a "Weed & Seed" program for Gadsden County. "Weed & Seed" is a nationally recognized program that involves, prevention and intervention services. The "Weed & Seed" program requires community collaboration and partnerships that often take years to establish prior to qualifying to become a "Weed & Seed" project. Federal funding is available continuously for several years as a "Weed & Seed" project area in the amount of several hundred thousand dollars annually. Children Are Our Future, Inc. intends to apply for this program in cooperation with Gadsden County Sheriff's Office and local police departments.

YOUTH GANG PREVENTION PROGRAM

The terms "youth gang" and "street gang" are commonly used interchangeably and refer to neighborhood or street-based youth groups that are substantially made up of individuals under the age of 24. While youth in this age group are most likely to be engaged in or at risk of committing serious or violent gang crimes, the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model focuses primarily on youth gang members less than 22 years of age, which is based on OJJDP's authorizing legislation.

The Model holds that the lack of social opportunities available to this population and the degree of social disorganization present in a community largely account for its youth gang problem. The Model also suggests other contributing factors including poverty, institutional racism, deficiencies in social policies, and a lack of or misdirected social controls. Drawing principally on social disorganization theory to frame the development of the Model, the core strategies of the Model are to address gang youth, their families, and the community institutions that purport to promote their transition from adolescence to productive members of society. With this in mind, law enforcement and other agency personnel were surveyed and the result of the analysis of the survey revealed information that led to a mix of five strategies that address key concerns raised by the theory upon which the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model is based. These five model strategies to be implemented in the program are:

Community Mobilization: Involvement of local citizens, including former gang youth, community groups and agencies, and the coordination of programs and staff functions within and across agencies;

Provision of Opportunities: The development of a variety of specific education, training, and employment programs targeted at gang-involved youth;

Social Intervention: Youth-serving agencies, schools, grass-roots groups, faith-based organizations, police, and other criminal justice organizations "reaching out" and acting as links among gang-involved youth, their families, and the conventional world and needed services;

Suppression: Formal and informal social control procedures, including close supervision or monitoring of gang youth by agencies of the criminal justice system and also by community-based agencies, schools, and grass-roots groups; and

Organizational Change and Development: Development and implementation of policies and procedures that result in the most effective use of available and potential resources within and across agencies to better address the gang problem.

These strategies were found to be present in communities with identified gang problems that were having a positive impact on gangs. In addition to data from the surveys, extensive input from expert practitioners and gang researchers made it clear that a community's gang violence problem required attention be paid to both gang-involved youth and gangs themselves. Long-term change would not be achieved without also addressing the institutions which support and control youth and their families.

The following program development process will facilitate implementation of the five core strategies:

1. **Acknowledgment of the problem.** The presence of a youth gang problem must be recognized before anything meaningful can be done to address it. If denial is present, it must be confronted.
2. **Assessment of the problem.** Those with responsibility for addressing the problem—representatives of police, schools, probation, youth agencies, grass-roots organizations, government, and others—participate in identifying its nature and causes and recommending appropriate responses. The assessment results in an understanding of who is involved in gang crime and where in the community it is concentrated. This, in conjunction with other data and information, enables targeting:
 - Gang-involved youth
 - The most violent gangs
 - The area(s) where gang crime most often occur
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3. **Setting goals and objectives.** Once the problem is described, goals and objectives based on the assessment findings are established. These should emphasize changes the community wants to bring about in the target area.
4. **Relevant services and activities.** Rationales for services, tactics, and policies and procedures that involve each of the key agencies are articulated and then implemented for each of the five core strategies. These activities must be closely coordinated or integrated to ensure that the work of collaborating agencies is complementary. Representatives of those organizations that will have the most

direct contact with the target youth—police, probation, schools, and youth workers—should form an Intervention team and have regular meetings to share critical information, plan, and act collaboratively on individual youth and gang activity in the target area. Thus, the resources of collaborating agencies are focused on a group of young people who are involved in gangs.

It is important to remember that, while youth gang members must be held accountable for their criminal acts, they also must be provided with services for their academic, economic, and social needs. Gang members must be encouraged to control their behavior and to participate in legitimate mainstream activities. At the same time, external controls on gang and gang-member behavior must be exercised. For some gang members, secure confinement will be necessary. For others, graduated degrees of community-based supervision, ranging from continuous sight or electronic supervision to incarceration, will be appropriate. It is important that youth understand that they will face consequences if they do not follow rules, laws, conditions, or reasonable expectations of the program. It also may be important to develop a set of incentives for compliance with the program. Thus, a range of services and sanctions is required, often in some interactive way. To be effective in this approach, an understanding of how a youth's family, peers, and others are involved is important.

This approach is very consistent with community policing, which promotes and supports organizational strategies to address and reduce the fear of crime and social disorder through problem-solving tactics and community/police partnerships. In this Model, gang unit, community policing, or other officers are involved in the problem-solving process at the street level while senior officers work with the policymakers.

The work of the collaborating agencies is overseen by a Steering Committee of policy or decision makers from agencies and organizations that have an interest in or responsibility for addressing the community's gang problem. These representatives should not only set policy and oversee the overall direction of the gang program, but should take responsibility for spearheading efforts in their own organizations to remove barriers to services, and social and economic opportunities; develop effective criminal justice, school, and social agency procedures; and promote policies that will further the goals of the gang strategy. Recommended membership for the committee could be participation with in the Juvenile Justice Council meetings by "Children Are Our Future" staff and Board members, or the inclusion in "Children Are Our Future" Board meetings those involved in the juvenile justice area including local law enforcement, probation officers, school officials, and county administrators.

5. **Evaluation.** Results from the evaluation of several programs in the country show that the Model is effective in lowering crime rates among youth gang members (University of Chicago, 1999). Preliminary results from an evaluation of five communities chosen as demonstration sites for the Model show that a

combination of intervention, suppression, and prevention strategies, along with a coordinated team approach to delivering services are effective in having a positive impact on reducing gang crime. The incorporation of a strong evaluation component as the initiative is taking form and throughout the life of the program is critical to assessing the impact of the program.

In summary, The OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model espouses a multifaceted, multilayered approach that includes eight critical elements:

1. Initial and continuous problem assessment using qualitative and quantitative data
2. Targeting of the area and those populations of individuals most closely associated with the problem, as described in the assessment
3. Mix of the five key strategies: community mobilization, social intervention, opportunities provision, suppression, and organizational change/development
4. A Steering Committee to oversee and guide the project
5. Direct contact intervention team that includes police, probation, outreach staff, and others
6. A plan for coordinating efforts of and sharing appropriate information among those who work with the youth on a daily basis, the steering committee, and persons within the partner organization (Children Are Our Future)
7. Community capacity building to sustain the project and address issues that are long-term in nature
8. Ongoing data collection and analysis to inform the process and evaluate its impact

The model is provided in a book called, "The Youth Gang Problem: A Community Approach", by Dr. Irving Spergel. Chapters 11-17 provide further details on the five Model strategies and roles of specific organizations in implementing the Model. The source for all information of the information used in this proposal is the website for the National Youth Gang Consortium. This model includes the Rural Gang Initiative with the recommended approach of utilizing "Street Outreach" as a means to prevent gang formation. The street outreach will require the staffing of several communities based social workers to assist in implementing the program model. The budget reflects the staffing of these individuals in the program. The model provides an assessment guide, called "*A Guide to Assessing Your Community's Youth Gang Problem*", which is a blueprint for conducting an in-depth assessment of the gang problem in the community and guidance for the assessment process. It describes the data variables, sources of data, and data-collection instruments. It also provides suggestions on how to organize and analyze the data, and guidelines for preparation of an Assessment Report that will present the results of the data-collection effort, as well as an analysis of the data and key findings regarding the community's gang problem. All of these guides and assessments can be downloaded from the Internet. The assessment guide provides the following information.

ASSESSMENT GUIDE

The OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model

Briefly describes the Model's five core strategies of: (1) community mobilization, (2) opportunities, (3) social intervention, (4) suppression, and (5) organization change and development.

Why Assess the Gang Problem?

Gang members commit serious and violent offenses at a rate higher than non-gang youth. This chapter provides a short overview of studies that have shown that gang members are responsible for a large proportion of both violent and non-violent crimes, as self-reported in each study's sample.

Laying the Groundwork

Committed leadership is necessary from the start: beginning with data collection and data analysis, development of a plan to implement the Model, and subsequently the implementation of the Model. This chapter describes the roles and responsibilities of key staff during the assessment process. Descriptions of the Steering Committee, Project Coordinator, Research Partner, and Assessment Team are outlined. It also provides a sample of definitions of gang, gang member, and gang crime to assist in understanding diverse definitions of gangs and gang crime.

Collecting the Data

This chapter provides a summary of five areas of inquiry which are key to assessing the nature and extent of a community's gang problem. The key areas are: demographics, gang crime, and student involvement in gang activity, community perceptions, and current program resources.

General Descriptive Data

Basic data about the community should be collected in order to provide a context for other data and spot trends in population demographics, as well as changes in the social and economic structure. This chapter describes the information needed to provide a general description of the community, its population, and service needs. It identifies the questions to be answered about the community, the information that will be needed, and the sources of that information.

1. Gang Data:

In order to understand the scope and nature of gang crime in the community, law enforcement data should be collected on demographics of gang and gang members, types of crimes gang members commit, locations of gang crime, when crimes are committed, and victims of gang crime. Other information on gang activity is obtained through interviews with gang members. Collecting this information and identifies the questions to be answered about gang characteristics and gang crime, the information necessary to answer those questions, and sources of that information. It also contains a gang member interview form and sample consent forms for gang member interviews.

2. Student and School-Level Data:

Data collected from students and school staffs about gang activity at school, as well as students who claim gang membership are important to the assessment. A survey of students can also help identify risk and protective factors in a youth's life that can help predict increased or decreased probability of developing problem behaviors such as gang behavior.

The chapter provides guidance on collecting data about: student characteristics and disciplinary actions; students' perceptions of gangs and gang activity; and school staff perspectives on gang activity on campus. The chapter identifies questions to be answered about students, student involvement in gang activities, risk and protective factors, school staff perceptions; the information needed to answer the questions; and sources of that information. A discussion of risk and protective factors is included, as well as information pertaining to consent and confidentiality with respect to the student survey. A student survey instrument and an interview form for school staff are provided.

3. Community Perceptions of Gang Crime:

Community leaders (formal and informal), community residents, parents and others offer important perspectives about gangs and gang activity. This chapter identifies questions to be answered about community perspectives, information needed to answer the questions, and sources of that information. Included in this chapter are: (a) interview form for community leaders; (b) survey form for community residents; and (c) focus group questions for parents and parents of gang members.

4. Current Activities and Resources:

Before developing a plan to implement the Model, the community will need to know what resources are currently available to address gang youths' needs. This chapter provides guidance on: conducting a resource inventory of organizations and agencies that serve gang youth, including justice system programs (law enforcement, probation, corrections). Data-collection instruments are provided for both youth- and family-serving agencies and for justice system programs.

5. Data-Collection Tools:

This chapter describes several common data-collection tools and advantages/disadvantages of each.

6. Analyzing and Interpreting the Data:

In preparation for writing an Assessment Report, the data should be analyzed and interpreted across all data-collection areas. This chapter briefly discusses quantitative and qualitative data, and the types of statistics useful for this type of data analysis.

7. Writing the Assessment Report:

This chapter provides guidance for writing the Assessment Report and includes an outline that can be used to present the assessment findings.

PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET

Project Coordinator (1 Full-Time)	\$34,000
Street Outreach Workers (2 Full-Time)	\$50,000
Consultants for:	\$ 8,000
Data Collection/Surveys/Evaluation	
Steering Committee Activities	\$ 6,000
Marketing/Advertising	
Travel	
Purchasing Documents	
Publishing Reports	
Facility (\$12,000)	(In-Kind)
Overhead (\$12,000)	(In-Kind)
Telephone	
Supplies	
Utilities	
Equipment	
Staff	(In-Kind)
Program Manager (\$9,000)	
Teachers (2) (\$12,000)	
Resources – Police Department, Court Personnel, and Sheriff Department (\$4,000)	
<u>TOTAL BUDGET REQUESTED</u>	<u>\$98,000</u>
IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION	(\$49,000)

NOTICE

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A
SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2003,
STARTING 4:45 P.M. TO DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON**

A YOUTH GANG PREVENTION MODEL GRANT APPLICATION

**THE SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE
COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX
9 EAST JEFFERSON STREET
QUINCY, FLORIDA**

Children Are Our Future, Inc,
Projected Budget

PERSONAL:

Program Director	@	\$10,000.00	
Out Reach Coordinator (2)	@	\$15,000.00	
Prevention (Consultant)	@	<u>\$14,000.00</u>	
TOTAL PERSONNEL			\$39,000.00

OPERATING EXPENSES

General Office Supplies		\$1,000.00	
Phone		\$1,000.00	
Utilities		\$5,000.00	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE			\$7,000.00

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Field Trips		\$1000.00	
Travel @ .29 mi		\$1000.00	
Educational Material		\$2,000.00	
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES			\$4,000.00

TOTAL BUGET	50,000.00
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IN-KIND

SPACE	\$12,000.00
STAFF	\$12,000.00

Gadsden County Schools

School Crime and Violence Incident Report Form

School Year 2002 / 2003

School	Incident Type	Total Events	App. Enrollment
Chattahoochee	Fighting Threat / Intimidation	357	200
Greensboro High School	Fighting Threat Intimidation	283	325
Havana Middle School	Fighting Threat Intimidation	260	375
Havana Northside High	Fighting Threat Intimidation	283	300
James A. Shanks High	Fighting Threat Intimidation	853	925
Carter Parramore	Fighting Threat Intimidation	686	775

THE FINAL BUDGET HEARING OF
SEPTEMBER 22, 2003 WAS
CONTINUED BY THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA TO
SEPTEMBER 29, 2003 AT 5:01
P.M., THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING WATSON, VICE - CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

FINAL BUDGET HEARING

Mr. McKinnon called attention to the attached package of information. He said that based on the Boards directions, he had calculated the proportional share of each department in the overall budget. He stated also that the board had directed him to reduce the budget by \$750,000.00. [\(See the attachments.\)](#)

Sheriff's Budget

Mr. McKinnon reported that he had delivered the revised budget to the constitutional officers. He went on to say that the Sheriff said he would be able to work with the new figures. However, he requested that the Board consider setting aside a contingency in the event of a jail-overcrowding crisis. He explained that the new judge is willing to continue efforts to reduce the jail census and is working with him to resolve over-crowding issues.

Supervisor of Elections

Mr. McKinnon referenced a letter from Supervisor of Elections Shirley Knight. Mrs. Knight requested a reduction of only \$5,000.00 rather than the \$18,000.00.

Property Appraiser

Mr. McKinnon stated that Mr. Hamilton said that he could stand a \$20,000.00 cut.

CLERK OF COURTS

Clerk Thomas indicated that he would be fine with the proposed cuts to his budget.

Mr. McKinnon stated he believed everyone else could work with their budgets. He pointed out that the grant matching funds should be \$60,000. He advised that he had made a \$10,000 reduction in that.

Non Profit

Mr. McKinnon advised that the Gadsden Citizens for Healthy Babies did not make a request this year so the \$4,773 is not needed.

Commissioner Watson asked how much of the reduction was absorbed by the constitutional officers.

Mr. McKinnon replied that it amounted to the \$306,550.00.

Commissioner Dixon advised that the Board should make the recommended cuts across the board. He expressed, "Everyone suffers the same pain to the same degree."

Supervisor of Elections

Shirley Knight, Supervisor of Elections, addressed the Board. She explained to them that because of the big election year coming up in 2004, she could not sustain an \$18,000.00 budget cut. However, she did agree to reduce her budget by \$5,000.00.

Discussion followed, but there was not a consensus on how much to reduce her budget.

Capital Outlay

Commissioner Watson asked about the \$216,850.00 reduction in capital outlay. He asked the commissioners if they could agree with that.

Commissioner Dixon stated he could agree to the round number, but he didn't like how some areas were being cut.

Upon being questioned about the Board's budget, Mr. McKinnon pointed out that the Board's budget had been reduced by \$400,575.00. (See attachments)

Garbage Collection Sites

Commissioner Watson stated that he could not agree to reduce the garbage collection sites to only one per district.

Mr. McKinnon advised that the County is paying \$21,000.00 a month in tipping fees for the dumpster sites. He also stated if they went to 1 site per district they would save about \$100,000.00. He then stated, "Right now we are looking at \$237,756.00 with one site per district."

Commissioner Holt asked Mr. McKinnon how that figure compares to last year.

Mr. McKinnon responded that last year's total was \$307,266.00. He stated that people have started using garbage sites more. August tipping fees amounted to \$21,000.00. He advised that, at the current rate, it would cost the County \$252,000.00 in tipping fees for the year.

Commissioner Watson advised the Board that he would not like to back off of something to which the people are already accustomed.

Commissioner Holt asked what the total budget would be with the \$100,000.00 reduction.

Mr. McKinnon replied that it would be \$237,756.00.

Mr. McKinnon explained that last year's budget was \$370,000.00. It was not that much at the beginning of the

year, but as people started using the garbage sites more, it had to be increased during the year because the tipping fees amounted to that.

Commissioner Holt asked if the Board could bid out that service.

Commissioner Watson stated that we have an agreement with the City of Quincy to haul garbage to their landfill.

Commissioner Roberson asked Mr. McKinnon if the County had received a refund on tipping fees from the City of Quincy.

Mr. McKinnon responded, " Yes, that represented 2 or 3 years worth of work. The largest part is the tipping fee. The hauling is only a small part of the cost to the transfer station."

Commissioner Watson stated that he would like for the Board to consider hauling the garbage to Jackson County when the current agreement expires with the City of Quincy.

Chair McGill asked how often the County normally does large item pickups.

Mr. McKinnon stated that, with the new budget, it would be only once a year. It has been twice a year.

Commissioner Watson suggested that they eliminate the recreation director position, the grant matching funds, the studies and the additional funds to the Senior Citizens Center.

Commissioner Dixon said that he believed that the Recreation Department had already been reduced by \$38,000.00 and should not be further reduced.

Commissioner Watson stated that given the economic crisis with the budget, he did not feel it would be wise to increase staff or add a new department. He added that it wasn't smart to add a recurring cost when you're dipping into reserves.

Chair McGill asked how much money was in the budget for Animal Control.

It was stated that it was \$116,960.00 (see attachments).

Chair McGill asked how effective Animal Control would be if the budget were reduced by \$70,000.00.

Commissioner Watson stated that it would not be effective at all. He further stated that you would have to cut the whole department if it was reduced that much.

Commissioner Holt advised that she was primarily funding programs that directly help people. She said that didn't understand funding the Airport Authority when we are in crunch time. She went on to say that, in crunch time, "You don't fund people and their extra interest stuff, you fund what you have to have." She stated that the following should be cut or removed from the budget: Animal Control, Airport Authority and the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Watson asked Chairman McGill if he could make a motion.

Chairman McGill replied he had more questions and comments to make first. He then advised the Board to go back and look at the expanded programs in the budget. He then asked what would a 5% or 6% across-the-board cut do.

Mr. McKinnon advised that if you cut the garbage collection sites, the County would not be able to keep the same level of service. He stated that his cuts also reflect one large item pickup per year. See attachments.

COMMISSIONER WATSON MADE A MOTION TO ELIMINATE THE RECREATION DIRECTOR LINE ITEM, STUDIES LINE ITEM AND REDUCE THE GRANT MATCHING FUNDS FROM \$ 60,000.00 DOWN TO \$ 35,000.00. HE ALSO MOTIONED NOT TO REDUCE THE GARBAGE COLLECTION SITES.

COMMISSIONER ROBERSON SECONDED MOTION FOR DISCUSSION.

Extensive discussion followed.

THE BOARD VOTED 2 - 3. THE MOTION FAILED WITH COMMISSIONERS ROBERSON AND WATSON VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. COMMISSIONERS DIXON, HOLT AND CHAIRMAN MCGILL OPPOSING THE MOTION.

After the motion, Commissioner Watson said that he wanted to correct a statement that Commissioner Dixon made. He clarified for the record, "I want to fund it at where we are now. We are spending more than the \$237,756.00 with the 8 sites. It's not an expansion, it's simply funding it at what it cost now."

Commissioner Roberson asked if the County could save anything with Animal Control if they changed it to 5 days a week - no weekends and evenings.

The Board advised Commissioner Roberson that it would not save that much.

Commissioner Roberson then asked if the County received any revenue from the cities regarding Animal Control.

Mr. McKinnon replied that the City of Quincy contributes almost \$30,000.00, which pays for the second position in Animal Control.

Commissioner Roberson asked if Havana and Chattahoochee contributed.

Mr. McKinnon replied, "Only the minimal."

Commissioner Watson stated to Chair McGill, "Once you pass this budget, one of your garbage sites will have to close and you will have to choose which one it will be."

Commissioner Holt stated, "If we close down the recreation director, we are looking at an increase in the jail population. We either need to find something for them to do or fund the jail it's \$50,000.00 in contingency because they will need it."

Chair McGill asked if a half-time recreational director could be a possibility and cut Animal Control.

Mr. McKinnon said that it would go down to about \$30,000.00 instead of \$59,000.00.

Commissioner Watson stated, "It doesn't make sense to cut a position to create a new one somewhere else."

Mr. McKinnon stated that the County would save \$25,000.00 by eliminating one animal control position.

Commissioner Watson clarified that, with his plan, no one would lose a job and the County would keep a valuable service to the people.

Chair McGill advised that he wanted to make a motion to cut \$50,000.00 out of garbage collection, \$15,000.00 from studies, cutting grants matching funds by \$25,000.00.

Commissioner Roberson stated that she had received several calls regarding problems at the Gadsden County Senior Citizens Center. While she supported increased funding to the Center, she requested that the issues be satisfactorily resolved before the funds are actually disbursed. She asked for reassurance from the Board that those issues will be addressed. There appeared to be a consensus.

Likewise, Commissioner Holt contended that the Airport Authority should also be held accountable for resolving issues at the airport before their funds are disbursed. She referenced a couple of occurrences - tenants residing on airport property for four years rent free; fighting on the premises; and questions regarding their sources of income. She insisted on addressing those issues.

COMMISSIONER WATSON CALLED THE QUESTION.

Commissioner Dixon insisted that calling the question was not appropriate.

CHAIR MCGILL MADE A MOTION TO CUT THE RECREATION DIRECTOR OUT OF THE BUDGET AT \$59,000.00, ELIMINATE THE STUDIES AT \$15,000.00 AND REDUCE THE GRANT MATCHING FUNDS DOWN TO \$35,000.00 AND REDUCE \$50,000.00 OUT OF GARBAGE COLLECTION. IT FAILED BY VOICE VOTE OF 2 - 3. COMMISSIONERS WATSON AND ROBERSON VOTED AYE" COMMISSIONERS DIXON, HOLT AND MCGILL VOTED "NAY." THE MOTION FAILED.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO CUT THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY DOWN TO ZERO DOLLARS, REDUCE THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO \$20,000.00. COMMISSIONER DIXON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE BOARD VOTED 2 - 3. THE MOTION FAILED.

**COMMISSIONERS HOLT AND COMMISSIONER DIXON VOTED "AYE."
COMMISSIONERS WATSON, ROBERSON AND CHAIR MCGILL VOTED
"NAY."**

Discussion followed.

Public Comment

The Chair recognized Sam Hawkins for questions and comments. He was opposed to spending money for the Airport Authority. He also questioned Commissioner Watson's relationship with the Airport Authority.

Reverend Eddie York, pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, came before the Board. He opposed the Airport Authority and Animal Control funding. He was for funding the Recreation Department.

Linda Perry, Gadsden County Grants Specialist, addressed the Board to defend the needs for grant matching funds.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Holt stated it wouldn't make sense to tie the hands of the Grants Department by not providing for matching funds. She stated that they are about bringing money into the County.

Public comment ended.

Discussion followed.

Upon being questioned, Clerk Thomas advised Commissioner Holt that the Board can move money around within the budget, but it could not exceed the overall budget total.

Commissioner Dixon inquired as to the amount of money in the contingency fund.

Mr. McKinnon stated that there was about \$125,308.00 in contingency.

Commissioner Dixon asked if there were any other contingency line items.

Mr. McKinnon advised that there was a contingency in the landfill fund and transportation fund. The constitutional officers have no contingency funds.

Chairman McGill asked how much contingency was in the 2003 budget.

Mr. McKinnon replied, "\$98,000.00."

Commissioner Holt inquired as to which bank the county uses.

Clerk Thomas answered, "The Quincy State Bank."

Commissioner Holt asked Chairman McGill when the Board would address the issues identified in the Auditor's Report.

Chairman McGill stated, "Anytime during the year."

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2, BY VOICE VOTE, TO MOVE \$25,000.00 FROM THE GRANT MATCHING FUNDS AND \$15,000.00 FROM STUDIES TO GARBAGE COLLECTION BRINGING THAT TOTAL TO \$277,756.00. COMMISSIONERS DIXON, ROBERSON AND CHAIR MCGILL VOTED "AYE." COMMISSIONER HOLT AND COMMISSIONER WATSON VOTED "NAY."

MR. MCKINNON STATED FOR THE RECORD THAT WITH THE CHANGES, THE GENERAL FUND WILL STAND AT \$7,502,902.00 FOR EXPENDITURES AND \$4,308,751.00 FOR TRANSFERS OUT FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF \$11,811,653.00.

Mr. McKinnon stated the following: Fire Fund is \$816,395.00 expenditures and the Law Library at \$7,742.00 expenditures and new Landfill Fund at \$277,756.00; Fine and Forfeiture - \$5,779,915.00; Library - \$2,418,365.00; Supervisor of Elections - \$390,739.00; EMS Fund - \$1,553,718.00, 911 Fund - \$167,686.00; Tourism Development Fund - \$30,000.00, Court Cost Fund \$71,800.00; Drug Abuse - \$36,278.00; Hospital Revenue including transfers out \$95,175.00; and Hospital Renewal Replacement - \$95,304.00.

Chairman McGill asked for a motion to pass the above budget.

COMMISSIONER DIXON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET AS READ AND COMMISSIONER HOLT SECONDED THE MOTION.

Chairman McGill asked for questions? There were no questions.

THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

Mr. McKinnon then paused and apologized to the Board stating that there was another part to the landfill \$277,756.00 and mosquito control is \$91,171.00 making the landfill fund at \$368,927.00.

COMMISSIONER DIXON AMENDED HIS MOTION TO REFLECT MR. MCKINNON'S CORRECTION AS STATED ABOVE. COMMISSIONER HOLT SECONDED THE AMENDMENT.

ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED, BY VOICE VOTE, "AYE."

Transportation Fund/Bond Issue

Mr. McKinnon called attention to the transportation bond issue; then he explained how it would work. See the attachments for details.

Commissioner Watson advised that he was opposed to a bond issue.

Commissioner Dixon stated, "The benefits of the bond program are fantastic and the numbers are firm. Instead of people waiting 15 years, they can have their roads done in 3 years."

Commissioner Holt expressed that she was for the bond program and felt it was something that was well overdue. She stated that she has a problem with the point system used to rank the roads on the road paving priority list, but she has already addressed that issue with Mr. Ballister. She concluded by saying, "If the monies have to be used for that purpose, then let's go ahead and use it."

Chairman McGill asked Clerk Thomas if the gas revenues were the same as last year?

Clerk Thomas stated if the Board wanted to pledge the gas taxes to a bond issue for the road paving, he would have no problem with it. However, if they chose to pledge the sales tax money for a road bond program, it would cause him some concern. He pointed out that there is a real possibility that sales tax revenue would have to be pledged for the jail expansion. He explained that, right now, a big portion of the sales tax proceeds is going into the transportation budget for roads. The remainder of the proceeds has been diverted to fire services. He cautioned that there could be a serious financial strain on the County to do a bond issue for roads and another for jail expansion.

Commissioner Watson stated again that with the bond program the Board would lose freedom and flexibility to move money around, as the Board may need to do.

Chairman McGill asked Mr. McKinnon, "If we used \$14,034,091.00, will that be tied to bond issue for the duration of the Bond?"

Mr. McKinnon answered, "Yes, with proceeds of \$9,100,000.00 in this year's budget."

Commissioner Dixon stated that in looking at cost comparisons, the cost of maintaining the dirt roads for the length of the bond would also have to be factored.

Commissioner Watson said that it would not take 15 years to pave those roads even without the bond program. He added that he didn't see the logic in spending \$3,610,034.00 to shorten the time frame from 6 years to 3 years.

Commissioner Roberson asked if the bond issue would include a clause for prepayment penalties.

Clerk Thomas stated that he didn't remember such a clause, but in the past, the Board has paid them by the payment schedule.

Commissioner Holt inquired as to what conditions the Board would be required to expand the jail. She offered some suggestions as to what could be done in the form of probation to help with the overcrowding.

Chairman McGill stated that if the federal government came down and found jail overcrowding, they might mandate expansion.

Commissioner Dixon stated that he would not be a part of not paving roads, not building parks and not building libraries just because we are waiting on the jail. He advised that he wanted to continue giving people some of the positive things they deserve instead of waiting.

Chairman McGill called for public comment.

Public Comment:

Sam Hawkins stated the bond issue is a good thing because it would build up public trust in the Commission. He advised that when you have people that have been waiting for 15 years or more for road paving, you would build up confidence. He then stated that the communities and people are divided and that this issue will bring them together. He urged the Board to go ahead and lock in the rate at that percentage because it would only go up.

Reverend Eddie York of the Robertsville community, Mt. Hosea, addressed the Board stating that he was for the bond issue because they had roads that are in bad shape. He went on to tell the Board that his church members couldn't get down their roads; therefore, they couldn't attend church. He stated that if the Commission would go ahead and pave the roads they would put some confidence in the Commission that they are doing more than cutting and making money. He also stated that is was a safety issue.

Public comment ended.

Chairman McGill called for a motion.

COMMISSIONER DIXON MADE A MOTION TO DO THE \$9.1 MILLION BOND ISSUE TO ACCELERATE ROAD PAVEMENT AND RESURFACING. COMMISSIONER HOLT SECONDED THE MOTION. THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2 BY VOICE VOTES. COMMISSIONERS HOLT, DIXON AND CHAIR MCGILL VOTED "AYE." COMMISSIONERS WATSON AND ROBERSON OPPOSING VOTED "NAY."

Chairman McGill asked if this would be a bond or a loan?

Clerk Thomas recalled that the Board had always hired a bond attorney on all other bond issues in the past.

Mr. McKinnon stated that another option would be the Florida League of Cities Bond Pooling Program where several governmental units, counties and cities, intercede and one big bond is issued and all parties share in those costs. He advised that the County would probably come out cheaper going in that direction.

Mr. McKinnon stated now they needed to adopt the Transportation Fund at \$14,032,936.00.

COMMISSIONER DIXON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE TRANSPORTATION FUND AT \$14,032,936.00. COMMISSIONER HOLT SECONDED THE MOTION. THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MOTION. COMMISSIONERS HOLT, DIXON AND CHAIR MCGILL VOTED "AYE." COMMISSIONERS WATSON AND ROBERSON VOTED "NAY."

Mr. McKinnon advised the Board that the budget would be changed to reflect the action of this meeting, as he read them into record. He then asked them to pass a motion to accept the overall budget based on those changes.

COMMISSIONER DIXON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE WHOLE BUDGET AS READ BY MR. MCKINNON. COMMISSIONER HOLT SECONDED THE MOTION. THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONERS HOLT, DIXON AND MCGILL WITH VOTED "AYE." COMMISSIONERS WATSON AND ROBERSON VOTED "NAY."

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE
CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.**

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A SPECIAL EMERGENCY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY,
FLORIDA ON OCTOBER 2, 2003,
THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WERE
HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING WATSON, VICE- CHAIR
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

ABSENT:

CAROLYN ROBERSON

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair McGill called the special emergency meeting to order. He advised the meeting was called to see if the County would apply for the Title V grant to the Department of Juvenile Justice(DJJ).

YOUTH GAND PREVENTION MODEL / TITLE V GRANT

Chairman McGill advised he had talked with the people in the City of Quincy about the problems they encountered with the Title V Grant. He listed them as listed below.

1. Too many hands in the pot.
2. Responsible for the same youth, cannot have different clients. Only 2 of the programs were funded statewide during the initial grant- funding period.

Chair McGill stated that he was told that Gadsden County had no one available at the first DJJ Training Session. He went on to say that he also learned that was not exactly true. Chair McGill also stated that the City of Quincy had to pay back a substantial amount of money.

Chair McGill told the Board he was referred to Ed Iaccubi and he referred him to a Joyce Wilson.

Chair McGill referred to a list of questions to which Ms. Joyce Wilson answered.

1. What's the number of participants, applicants may have?

There is no minimum, but not one agency doing everything. There must be a real plan and it should be data driven to specific problems.

2. What condition would cause your to have to repay grant funds?

Mismanagement of funds was #1 answer, not following contract requirements.

3. What kind of monitoring system does the grant have?

The state would come out 4 times a year. Suggestions that were given; more than one agency should be involved, one agency shouldn't handle grant alone. The Department of Juvenile Justice would require the plan to tell everything, meaning you can't leave anything out.

4. What was the most important part of the program?

The plan is the most important factor of the entire program.

5. Where are some of the best programs located?

Brevard and Duval Counties

6. What is the amount of funds that can be applied through the grant?

The amount of the grant is \$250,000.00. Advice given was only apply for the amount you need or you may run the risk of misuse and will have payback responsibilities.

Chair McGill stated that he was told you have to make at least an 80% to receive the grant. He advised that he was told Title V is working in some communities and not in others. Title V is so different and must have all partners and at least one of the cities, in the county working with the County in dealing with this issue. He advised that all parties must go into the community and work with the same groups of people. The County always plays a major role in the program.

Chair McGill stated that the only way that he could support the grant would be as follows:

- 1. To have some type of agreement where the County can be held harmless, in case of payback responsibility.**
- 2. We would like to hire a program monitor and have that person report directly to the County Manager.**

Sherry Taylor, Founder of Children Are Our Future, came before the Board thanking them for allowing her to address the issue before them. She stated Mrs. Venisee along with herself had put together a proposal. " See attachments"

Alma Venisee, Founder of Investing In Our Youth, addressed the Board in regards to the City of Quincy and mismanagement of funds. She stated that it was not Investing In Our Youth with the problem; it was the high amount of turnover at the City of Quincy, which lead to other problems.

Mrs. Venisee stated that Ed Icabbuci had been her grant's manager for the last 6 years and she was the one that referenced his phone number. She went on to say that all of her evaluations have been rated outstanding. She advised that if the grant is awarded she had experience with the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Mrs. Venisee expressed to the Board if they would allow Mr. Richmond could draw up a proposal holding the County harmless if monies had to be paid back. She went on to explain her process for keeping up with funds. She stated that with every check written there is a receipt and it is tied directly to the budget and is submitted with the monthly report. She advised that the reports have to be submitted through the County.

Mrs. Venisee stated that the amount of funds they are seeking through the grant is \$150,000.00 and the maximum amount you can apply for is \$250,000.00. She expressed to the Board if they had looked over their packages that were presented they could see that the proposal is data driven. She stated that the information came from the Department of Juvenile Justice, the School District and Children and Families Substance Abuse Survey.

Commissioner Watson asked Mrs. Venisee, "How would an agreement with the County and your establishment keep the state from coming after the County if mismanagement happens?" He expressed that he couldn't support anything without the County having direct control over it.

Mrs. Venisee stated that she understood his concern. The state would look to the County, but the County would come after the partners.

Sandra Jones Anderson, Director of Programs with Investing In Our Youth, came before the board supporting the two programs working together. She explained how monies would flow through the County and their organizations. She stated that monies would not be awarded each month unless standards of the grant have been met.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Dixon asked for clarification of how the information would get to Department of Juvenile Justice for compensation.

Mrs. Venisee, Ms. Taylor and Mrs. Jones all agreed that the information would be gathered by the organizations and then, if it meets the county requirements, the County would then submit the information. They stated that only if DJJ were satisfied would funds be disbursed.

Chair McGill stated to the organizations that if the plan does not work, or if it defaults, he would not support a plan of this nature again. He stated that he wanted a contract between Mr. McKinnon and the organizations.

Commissioner Holt advised that as long as we have someone independent that is accountable to the Board she had no problem.

Chairman McGill stated that when talking to Joyce Wilson, she said she would like a proposal that involves the schools. He also stated that she told him it is important to have the same community with the same problems and it must be data driven.

Mr. McKinnon asked if a position is required to monitor the grant, how it would be funded?

Mrs. Venisee stated that it would have to be put into the budget. She expressed that they could sit down together and come up with a actual figure for the position.

Chair McGill stated the record shows that there was a 2 - 2 vote and nothing was passed or failed.

Chair McGill called for a motion.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 1, IN FAVOR OF PASSING THE GRANT BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONERS DIXON, HOLT AND MCGILL VOTED "AYE" AND COMMISSIONER WATSON VOTING "NAY".

COMMISSIONER ROBERSON WAS NOT PRESENT.

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.**

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND
FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
OCTOBER 7, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
BUSINESS WAS HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING L. WATSON, VICE - CHAIR
CAROYLN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. Commissioner Roberson led in the pledge of allegiance to the US flag. Commissioner Watson led in the invocation.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

The minutes of the September 2, 2003 Regular Meeting was removed for corrections.

The minutes of the Redistricting Committee Meetings - September 9 and 15, 2003 were removed from the minute's agenda and placed on the consent agenda for the record only.

The Land Use Amendment 2003-1 was removed from the Growth Management Agenda - Item # 8. Mr. Ballister stated it would come before the Board at the October 21, 2003 meeting.

The Growth Management Agenda was amended to add comments from Ms. Kathie Grow - Item #8.

Item # 11a - Sheriff's Narcotic Grant - was removed from the consent agenda and placed on County Manager's agenda for discussion. (Per request of Commissioner Holt)

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 16, 2003 Regular Meeting

July 22, 2003 Special Meeting

July 23, 2003 Special Meeting

July 29, 2003 Special Budget Workshop

August 19, 2003 Special Joint Meeting with the City of Quincy

August 19, 2003 Regular Meeting

September 9, 2003 Tentative Budget Hearing

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE STATED MEETINGS.

4. HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Mr. Richmond had no business to report.

5. DR. WHIDDON - PATIENT ASSISTANCE FOR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS PROGRAM

Dr. Whiddon addressed the Board in reference to his letter (copy attached.) He asked for the Board's assistance by providing clerical support to handle qualifying patients for free medications through programs with pharmaceutical companies. Following some discussion, there was a consensus that the County Manager and County Grants Coordinator should review the matter further.

6. SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS SHIRLEY KNIGHT, REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Mrs. Shirley Knight, Supervisor of Elections, addressed the Board regarding the redistricting the county commission districts. She stated that the Redistricting Committee, which was appointed by the County Commission, met five times with WilsonMiller and came to a supra-majority decision to recommend four alternative maps as possibilities for re-drawing the boundaries. She related to the commissioners that whatever map they would ultimately choose, it could require making some changes to the voting precincts. She said that process would be time consuming for her staff. She urged them to adopt the new lines as quickly as possible so that the affected registered voters could be notified accordingly in a timely fashion. She reminded them that 2004 will be a big election year.

The Board scheduled the selection for the October 21, 2003 meeting.

Chris McGarry, WilsonMiller Senior GIS Specialist, addressed the Board. He explained all of the alternative maps. He said that he had given one CD to the County and that it was available on the Internet site at www.FL.gis.com. (Maps attached)

Commissioner Roberson expressed thanks to all the citizens for coming together to get the redistricting done.

7. **BRUCE C. BARETT/JACK KOSTRZEWA, CAPITAL AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION - METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ISSUES**

Bruce C. Barrett, Director of Planning for the Metropolitan Planning Organization of Leon County, addressed the Board. He stated that his organization is being mandated by federal and state law to establish regional transportation issues. He discussed land use as it relates to the development of major highways such as Highway 20, 90 and 27. He stated that Wakulla County Commissioners voted 5 - 0 to explore the possibility of joining the organization's MPO.

Mr. Barrett explained that they would meet every other month. The next meeting will be On October 13, 2003 from 2-4 p.m. at the Leon County Courthouse.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Holt agreed that the Board should have some type of representation at the MPO meeting.

Commissioner Dan Winchester of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners addressed the Board in support of the Capital Area MPO. He said that he wanted Gadsden and Leon Counties to have a voice in the organization.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO PASS A RESOLUTION TO THE EXPLORE JOINING THE CAPITAL AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO). (See 10/21/2003 for Resolution)

Chairman McGill asked for public comment.

Sam Hawkins was recognized for comments and questions relative to the MPO.

8. BRUCE BALLISTER, GROWTH MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Schaap Small Scale Land Use Amendment-03PZ-029-201.01-1-07
7.75 acres from Ag1 & 2 to Commercial - Curve Crest Mobile
Home Park

Kathie Grow addressed the Board. She referenced her letter dated October 1, 2003, which she sent to all commissioners. In the letter, she stated that she thought the proposed land use change would be a violation of the Gadsden County Comprehensive Plan. She requested a moratorium on land use changes until the County comes into compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Richmond advised the Board to table this issue until October 21, 2003 as it did not appear on the agenda for this meeting. He then advised Ms. Grow to contact Mr. McKinnon to get on the agenda for that meeting.

Mike Dorian suggested that the County do a study on US 27 like they did for US 90. He was opposed to the land use change.

Elva Peppers, Consultant for Richard and Charlotte Schaap and Curve Crest Mobile Home Park, addressed the Board. Mr. Richmond administered an oath to Ms. Peppers. She stated that the site in question is the property now developed as the Curve Crest Mobile Home Park and is also known by its tax ID number as 3-11-2N-2W-0000-00132-0500.

She stated that in 1984 and 1988, Mr. Schaap appeared before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the County

Commission (see attachments) and they were granted conceptual approval for Curve Crest Mobile Home Park, Auto and Recreational Vehicles Inc. She went on to say that in 1991, when the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) was adopted, the property was zoned as agricultural use, thus creating a non - conforming use on this property.

Ms. Peppers cited problems and issues that have subsequently surfaced as a result of the agricultural zoning. She said that prospective tenants have repeatedly been denied building permits by county staff to move their mobile homes onto the property because it is designated as Ag land. She reiterated the property was grandfathered as commercial use as a mobile home/ RV park. She also contended that the agriculture zoning will reduce the values and use of this property because the non-conforming use will not be grandfathered once the ownership of the property changes. She stated if the Schaap's were to pass the property to their children or sell the property, the value would be significantly decreased because the land would revert to Ag1 and Ag2. She ended by stating that the Schaaps want what was originally granted to them be restored.

Richard Schaap addressed the Board and was administered an oath by Mr. Richmond. He stated that his wife and he purchased the property in 1983. He pointed out that is was already a mobile home park when they purchased it from Spencer and Lillian Griffith. He stated that in 1984 he took the appropriate steps to have the property zoned commercial. He reported that it was approved by both the Planning and Zoning and the Board of County Commissioners for RV sales/Mobile Home Park. He stated the Department of Health gave him 4 permits for septic tanks making him have a total 7. It was at that time he was told that he needed to have his property re-zoned to accommodate the additional septic tanks. He stated that the former commissioners approved the zoning with a waiver for 4 mobile home lots to 6 lots. He contended that he has suffered a financial loss as a result of the 1991 FLUM re-zoning.

The following people gave sworn testimony after Mr. Richmond administered an oath to them.

Kathy Grow - Opposed

William Piotrowski - Opposed

Marion Laslie commented that she wanted to be sure that each grandfathering case would be heard on a case - by - case basis in the future.

The Board agreed that the language in the Comp Plan should be changed for "grandfathering" and "sun setting."

Mr. Ballister stated that the language on sun setting could be changed before the end of the year. He also assured the Board that the permitting of mobile homes for Mr. Schaap's park will be immediately.

Mr. Richmond insisted that the Board not entertain a motion to rezone the property to commercial. He stated that they should pass a resolution to reconfirm Mr. Schaap's ability to continue his grandfathered status for as long as it remains in that use. He clarified that a new owner would have to submit an application and come back to the Board for review.

The Board heard comments from **Hank Landis** and **Dan Winchester** who were in support of the Schaap Land Use amendment.

Mr. Ballister then stated that the Board should consider refunding the \$500.00 fee to the Mr. Schaap.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO DENY THE SMALL SCALE LAND USE AMENDMENT.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO PASS A RESOLUTION TO THE REAFFIRM AND RATIFY MR. SCHAAP'S RIGHT TO OPERATE A MOBILE HOME PARK AND A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK AND TO ALSO BE ABLE TO MAKE NECESSARY REPAIRS AND CONVERSIONS TO RECREATIONAL VANS AS APPROVED BY PRIOR COUNTY COMMISSION BOARDS IN 1984 AND 1988, HAVING THE SAME RIGHTS TO TRANSFER WITHIN THAT SCOPE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO REFUND THE SCHAAP ZONING FEE'S IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00.

9. **FRANK RITTER, COUNTY BUILDING OFFICAL**

Hospital Beds

Frank Ritter was not present, but the Board referenced a letter in which he requested 29 patient beds and the 3 infant cribs. See attached letter.

Hospital Parking Lot Improvement

The letter also stated that the hospital parking lot needs to be resurfaced and re-stripped.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO GO OUT FOR BIDS FOR THE HOSPITAL BEDS AND PARKING LOT RESURFACING.

10. HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

a. 04-CJ-J3-02-30-01-178/ Gadsden County Sheriff's Narcotics Grant- Certificate of Acceptance

Commissioner Holt inquired about the Gadsden County Sheriff's Narcotics Grant. She asked how the money is used to help the community.

Major Spooner, Chief Deputy with the Gadsden County Sheriff's Department, replied that it is used in numerous ways. He stated that a certain percentage is required to be used for prevention education.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE FOR THE NAROCITICS GRANT.

11. CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- b. Resolution No. 2003-014- Establishing Support for Continued Inclusion of Local Sources First Policy and Opposition to any Amendment to Florida's Water Resource Policy which allows, encourages and promotes water transfers**
- c. Resolution No. 2003-015- declaring November 2003 as National Epilepsy Awareness Month**
- d. Interlocal Agreement with Wakulla County for HAM Radio**

Equipment and Training

- e. Amendment to Arthropod Control Budget
- f. Gadsden County Health Department Contract for FY 2003-04
- g. SHIP Agreement and Special Assessment Lien- Regina M. Barfield
- h. Housing Rehabilitation Program Contract for Rehabilitation work-Annie Mae Mitchell
- i. Rehabilitation Agreement and Special Assessment Lien- Annie Mae Mitchell
- j. Housing Rehabilitation Program Contract for Rehabilitation Work - Elizabeth McMillian
- k. Rehabilitation Agreement and Special Assessment Lien- Elizabeth McMillian
- l. Waste Management Notice of Adjustment Of Rates Effective October 1, 2003
- m. Maintenance Agreement of Court Reporter Dictation Equipment
- n. Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant #03-LSTA- D-03
- o. Minutes of Tourism Development Council- August 19, 2003 For the Record
- p. Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Report- August 2003- for the Record
- q. Minutes of Redistricting Committee for the record September 9 & 15, 2003

12. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

Rodney Moore inquired about the Gadsden County Sheriff's Narcotics grant. He wanted to know how the money is allocated to share with other agencies to tackle the drug problems in the communities.

Major Spooner replied that there is the drug task force, which is funded at approximately \$120,000.00, and it consists of all law enforcement agencies in Gadsden County. He advised that they all work together to tackle the drug problems.

13. CLERK'S AGENDA

Budget Amendments 2003-10-07 thru 2002-10-07-25

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTE 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

Ratification of Approval to Pay County Bills: Check

**Registers Dated 09/19/03;09/26/03 and 10/03/03 and Payroll
Registers Dated 09/18/03 and 09/30/03**

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTE 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO
APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

14. COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

District 1 Report

Chairman McGill urged all Commissioners to really take a
look at the problem with the three rivers water situation. He
stated that water is a precious commodity and should be taken
seriously.

District 2 Report

Commissioner Watson had no report.

District 3 Report

Commissioner Roberson had no report.

District 4 Report

Commissioner Holt had no report.

District 5 Report

Commissioner Dixon had no report.

ADJOURMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON OCTOBER
21, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING WATSON, VICE- CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. Mr. McKinnon led in the pledging allegiance to the U.S. Flag and Commissioner Watson led in the prayer.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The minutes of September 22, final budget hearing and September 29, 2003 continuation of the final budget hearing were added to Item 3.

Amendments to the Consent Agenda are listed below:

- Item "10a" PTLA Participant Housing Facility Development Order was removed the consent agenda
- Item "10c" Resolution 2003-019-Tallahassee-Leon County Metropolitan Planning Organization MPO was amended
- Item "10f" was added - Resolution for Hammock Creek Commerce Park

UPON MOTION COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 16, 2003 Regular Meeting

September 22, 2003 Final Budget Hearing

September 29, 2003 Continuation Final Budget Hearing

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED MINUTES.

4. COUNTY ATTORNEYS' S AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance Providing for the Sheriff to be the Chief Jailer

Mr. Richmond read the title of the ordinance into the record. Chair McGill then called for public comments. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE TO MAKE THE SHERIFF THE CHIEF JAILER.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance Providing for Criminal Penalties to be Administered Against the Improper Use of County Maintained Dumpster Sites

Mr. Richmond read the title of the ordinance into the record. Chair McGill then called for public comments. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON SECOND COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTE 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CRIMINAL PENALTIES TO BE ADMINISTERED AGAINST THE IMPROPER USE OF COUNTY MAINTAINED DUMPSTER SITES.

Progress Energy

Mr. Richmond requested that Progress Energy Transmission line be added to the agenda for the next meeting, November 4, 2003.

5. KATHIE GROW- LAND USE CHANGE MORATORIUM - HIGHWAY 27

Kathie Grow addressed the Board to request a moratorium on the land use changes that might affect US Highway 27. She stated that, if there were a better avenue to insure quality development of the road short of a moratorium, she would prefer it.

Mr. Richmond commented that in order to do a moratorium, the Board would have to advertise and go through a public notice process.

Mr. Ballister referenced a letter he had written to the commissioners that outlined this particular issue and several others. He stated that the County had missed several deadlines set out in the Comprehensive Plan and this particular issue is one of the oldest outstanding matters. He suggested that the Board might want to consider doing a corridor road study such as the one done on US 90. He added that US 27 is the most impacted roadway in the County by commercial development. He also suggested that he could contact the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to see if there might be some grant funds with which to fund such a study. He continued by saying that a citizens committee could also be considered to set out a development guidelines for the area from the river to the state line along that corridor.

There was discussion among the Board regarding the possibility of citizen committee and/or a professional study. Also mentioned was a timetable of 6 months as well as a study for Highway 12 at some point.

The following people from the public were recognized for comments and questions:

Marion Laslie encouraged in-house and citizen committee.

Kathie Grow said she was willing to drop the effort to get a moratorium if the board would commit to keeping the pace of development to what it is now.

Mike Dorian supported a moratorium but could not support spending money for a professional study because he felt a staff and citizen effort could do the study.

Commissioner Dixon suggested that Mr. Ballister be the driving force for the study, but if he cannot bring it to a conclusion within 6 months, then the County should look at hiring a professional to complete it.

There was a consensus of the Board not to impose a moratorium and to try to resolve the matter in the form of a citizen/professional/planning commission group working together to do the study along Highway 27.

6. REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE - BCC DISTRICT LINES

Chair McGill stated that he had received a special request from the public to have a roll call vote on the selection of the redistricting map.

Supervisor of Elections Shirley Knight addressed the Board requesting that the Board choose one of the four map alternatives submitted by the Redistricting Committee for redrawing the district lines.

Chair McGill asked Mrs. Knight if she would explain the maps and she did so.

There was some discussion as to which maps would split the house districts and which maps would be most cost effective in terms of precinct adjustments and ballot related issues. Also discussed were the hardships that certain precinct changes would bring about for the poll-workers.

Mrs. Knight reiterated that precinct lines could be adjusted.

Commissioner Dixon stated that he supports map 3 and that the Supervisor of Elections would have minimum work to do in getting ready for elections with it.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sam Palmer, Democrat Executive Committee, came before the Board and commented that he had asked that the redistricting be done. He added that all the maps had a plus and a minus side. He stated that map 1 & 3 are similar and map 2 creates inequality also map 5. He urged the Board to consider the County when voting. His comments about the maps were as follows: Map 2 was the worse map; Map 3 was more equitable for voters in all 5 districts.

Commissioner Roberson asked Mr. Palmer why he thought map 2 the worse map?

Mr. Palmer stated that Map 2 favors one group. He stated that Map 5 also favored one group.

Commissioner Holt agreed with Mr. Palmer and stated that looking at map 5, you split Midway. She stated that the numbers look better in 5. Map 2 looks at breaking up groups of people.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 2 - 3, BY ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADOPT ALTERNATIVE MAP # 2. COMMISSIONERS ROBERSON AND WATSON VOTED "AYE" IN FAVOR OF MAP 2. COMMISSIONERS HOLT, DIXON AND MCGILL VOTED "NAY". THE MOTION FAILED.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY ROLL CALL, TO ADOPT ALTERNATIVE MAP # 3.

The board thanked the Redistricting Committee for doing an excellent job.

7. BRUCE BALLISTER, GROWTH MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

1. DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT (DRI) - 03PZ-030-206-1-05

Mr. Ballister reported that Clayton Sembler has requested a change to the Gadsden Station DRI so that he could relocate a portion of his manufacturing plant to Gadsden Station 10/90 Industrial Park. He explained that Mr. Sembler's business is considered heavy industrial by some people even though Mr. Sembler believes it to be light industrial. He said that Mr. Sembler has an option to purchase lots 5 & 6 from Sid Grey and Lex Thompson.

He went of to say that in order for Mr. Sembler to locate there, the County Commission must first make a determination as to whether Mr. Sembler's plant is a substantial change in use to the DRI. He then stated that Attorney Nancy Linnan has prepared "A Notice of Proposed Change" (NOPC) for the Board's consideration.

Mr. Ballister stated that a motion could include special conditions and those conditions should be written into the

Development Order (DO) to make sure it's not a substantial deviation. (See attachments for further details.)

The following people gave sworn testimony administered by Mr. Hal Richmond in support of the project:

- Nancy Linnan
- Newty Babcock
- Clayton Sembler
- Clara Gutrey

The following people gave sworn testimony, comments and questions opposing the project:

- Mike Dorian
- Sam Hawkins
- Blair Burton, owner of Paul's Pest Control and eastern neighbor to proposed project.
- Mayor Delores Madison, City of Midway
- Terry Barineau, park resident
- Marion Laslie
- Marty Ard, park resident
- Jim Bolling, park resident

Discussion followed among the board members as to whether the proposed change was a substational deviation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, TO FIND THAT THE PROPOSED WAS NOT A SUBSTANTIAL DEVIATION TO THE DRI AND FURTHER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE NOPC AS SUBMITTED BY ATTORNEY LINNAN AND CDS MANUFACTURING. THE BOARD VOTED 2 - 3. THE MOTION FAILED. COMMISSIONERS ROBERSON AND WATSON VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. COMMISSIONERS HOLT, DIXON AND MCGILL VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2, BY VOICE VOTE, TO FIND THAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD BE A SUBSTANTIAL DEVIATION AND TO DENY THE PROJECT. COMMISSIONERS HOLT, DIXON AND MCGILL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. COMMISSIONERS WATSON AND ROBERSON OPPOSED IT.

There was a consensus of the board to find CDS a site that would be a more appropriate piece of property for Mr. Sembler's business.

2. LAND USE AMENDMENT 2003-1

FIRST READING - ORDINANCE 2003 - 10 MILLER LUA
334.2ac.Ag3 to RR & 103.2ac. Ag3 TO RURAL
RESIDENTAL.

Mr. Ballister read the title of the ordinance into the record explaining that it was the first reading of the ordinance with another public hearing to follow on November 4, 2003.

Chair McGill called for public questions and comments. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2003 - 10 MILLER LUA FROM AG3 TO RURAL RESIDENTAL.

FIRST READING - ORDINANCE 2003-11 MOORE LUA 14.2AC. AG1 &
AG2 TO RR & 1.45 AC. AG1 TO RECREATION.

Mr. Ballister read the title of the ordinance into the record and likewise stated that a second reading of the ordinance would be heard on November 4.

Chair McGill called for discussion, comments and questions.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2003 -11 MOORE LUA 14.2 ACRES FROM AG1 & AG2 TO RR & 1.45 AC. FROM AG1 TO RECREATION.

FIRST READING - ORDINANCE 2003-9 - HILL LUA 23.4 AC TO AG1
& 2.1 AC. FROM AG3 TO CONSERVATION

Mr. Ballister read the title of the ordinance into the record explaining that one other hearing will be held on November 4.

Chair McGill called for discussion, comments and questions. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2003 - 9 HILL LUA 23.4AC TO AG1 & 2.1AC. FROM AG3 TO CONSERVATION.

**3. OAKRIDGE- LIVE OAK RIDGE MINOR SUBDIVISION-
STORMWATER IMPACTS**

Mr. Ballister stated that in the spring and summer of 1998, the County was involved in litigation with Dr. John Cooksey regarding flooding near the intersection of Edwards Road and SR 65. He said that the County settled with Dr. Cooksey and agreed to install a baffle and a culvert under Edwards Road that would limit the water flow to the south. There was also a cash settlement and an agreement from the County to not increase the water flows onto the Cooksey property east of CR65.

Mr. Ballister told the Board that the agreement occurred prior to his employment and that he was unaware of it when the Maxwell's approached the Planning Department regarding their intention to create minor subdivisions north of Edwards Road.

He then explained that the immediate drainage basin of the proposed subdivision would be affected by the terms of the Cooksey settlement agreement. He then explained that the County has no policy in place that requires minor subdivisions to install storm water facilities. However, in this case, there is an agreement in place that requires the County to not increase the water flow onto his property.

Mr. Ballister went on to say that he contacted the Maxwells and told them about the Cooksey agreement and informed them of storm water issues that would affect their proposed subdivision. He asked for the Board's guidance in the absence of a written policy. He reminded the Board once again of the settlement agreement with Dr. Cooksey. (See attachments for further details of the project and stormwater issues.)

Commissioner Watson asked Mr. Ballister, "Why did you stop the Maxwell's from developing?"

Mr. Ballister stated he acted on his own because he felt the County was headed into another lawsuit with Dr. Cooksey if he allowed it to move forward.

Commissioner Watson stated that there was nothing on the record that stated the Maxwell's did anything wrong. He asked if the court order mandated that the County couldn't put any more water on his property.

Dr. John Cooksey addressed the Board. He was administered an oath by Mr. Richmond. He stated he was present to protect his property rights because he was concerned about the subdivision that was in the planning stages adjacent to him. He stated the County had already settled with him through monetary funds and an agreement to not increase flows onto his property.

Cal Cooksey addressed the Board. He was administered an oath by Mr. Richmond. He came before the Board in support of his father. He inquired as to why property owners do not have to notify adjacent property owners when building minor subdivisions.

Janice and Walter Maxwell addressed the Board. They were administered an oath by Mr. Richmond. They stated that they had followed all the rules according to the Gadsden County Land Development Code. They said that before they bought the property, they made sure it could be developed.

Mrs. Maxwell stated that they had met with Mr. Ballister on 3 occasions. She referenced a letter that she had written to Commissioner Holt. (Letter attached). She stated that minor subdivisions did not have to go before the Planning and Zoning Commission according to the Comprehensive Plan. She added that they had already purchased the property and were preparing to sell the lots when they learned of the issues relating to the Cooksey's property. She then stated that Mr. Ballister had asked them to wait for an engineering study to be completed before they continue with their development. However, she also said that they would really like to move forward with the development.

Lengthy discussion followed.

THERE WAS A CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD THAT THE MAXWELL'S COULD CONTINUE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT.

**8. TOMMY BAKER, EMS DIRECTOR, BRAD MUNROE, FSH FIRE CHIEF;
LAURA MITCHELL, FSH UNIT 31/32 DIRECTOR- CERTIFICATE OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR FLORIDA STATE
HOSPITAL AMBULANCE**

Tommy Baker, Gadsden County EMS Director, addressed the Board. He requested that they issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Florida State Hospital (FSH) to have their own ambulance service. He said that the County renders a great deal of service to that area and it stands to gain by allowing them to have the service. He offered his help in writing the grant.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE FLORIDA STATE HOSPITAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING THEIR OWN AMBULANCE SERVICE.

9. HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. McKinnon stated he had nothing to report.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA TO WIT:

- a. PTLEA Participant Housing Facility Development Order- 03PZ-019-206-1-04
- b. Resolution 2003-018-Recognition by BCC and Men of Action of Dr. Nathaniel Pollock D.D.; Mr. Mark William Bates; Ms. Leola Holt Francis; Coach Vernell Ross; Dr. Charles W. Kent, M.D.; Mr. Leroy Colston; Ms. Ruby Gibson Houston; and Ms. Ella Barber for Outstanding Contributions to the Citizens of Gadsden County
- c. Resolution 2003-019- Tallahassee- Leon County Metropolitan Planning Organization
- d. Northwest Florida Water Management District FY 2003-2004 Budget and Resolution
- e. Lease Agreement for Community Recreational Park Robertsville / St. John Community Development Association
- f. Hammock Creek Resolution/Development Order

11. PUBLIC COMMENT - (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

The Chair did not open the meeting for public comments at this juncture due to the lateness of the hour.

12. CLERK'S AGENDA

Cash Report (For the record only)

Fund Summary Report (For the record only)

Budget Amendments 2003-10-21-01 through 2003-10-21-22

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTE 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

Ratification of Approval to Pay County Bills - Check Registers Dated: 10/10/03 New Year Payables; 10/14/03 Old Year Payables; 10/17/03 New Year Payables; 10/17/03 Old Year Payables and Payroll Register dated 10/16/03

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 -0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO RATIFY THE APPROAL TO PAY THE ABOVE NAME COUNTY BILLS.

13. County Commissioners Items:

District 2

Commissioner Watson had no report.

District 3

Commissioner Roberson had no report.

District 4

Commissioner Holt stated that she would like to thank the citizens that worked on the Diabetic Forum. She said they did an excellent job.

She then asked the Board to consider finding some way to help the City of Gretna get a shelter for the fire truck and to also consider ways to help the municipalities.

District 5

Commissioner Dixon had no report.

District 1

Chair McGill had no report.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
NOVEMBER 4, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEDURES WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING WATSON
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

1. CALLED TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. Commissioner Roberson led in the pledge of allegiance to the US flag. Mr. McKinnon led in the invocation.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following additions were made to the agenda:

Minutes Agenda - September 2, 2003 Regular Meeting
September 29, 2003 Special Meeting
October 2, 2003 Special Emergency Meeting

Growth Management Agenda - Planning and Zoning Issues

Second Reading of Ordinance 2003-009	Hill	Land	Use
Amendment			
Second Reading of Ordinance 2003-10	Miller	Land	Use
Amendment			
Second Reading of Ordinance 2003-11	Moore	Land	Use
Amendment			

Consent Agenda - 2003-021 - Proclamation of Florida Farm Worker Week

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 2, 2003 Regular Meeting

September 29, 2003 Special Meeting

October 2, 2003 Special Emergency Meeting

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE MINUTES.

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

Attorney's Opinion of County's Jurisdiction Over the Proposed Progress Energy Transmission Line

* Note a verbatim transcript of this portion of the meeting is on file with the clerk's office for reference, however, it is not included in the summary minutes.

Mr. Richmond referenced an opinion on the Progress Energy transmission line, which he prepared at the Board's directive. He explained that the opinion dealt with whether the County had jurisdiction over where the proposed electric transmission lines could be placed. He said that he made the opinion assuming that the transmission line would be placed along the existing or established right-of-way.

He said that under Florida Statutes 380.04(3)(d), work by any utility or other person engaged in the distribution of transmission of electricity, power poles, power lines or towers, shall not be taken for purposes of development review under section 163.3164(6), of Florida Statutes.

He went on to say that FS Chapter 163 is the basis of local government's authority to adopt the comprehensive plan and it gives the County its jurisdiction, if any, with the regard to the transmission line.

Then he said that Progress Energy Florida postulates that, under Chapter 380, Florida Statutes, and also under Chapter 403, the transmission line is exempt from development review as the

proposed transmission line will be placed upon an "existing" or "established" right-of-way.

Mr. Richmond said there is no application to review on the matter of the transmission line. He stated that it was his opinion that the County does not have jurisdiction.

Mr. Ballister said that Progress Energy had stated they would want the special exception use for the switching station on Atwater Road regardless of the transmission line.

Mr. Richmond reiterated that the only issue before the Planning and Zoning Commission was the switching station because there is no other application on file. He stated that Progress Energy stated that there is a right - of - way and they expect to build on established right of way.

Commissioner Watson asked Progress Energy to inform the Board of any decision regarding the transmission line.

Mr. Ballister reported for the record that his office would mail the 1,000 ft. notices for the switchyard. The general population would be notified via newspaper advertisement.

It was the consensus of the Board to take no action on this matter at this meeting.

5. ARTHUR LAWSON, SR., ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Lawson addressed the Board. He reported that during the labor union negotiations, the public works employees requested 3.5% raises as opposed to the 2% the Board approved for all other county employees.

Commissioner Holt asked the Board to consider a one time amount in a lump sum instead of it being dispersed each pay period.

Discussion followed among the Board.

It was the consensus of the Board to stay with the 2% raise. They stated that options could be given later as to how it will be dispersed.

6. BRUCE BALLISTER, GROWTH MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

1. MORTHAM LARGE SCALE LAND USE AMENDMENT- 446.67 Ag3 to Ag1 and 68.3 from Conservation to Ag1 (514.97 Total acres)

Mr. Ballister commented that the applicant, Mortham Government Consultants, LLC and Allen Mortham Jr. are seeking to amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) to convert 514.97 acres to Ag1. The application includes 68.3 acres that are currently designated as Conservation. The remaining 446.67 acres are currently designated as Ag3. He stated that the site adjoins Miller and McCord Development to the south (currently before DCA review.) The site is also adjacent to Rocky Comfort Creek to the east and Bear Creek to the north.

There was some discussion about the number of lots to be developed on the property. It was the Boards impression that P&Z Commission recommended approval of the land use amendment based on 51 units. However, it appears that there are 102 lots on the attached maps.

Chair McGill recognized **Marion Laslie** who was administered an oath by Hal Richmond. She voiced concerned about the number of lots and the number of septic tanks. She also asked questions about the clustering of lots on the property.

Mr. Ballister was administered an oath by Mr. Richmond as to his testimony. He then answered questions from the Board.

Elva Peppers, consultant for the Morthams, addressed the Board and was administered an oath by Mr. Richmond. She stated that they did not fix the number of lots. The application that was submitted stated that it was 102 lots and it was only a conceptual plan. She commented it was allowable under Ag1. She said that was not the attention to deceive anyone. She commented that it was a conceptual plan of nothing under 51 lots nothing over 102 lots.

Discussion followed among the board members regarding the number of lots to be developed. It was unclear to them as to what the P & Z Commission had recommended. They directed the project to go back to Planning and Zoning Commission for clarification.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE TO

REMAND THE MORTHAM LARGE SCALE LAND USE AMENDMENT BACK TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

2. FINAL PLAT APPROVAL - KIRBY SUBDIVISION- APPROVAL OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS & FINAL PLAT APPROVAL 00PZ-041-201-1-06

Mr. Ballister stated that the Kirby Major Subdivision is a replat of an area that had been approved as a minor subdivision in 1999. The replat is for response to a successful land use amendment to rezone it as Rural Residential in 2000. It was stated that the County Commissioners approved the Preliminary Plat for Kirby Major Subdivision on January 16, 2001. The replat included nine one - acre lots and a one - acre open space described as a park. The county engineer's surveyor, acting as the county surveyor, signed off on the plat as being technically accurate. The plat bears signatures of both the county engineer and surveyor. The applicant has been provided a copy of the covenants for Old Federal Road Estates to use as a model for developing the Kirby Subdivision Covenants. The Planning Commission approved the covenants and restrictions with minor modifications.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT FOR KIRBY SUBDIVISION.

3. THEODORE PRIDE- DISCUSSION OF MOBILE HOME AGE RESTRICTION

Mr. Ballister stated that the applicant, Theodore Pride, was requesting a variance to the recently adopted age limitations on mobile homes being moved into the County. The Land Development Code (LDC) states Subsection 5106,B,1 lists the following restrictions:

- c) No manufactured home whose year of manufacture is more than ten (10) years from the current calendar year shall be moved into Gadsden County.
- d) No manufactured home whose year of manufacture is more than twenty (20) years from the current calendar year shall be relocated or moved within Gadsden County.
- e) No manufactured home whose year of manufacture is more than twenty-five (25) years from the current calendar year shall be converted to storage in Gadsden County.

Mr. Ballister stated that the home in question is a 1989 mobile home in fair condition currently at a mobile home lot on West Tennessee St. in Tallahassee. Mr. Pride was informed of the restriction and the department's inability to grant variances. He stated that he denied the application per the new code. He then mentioned that Frank Ritter brought to his attention that there is Florida Statute that prohibits local jurisdiction from restricting mobile homes to relocate because of age.

Discussion followed.

It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Pride didn't need a variance.

4. A. Land Use Amendment 2003-1

-SECOND READING - ORDINANCE 2003-10 MILLER LUA
334.2ac.Ag3 to RR & 103.2ac. Ag3 to RURAL RESIDENTIAL

Mr. Ballister read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

Discussion followed among board members.

Chair McGill called for public comment and questions.

Marion Laslie was recognized for comments concerning the Ordinance 2003-10 Miller LUA.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED ORDINANCE.

-SECOND READING - ORDINANCE 2003-11 MOORE LUA
14.2AC. AG1 & AG2 TO RR& 1.45 AG1 TO RECREATION

Mr. Ballister read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

Chair McGill called for public comment and questions. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED ORDINANCE.

-SECOND READING - ORDINANCE 2003-9

**Hill LUA 23.4 ac. to Ag3 to Ag1 & 2.1 ac. From Ag3 to
Conservation**

Mr. Ballister read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

Chair McGill called for public comment and questions. There was no response.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER DIXON THE BOARD, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0,
BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED ORDINANCE.**

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS: A. US 27 CORRIDOR STUDY PROPOSAL

Mr. Ballister reported that he had talked to Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) regarding a US 27 Corridor Road study. They told him that they would like to have some outside view points. (ARPC is under contract with the County to provide planning services based on a projected plan.) Mr. Ballister stated that it would cost the County between \$3,000-5,000 to have ARPC accomplish the task.

He proposed that they would have 2 to 3 public meetings in Havana at the library. Listed below are the workshop dates that were proposed.

Workshop Dates

November 17, 2003
November 19, 2003
December 1, 2003

Kathie Grow spoke in favor of the US 27 Corridor Study Proposal.

C. Limitation of Concurrent or Adjacent Minor Subdivisions

Mr. Ballister commented that with the recent concern with the limitation of concurrent or adjacent minor subdivisions, he felt that it should be discussed in more detail.

It was the consensus of the Board that this matter should be placed on an agenda to be discussed with Planning and Zoning Commission and get their recommendations.

7. ROBERT PRESNELL, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

CHANGE ORDER NO.33 TO C.W. ROBERTS CONSTRUCTION ROAD RESURFACING CONTRACT - SURFACING OF RIVERVIEW ROAD; TYER ROAD; TIMMONS ROAD; AND RESURFACING OF MCKEOWN ROAD AND RIVERVIEW ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,058,859.69

Discussion followed among Commissioners.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE ORDER NO. 33 AS STATED ABOVE.

Cal Cooksey gave public comment on the paving process of roads in Gadsden County.

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule a workshop on November 18, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. to look at the criteria used in establishing the " road paving priority list."

8. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

Mr. McKinnon had nothing to report.

9. CONSENT AGENDA - FOR APPROVAL:

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- a. Employment Agreement with Dr. Gloria C. Ramos to act as facility physician for the Gadsden County Jail for a period of one year commencing the 1st day of October, 2003 and terminating the 30th day of September, 2004.
- b. Request to Set Public Hearing Date- Escambia County Housing Finance Authority
- c. SHIP Agreement and Special Assessment Lien- Monica Williams
- d. Housing Rehabilitation Program Contract for Rehabilitation Work- Erma Conyers
- e. Satisfaction of Housing Agreement - Lakoe Jackson
- f. Satisfaction of Housing Agreement- Linda S Lowery and Franklin D. Windham
- g. Proclamation No. 2003-20 Honoring Susan J. Freiden, Havana Town Manager

- h. Minutes of the September 16, 2003 Gadsden County Tourism Development Council- For the Record
- i. Tourist Development Council By - Laws
- j. Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Report- September 2003- For the Record
- k. Proclamation Number 2003-021 Florida Farm Week

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. CLERK'S AGENDA

CASH REPORT (for the record only)

Ratification of Approval to Pay County Bill: Check Registers of 10/24/03-Old yr.; 10/24/03 & 10/30/03 - New yr. And payroll register of 10/30/03

UPON MOTION COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL TO PAY THE ABOVE NAMED COUNTY BILLS.

12. District 2

Commissioner Watson had no report.

District 3

Commissioner Roberson had no report.

District 4

Commissioner Holt had no report.

District 5

Commissioner Dixon reported that he had been invited to sit on a state wide council to address the financial plights of small counties in Florida. As one of the goals, they will be trying to help counties become financially free from state mandates without funding. He cited jail-overcrowding issues in particular.

He then stated that surveys will be conducted throughout the state. He encouraged each Commissioner to complete the surveys and return them in a timely manner.

District 1

Chair McGill commented that he met with the Recreation Committee last Thursday. He stated that there is a need to reconstitute the committee. He asked each Commissioner to appoint someone to the Committee so that they may continue to work.

Chair McGill stated that the Erata Map Amendments are currently being reviewed by the Department of Community Affairs.

He then stated that he hopes to begin having workshops with all city commissioners in January regarding legislative priorities.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A SPECIAL/ROAD CRITERIA PAVING
WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND
FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
NOVEMBER 18, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

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HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER
BRUCE BALLISTER, GROWTH MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
BERYL WOOD, DEPUTY CLERK

CALLED TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to establish the criteria for road paving in Gadsden County. He then turned the meeting over to Bruce Ballister, Growth Management Director for Gadsden County.

Mr. Ballister addressed the Board and referenced the current road paving priority matrix FY 2003-04. He stated that the top 15 roads were the roads that were highlighted. He added that the highlighted roads didn't have to be surveyed anymore and are 1 to 2 years from being paved. (See attachments)

He stated that in his memo to the Board he had outlined the criteria that are used to pave roads. He then explained that the ranking for road paving improvements should include the following criteria. He stated that all criteria are in the Comprehensive Plan:

- A. Collector road linking two (2) arterials.
- B. Average daily traffic counts.
- C. Available right-of-way.
- D. Existing population along and/ or primarily accessed by the roadway.
- E. Maintenance costs, including related drainage.
- F. Existing infrastructure along roadway(i.e. public water /sewer, etc.)
- G. Future Land Use designation, (per policy 2.3.5).

Commissioner Holt suggested that the Age Criterion (longevity) play a role in the road paving process.

Mr. Ballister commented that he could collect that data and add it to the list for road paving priority matrix.

Commissioner Dixon commented that they should have a break down of all the roads by districts and re-rank the list of roads for paving priority.

Public Comment

The Board heard comments from the following individuals.

Sam Hawkins from the Robertsville Community gave comments about some of the dirt roads in his community.

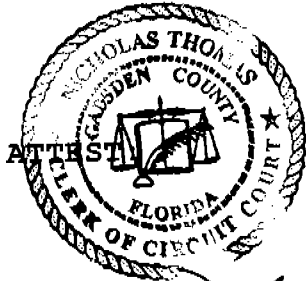
Ora Brown gave comments about Hazel Green Road.


John Hutley gave comments about Powell Circle in the St. Johns Community.

It was the consensus of the Board to re-evaluate the current road paving priority matrix FY 2003-04. A special meeting that's scheduled for Monday, November 24, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. will discuss the Bond Issue, that will help pay for road paving in the County. No other action was taken.

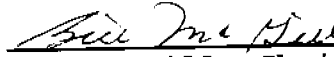
Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
Special Road Criteria Workshop
November 18, 2003

THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.





Nicholas Thomas, Clerk



Bill McGill, Chair

ROAD PAVING PRIORITY MATRIX FY 2003-04

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SELECTION CRITERIA

Sort No.	Road Name	Miles	District	Collector Link ¹	Trips	Available ROW ²	Maint. Costs per Mile	Population	Accident Freq.	Exist. Infra-structure ³	SCORE
1	Riverview Rd	1.35	2	1	295	0	430.6	49	2	1	8
2	Collins I & II	1.22	1	1	294	1	639.1	44	2	1	9
3	Sugarmill Woods	0.41	2	1	268	0	1,033.4	25	3	1	9
4	Hough Farms	0.94	4	0	248	0	732.3	5	11	1	9
5	Lake Francis	1.25	1	1	228	0	235.7	44	0	0	10
6	Forest Circle & Dr	1.50	2	1	173	1	565.7	39	4	0	10
7	John Yawn/Sandy Creek	0.92	1	1	127	0	439.5	28	4	0	10
8	Armistead Road	1.49	5	1	313	0	280.1	41	3	1	11
9	Elke Club Rd	1.33	2	0	133	1	133.3	17	0	0	11
10	Goldwire	0.58	2	1	273	2	153.2	30	4	0	10
11	Hillside Farms N & W	3.63	5	1	234	0	85.3	30	4	1	11
12	Spring Meadow	1.24	5	1	187	0	116.4	31	4	1	11
13	Highlands Subdivision	0.4	1	1	208	1	154.7	14	4	0	12
14	St. Johns Church Rd	1.02	1	1	167	0	100.3	22	1	0	12
15	Hardaway II	2.87	4	0	87	0	81.7	32	5	1	12
16	Schwall	1.76	1	1	167	0	104.9	30	4	1	9
17	Moore / Mitchell	1.54	5	1	290	0	68.9	25	2	1	9
16	Beaver Creek Rd, etc.	3.66	2	1	207	0	42.4	37	0	0	10
17	Mitchell St / Lakeview Dr	0.32	1	1	178	2	393.8	32	2	1	10
18	Potter Road	2.81	3	0	143	2	141.1	30	2	0	10
19	Barber	0.40	1	0	150	1	286.3	19	2	1	10
20	Ranch	0.6	5	1	320	2	303.0	17	2	1	10
21	Reynolds/Bradwell Rds	1.97	5	1	190	0	72.4	42	0	1	11
22	Mason Dr	0.73	2	1	143	0	202.4	18	0	0	11
23	Leslie Lewis	1.76	1	0	124	1	66.7	38	0	1	12
24	Conrad Hills	1.02	2	1	120	0	120.0	24	0	1	12
25	Gene Williams Road	0.33	5	1	133	1	252.0	17	0	0	12
26	Miller Road	1.12	1	1	84	1	163.8	41	0	1	13
27	Sally Brown	2.18	4	0	48	1	96.5	19	2	1	13
28	Tylear Sanders Rd	0.40	4	1	100	1	224.4	17	0	1	13
29	Adolphus McMillan	0.54	3	1	87	2	257.9	15	0	0	13
30	Wm L Martin St	0.20	4	0	94	2	799.0	11	0	1	13
31	C & E Farm Road	0.40	2	0	63	1	454.1	0	2	1	13
32	Deer Run	1.45	1	1	133	0	73.6	16	0	0.5	13.5
33	J & J Road	0.84	2	1	90	0	62.8	24	0	1	14
34	Hazel Green	1.26	4	0	110	1	92.1	15	0	1	14
35	Mt. Pleasant Cemetary Rd	1.32	3	1	114	1	98.2	15	0	0	14
36	Byrd Road	0.55	5	1	40	1	138.2	13	3	1	14
37	North Oak / Old Oaks Rds	0.84	3	1	140	0	48.2	10	2	1	14
38	Humphrey Rd	0.76	4	0	43	1	143.0	5	0	0	14
39	Sadberry	0.72	5	1	97	1.5	130.7	22	1	1	14.5
40	Neals Temple	0.28	2	1	77	4	151.0	25	2	0	15
41	Ancient Oaks	0.40	1	1	74	1	169.5	16	0	1	15
42	Rudd Road	0.41	4	1	140	1	76.5	14	0	1	15
43	McPhaul Rd	0.78	3	1	47	1	145.5	9	0	0	15
44	Old Scot	0.58	3	1	33	0	73.4	6	0	0	15
45	Brandon Rd	0.18	4	1	33	1	266.8	2	0	0	15
46	Sunday	0.96	3	1	67	0	90.3	14	0	0.5	15.5
47	River / Ochlockonee R. Rd	0.92	1	1	87	2	101.3	12	0	0.5	15.5
48	Peck Betts Rd	1.21	4	0	60	4	118.1	14	0	0	17
49	McMillian Rd	0.8	3	1	57	2	188.2	4	0	0	17
50	Aspalaga	2.01	3	1	9	0	90.6	0	0	1	17
51	Ray Road	0.29	5	1	117	4	125.2	14	0	1	18
52	Faircloth Road	0.71	3	1	40	2	75.5	9	0	1	18
53	A & L Lane	0.12	2	1	57	2	55.3	5	0	1	18
54	Strickland Road	1.76	4	1	50	1	89.6	4	0	1	18
55	George Hester / Baldwin Rd	1.3	3	1	27	1.5	7.8	6	0	1	18.5
56	Runkle	0.67	3	1	53	3	82.6	12	0	1	19
57	Del Rio	0.23	2	1	47	3	69.3	11	1	1	19

1 1 IF NO, 0 IF YES

2 0 = Little or No Difficulty, 2 = Constrained, 4 = Severe access and drainage constraints.

3 0 If Central Water, 1 If None

Preserved top 15 from FY 02-03

Modified
Today

8/25/2003
8/25/2003

Add Next Year

Paradise/Hollow Creek	Lee Paramore/Holmes Rd
Henrietta Drive	Max Herrin Rd
Champion Oaks Circle	Atsco / Kelly
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Champion Oaks Circle	Atsco / Kelly

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DEPARTMENT OF GROWTH MANAGEMENT Planning Department

Road Paving Workshop

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Bruce Ballister, Director, Department of Growth Management
DATE: November 14, 2003
Re: Road Paving Criteria

The Comprehensive Plan dictates which criteria are used to establish the rankings or priorities for the paving of existing dirt roads in the county. All new major subdivisions are required to pave their new roads and any access required to get to it from a paved county or state road.

"Policy 2.1.2: In planning for new and/or improved transportation facilities, bicycle and pedestrian ways, the Department of Planning and Zoning will use the 1985 Highway Capacity Manual to determine such needed improvements. In accordance with Policy 8.1.6. of the Capital Improvements Element road paving and related drainage improvements will be predicated on professionally accepted criteria that will be applied by the County Commission as part of the annual Capital Improvement Program to ensure that the roads are placed in order of paving by overall need of use.

Ranking for road paving improvements shall include the following criteria:

- (A) Collector road linking two (2) arterials.
- (B) Average daily traffic counts.
- (C) Available right-of-way.
- (D) Existing population along and/or primarily accessed by the roadway.
- (E) Maintenance costs, including related drainage.
- (F) Existing infrastructure along roadway (i.e. public water/sewer, etc.).
- (G) Future Land Use designation, (per policy 2.3.5).

The above list shall serve as the ranking criteria for new paving projects and will not restrict the County's participation in transportation projects with outside earmarked funding sources."

The above policy sets the criteria but not the scale to be used in the ranking process. The attached most recent paving list shows the criteria used are those listed above, but not the derived scores per list. The first two columns, miles and district are for information only and are not used in the score column at the right. The following is a discussion per criteria of how rankings are used to score each roadway. This part of the process can be modified without requiring changes to the comp plan. All calculations work to the principal that the lowest score are sorted to the highest position in the list.

- **Collector Link** This is a simple deduction of 1 point in score if the roadway connects two other county roads. This acknowledges the efficiency of feeding the network from two directions and in some cases providing paved shortcuts in the system that reduce travel times

and maintenance on existing dirt cutoffs. Potter road is an example of a roadway where the residents might want to travel either west towards liberty county or east toward Greensboro. Timmons Road is an example of a roadway that has significant short cut traffic. They have a 0 for this criteria where all other dead ends have one point added to the score

- **Trips** is one of the more fundamental criteria. The measure is average daily traffic count (ADT). It is never measured on Mondays, Fridays or days adjacent to a holiday due to atypical travel patterns on those days. Detailed traffic records are kept recording type and color of vehicle so that patterns can be observed and excessive trips for one vehicle are not over counted and that a simple through trip on a cutoff is not recorded as two trips. Counts are taken from 4:30 to 6:00 pm Tuesdays thru Thursdays just after the spring change to EST. The trips taken in this peak travel time are then factored for conversion to ADTs. Hose counters are not universally effective on dirt roadways, especially if there is a rain event.

The raw score for trips is then broken down for scores with the highest counts receiving the lowest converted scores. The spread sheet is now set to the following formula:

=IF(P23<80,5,IF(P23<160,4,IF(P23<240,3,IF(P23<320,2,1))))

translated, less than 80 = 5

81 thru 160 = 4

161 thru 240 = 3

241 thru 320 = 2

greater than 320 = 1

- **Available ROW** is a measure of the degree of difficulty in constructing the roadway. Usually Robert Presnell and I discuss the roadways that are being added to the list to determine his comfort level with some of these roadways. Most of the existing dirt roads are on prescriptive maintenance easements that vary from 35 to 50 feet. Some roadways, like Bell road were held up for five or more years because adequate road way could not be obtained to properly construct the roadway with its required swale drainage system. A simple scale is provided from 0 to 4 with platted sixty foot right of ways at the 0 end of the scale and extremely hilly and narrow easements at 4.
- **Maintenance Cost per Mile** provides a measure of cost effectiveness to the decision matrix that promotes roadways that have severe maintenance costs. The scalar here is in crew man hours expended. This measure includes equipment, and labor which are the most common and most expensive components of road maintenance. Dirt and gravel are actually relatively cheap compared to equipment and personnel. This department gets annual updates from Cliff Schneff at public works. To prevent a severe annual fluctuation in this measure, the spreadsheet accumulates several year's maintenance records. Otherwise, a major overhaul on a given roadway would skew the results for that roadway one year, and the following year, the newly overhauled road would receive far less maintenance. This is also a scalar formula for this criteria with the formula as follows:

=IF(U23<50,4,IF(U23<100,3,IF(U23<200,2,IF(U23<300,1,0))))

translated, less than 50 = 4

51 thru 99 = 3

100 thru 199 = 2

200 thru 299 = 1

300 or more = 0

Again, the scale is set to reduce the score of the most expensive roads to maintain. By dividing maintenance costs by length, short roads are not penalized over long roads. It is maintenance costs per mile that is measured and scored.

- Population is the second fundamental issue in scoring the roads for paving. How many people or in this case, homesteads will be served. We cannot poll the neighborhoods to determine population, so a simple house count is done. It is done for each roadway added to the system, and new information is added to the old list based on our records for permits issued. There is another scalar formula rendering a wide range of population into a range of 0 to 4:

=IF(Y23<5,4,IF(Y23<15,3,IF(Y23<25,2,IF(Y23<35,1,0))))

translated, less than 5 = 4

5 thru 14 = 3

15 thru 24 = 2

25 thru 34 = 1

35 or more = 0

- Accident frequency is a little harder. We get the accident report sheets from the FSHP on a regular basis. The Gadsden Co. Sheriff turns in its accident reporting sheets to the FSHP. These are compiled for the roadways on the list. Often however, the accidents happened at the intersection, and there are no records kept anywhere for citizens using a towing service to get pulled from a muddy ditch. The formula for this cell is:

=IF(AD23<2,3,IF(AD23<3,2,IF(AD23<8,1,0)))

Here, as above a range of 0 to 9 is reduced to a score of 3 to 0, so that more accidents result in a lower score.

- Existing infrastructure is included per the paradigm that infrastructure investment should follow infrastructure investment. The criteria adds one point if the area has no central water system, and adds no score if the is central water. Presumably, if an area were served by central sewer, it could be revised to include a point shaver for this additional Concurrency item. Currently, none of the roads on the list or that have been on the list have central sewer available.

The criteria used in the paving matrix were incorporated into the comprehensive plan in the early 1990's as a result of a challenge to the original version submitted. It has been suggested that we add criteria for how long has the road existed. This can be done with a change to Policy 2.1.2. It may be possible to more heavily weight the process to populated roadways by assigning lower scores to those roads with higher populations. (By changing the formula) and not changing the criteria. We could also lessen the impact of some of the criteria of some of the more ephemeral criteria, such as infrastructure and accidents, by lessening their impact on the outcome. As always, the Department is open to the guidance and wishes of the Commissioners

Sincerely,



Bruce Ballister,
Director, Planning Department

cc: Howard McKinnon

GADSDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Phone: (850) 875-8650

Fax: (850) 875-8655

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA

Meeting Date: November 18, 2003

Subject Matter: Willie Bradley Road

Person Addressing BCC: Willie J. Alexander

Telephone Contact Number: 875-9222

Brief Explanation: Request to have Willie Bradley Road in the Robertsville Community paved.

Requested Action: _____

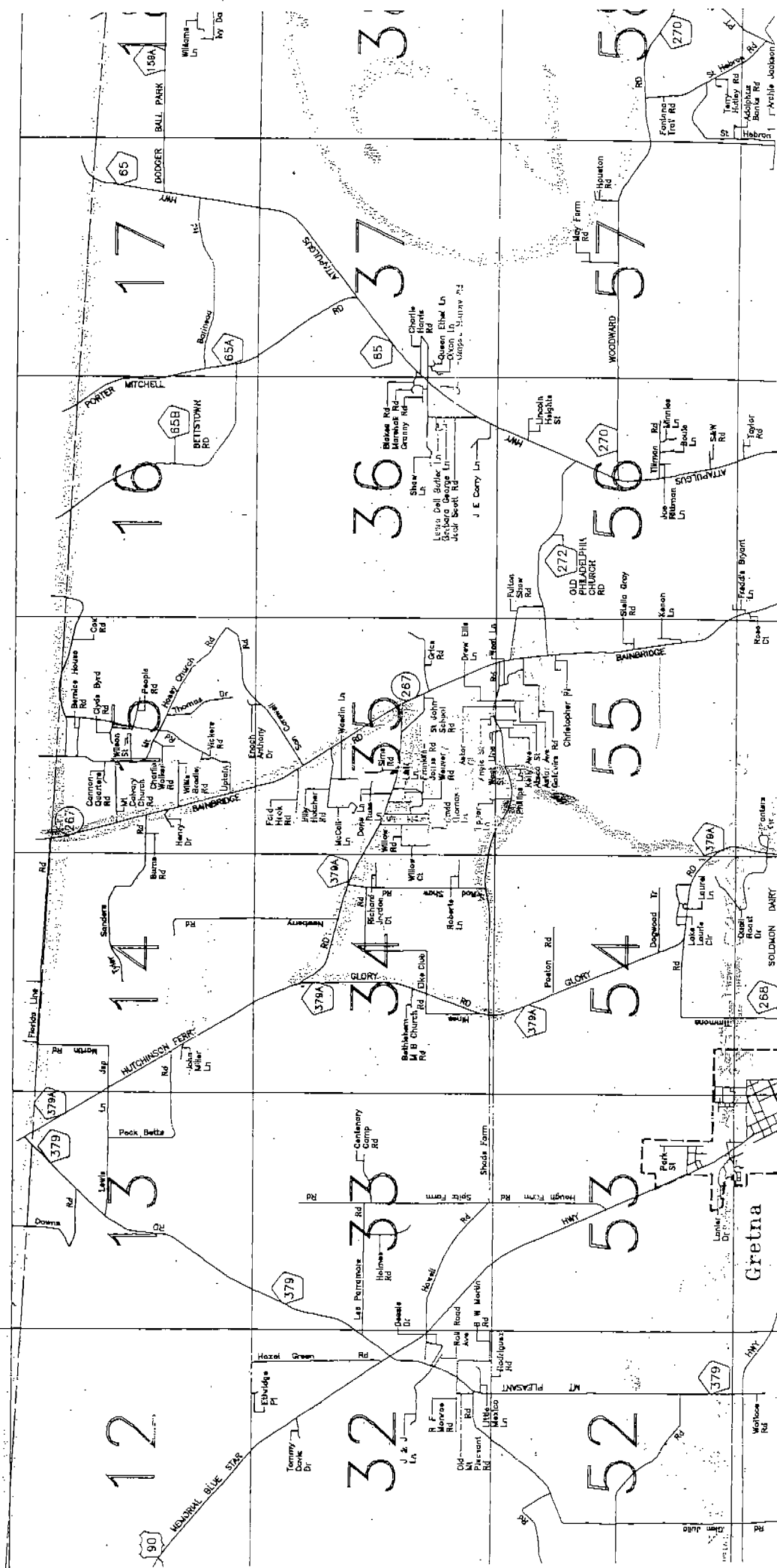
Please attach any additional information you may have regarding your subject matter.

Regular Meetings are the **first** and **third** Tuesdays of each month, starting at **6:00 p.m.** in the Gadsden County Governmental Complex.

Requests to be placed on the agenda must be received in writing in the County Manager's Office by noon on Thursday prior to the meeting the following Tuesday. Please return completed form to Betty Miller, County Manager's Office, Gadsden County Governmental Complex, 9-B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, or mail to Post Office Box 1799, Quincy, Florida 32353-1799. Completed forms can also be faxed to the above number, provided you call for receipt confirmation.

Beryl:
we spoke with Mr. Alexander and he plans to
attend the workshop at 5:00 p.m.

CO



Willie J. Alexander
223 Willie Bradley Road
Quincy, FL 32352

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Attached you will find a petition for road pave on Willie Bradley Road. I kindly request you to please acknowledge receipt of said document by signing below your name.

Commissioner District 1
William A. "Bill" McGill

Commissioner District 2
Sterling L. Watson

Commissioner District 3
Carolyn J. Roberson

Commissioner District 4
Brenda A. Holt

Commissioner District 5
Edward J. Dixon

Thank you,

Willie J. Alexander

Petition for Road Paved

To: Commissioner Sterling Watson
District 2 and the members of the
Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners

We, the residence who reside on the Willie Bradley Road, would like to petition the board to have our road paved.

Name	Address	Phone #
1. <u>By: Lura</u>	<u>325 Willie Bradley Dr.</u>	<u>627-9382</u>
2. <u>S. Pittman</u>	<u>357 Willie Bradley Dr.</u>	<u>875-4244</u>
3. <u>Lela Hopkins</u>	<u>341 Willie Bradley Dr.</u>	<u>627-7004</u>
4. <u>Alphonso Hopkins</u>	<u>341 Willie Bradley Dr.</u>	<u>627-7004</u>
5. <u>Kevin Frierson</u>	<u>311 Willie Bradley</u>	<u>875-9639</u>
6. <u>Sheldon L. Pratt</u>	<u>197 Willie Bradley</u>	<u>627-4697</u>
7. <u>Sonja Pratt</u>	<u>197 Willie Bradley Dr.</u>	<u>627-4697</u>
8. <u>Dominique Gravis</u>	<u>197 Willie Bradley</u>	<u>875-4482</u>
9. <u>Shelia Thomas</u>	<u>295 Willie Bradley</u>	<u>875-4934</u>
10. <u>Andrew Dickey</u>	<u>295 Willie Bradley</u>	<u>875-4934</u>
11. <u>Breanne Sky</u>	<u>295 Willie Bradley</u>	<u>627-2852</u>
12. <u>Christina Williams</u>	<u>Willie Rd</u>	<u>875-2696</u>
13. <u>Kim Burns</u>	<u>84 Willie Bradley Dr.</u>	<u>875-2539</u>
14. <u>Shelby Burns</u>	<u>84 Willie Bradley Dr.</u>	<u>875-2539</u>
15. <u>Sonya Burns</u>	<u>34 Willie Bradley Dr.</u>	<u>875-0883</u>
16. <u>Princess Burns</u>	<u>70 Willie Bradley Dr.</u>	<u>627-4430</u>
17. <u>Travis Burns</u>	<u>70 Willie Bradley Dr.</u>	<u>627-4430</u>
18. <u>Addie Bradley</u>	<u>34 Willie Bradley Dr.</u>	
19. <u>Wiley Mitchell</u>	<u>171 Willie Bradley Rd</u>	
20. <u>Josephine Mitchell</u>	<u>171 Willie Bradley Rd</u>	
21. <u>Ronald Brown</u>		
22. <u>Christopher T. Williams</u>		
23. <u>Ida Anthony</u>		
24. <u>Willie James Alexander</u>		
25. _____		
26. _____		
27. _____		
28. _____		
29. _____		
30. _____		

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NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County will hold a workshop November 18, 2003, starting at 5:00 PM to discuss road paving criteria. The workshop will be held in the County Commission Meeting Room, County Governmental Complex, 9 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida.

And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our fears, our presence



HAVANA HERALD
PUBLISHED WEEKLY
HAVANA, GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

State of Florida
County of Gadsden

Before the undersigned personally appeared John N. Bert, who on oath says that he is Publisher of the Havana Herald, a weekly newspaper published at Havana, in Gadsden County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal in the matter of

Notice - Road Paving Criteria
in the _____ Court, was published in said newspaper in the issues of _____

November 13, 2003; 1 time

Affiant further says that the said Havana Herald is a newspaper published at Havana, in said Gadsden County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Gadsden County, Florida, each week and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in Havana, in said Gadsden County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that he has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

John N. Bert

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13

day of November, A.D. 2003

Cheryl A. Davis
(SEAL) Notary Public

CHERYL A. DAVIS
Notary Public, State of Florida
My comm. exp. Mar. 31, 2007
Comm. No. DD 191079

NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a
workshop November 18, 2003 starting 5:00 p.m.

TO DISCUSS ROAD PAVING CRITERIA

The workshop will be held in the
COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX
9 EAST JEFFERSON STREET
QUINCY, FLORIDA

et citizens

set up a task force of citizens, management, and commissioners to address the problem on a one by one basis.

Barkley was appealed to learn from interim city manager Kenneth Barber that he would have a new meter installed this week.

In other business, the commissioners set up a time later this month to interview the four applicants for city manager.

The four prospective candidates are former Gretna city manager Antonio Jefferson, former county commissioner and Quincy city manager Anthony Powell, former Gretna city manager Charles Hayes, and Art Ulrich.

der on TV

investigator at the time of the murder, will be shown in the episode as well as other local residents.



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MEETING NOTICE
The City of Quincy
Community
Redevelopment Agency
Board (CRA)
will meet on
November 19, 2003
at 6:00 P.M.

HONORED from p. 1

Thomas, Rodell Thomas, Roger Bailey, Andrew Moten, Rickey Smith, and the late Billy Ray Hogley all played organized sports through the Quincy Recreation Department.

The public is invited to the program that will feature Mayor Derrick Elias, Willie Earl Banks, city manager, former city manager Ken Cowen, former city commissioner Larry Edwards, and Gadsden County Times publisher Michael O' Halloran.

Ferolito's longtime friend and

colleague Tim Lane, who served the city as Ferolito's assistant throughout his tenure, will play a prominent role in the dedication as well as Ferolito's son, Joey Ferolito.

"We're excited about the dedication. Mr. Ferolito brought a lot to our community and helped hundreds of kids. He was responsible for helping kids get into college. He did more for this community than many people know. It is an honor for the city to honor him," said Banks.

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Quincy, Florida

Notice of Public Meetings

Please note that the Gadsden County Planning Dept. and the Apalachicola Regional Planning Agency are sponsoring a series of public workshops and hearings to discuss the Comprehensive Plan's overdue requirement for the development of a Development Overlay Zone for the US27 corridor.

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
NOVEMBER 18, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING WATSON, VICE - CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER
BRUCE BALLISTER, GROWTH MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
BERYL WOOD, DEPUTY CLERK

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. Mr. McKinnon led in the pledge of the allegiance to the US flag. Chair McGill led in the invocation.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO KEEP CHAIR MCGILL AS CHAIRMAN.

3. ELECTION OF VICE - CHAIRMAN

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO KEEP COMMISSIONER WATSON AS VICE - CHAIR.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following changes were made to the agenda:

Minutes Agenda - The minutes for November 18 & 24, 2003 were removed from the agenda and will be placed on the December 2, 2003 meeting.

The following additions were made to the Agenda:

1. Request for County Manager to attend the 2003 Florida State Medical Association Annual Convention in Orlando, November 20 - 21, 2003 under the consent agenda.
2. CDBG Contract No. 03DB-78-02-30-22-003 Settlement Agreement under consent agenda
3. Special Meeting Monday, 11-24-03, 5:00 p.m. to discuss bond issuance for road construction and resurfacing.

Clerk's Agenda

4. Added to the attached set of amendments are one changed amendment (#15) and two additional amendments (#60 and #61).
5. **Library Commission** was added to the agenda for discussion of the new Quincy Main library proposed sites.
6. **Florida A&M University**, the Center for Healthy Options was added to the agenda.

Growth Management Director

7. Sparkleberry Major Subdivision was removed from the agenda.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE.

5. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

Mr. Richmond reported that the Attorney - Client Session had been rescheduled for December 2, 2003 at 5:30 p.m.

6. Library Commission

Mr. McKinnon commented that the Library Commission was placed on the agenda because they had narrowed the sites for the new library. He commented that Jane Mock would give more details.

Jane Mock, the Gadsden County Library Director, addressed the Board and informed them they had until December 23, 2004 to send in a new site plan to the state for the new library location. She presented a list of sites that had been chosen by the Library Commission. (See attachments)

Marsha Dean, Chairman Library Commission, was recognized for comments concerning the new library site.

Commissioner Dixon asked if the Commission had anything in writing that all the parties listed on the site list are interested in selling the properties.

Marsha Dean stated that they would bring that information back to the Board in writing for all properties listed.

Commissioner Watson informed the Board that Randolph Green had phoned him earlier in the day and stated that he was interested in selling his property without the store (Randy's), which is located on Pat Thomas Parkway.

Commissioner Watson suggested to the Board that they set up a workshop for discussion on the new library site.

It was the consensus of the Board to have a workshop to discuss the new Library site on December 1, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.

7. FLORIDA A & M UNIVERSITY (FAMU), THE CENTER FOR HEALTHY OPTIONS AND INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Dr. Cythnia Hughes Harris, Dean of Allied Health, FAMU, addressed the Board to inform them of the 6 million dollar grant that the University had received. The grant is subcontracted with Harvard University and Florida State University.

She stated that the main purpose of the grant is to reduce the presence of life-threatening and community-threatening diseases, specifically HIV, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and infant mortality by providing on-site primary care services, case-finding, meticulous follow-up, and educational outreach services. She commented that they would expand the scope and quantity of services currently being offered at the Gretna Wellness Center. She also commented that they would recruit and train community outreach educators at a competitive wage to

interact with community residents in Gadsden County, contribute to the identification of needs and assist with project implementation and evaluation.

Discussion followed among Board Members. No action was necessary.

Public Comment

Richard Gregg was recognized for public comment concerning the FAMU Grant.

Peggy Primicerio was recognized for public comment concerning the FAMU Grant.

It was the consensus of the Board that the grant was good for the County and they wished FAMU good luck and encouraged them to keep the Board informed as to their progress and improvements.

AT THIS JUNCTURE OF THE MEETING, COMMISSIONERS HOLT AND DIXON HAD TO EXIT THE MEETING FOR A PREAPPROVED TRIP OUT OF TOWN.

8. GROWTH MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S AGENDA

1. Liberty Small Engine & Equipment Repair

Project # 03PZ-037-201.02-09

Change of Use of a Neighborhood Commercial Site

Mr. Ballister reported to the Board that Richard Phillips had submitted an application requesting a small engine and repair shop. The property is located near the intersection of US 27 and CR 159 at the intersection of US 27 and Azalea Trail. He stated that the Planning Commission approved the application with the staff recommendations, verifying the requirement that the black fence material be removed and replaced with slatted material. He reiterated that all original landscaping requirements were re-imposed.

Public Comment

Richard Phillips was recognized for comments in support of the change of use of a neighborhood site for the Liberty Small Engine & Equipment Repair.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE

TO APPROVE THE CHANGE OF USE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL SITE FOR LIBERTY SMALL ENGINE & EQUIPMENT REPAIR WITH THE SAME APPROVAL AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

COMMISSIONERS DIXON AND HOLT WERE NOT PRESENT FOR THIS VOTE.

2. PROPOSED MIDWAY ANNEXATIONS & FLU MAP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Ballister commented that, with the recent proposed land use amendments annexations by the City of Midway, they had proposed to adopt the following ordinances voluntarily annexing the following lands into the City. He explained that property owners would still have to pay ad valorem taxes to Gadsden County and now they would have to pay the City of Midway. He stated that the DRI had two independent jurisdictions. He also commented that portions of 10/90 would no longer be under the County's site plan review.

He stated that he would like to offer elementary mapping assistance to the City of Midway.

Public Comment

Marion Laslie gave public comment on how this would affect the DRI.

The Board took no action.

9. Peggy Primicerio - Traffic Calming Devices

Peggy Primicerio addressed the Board about traffic calming devices in her neighborhood at Colonial Estates near Havana. She asked them to think about ways to reduce traffic speeding in residential areas. She stated that she would like the Board to pass the draft plan for the traffic calming devices.

Public Comment

Major Ed Spooner, Gadsden County Sheriff's Office gave public comment.

Robert Presnell, Public Works Director gave public comment.

It was the consensus of the Board to have Mr. Presnell look into the traffic calming devices or alternatives to solve the speeding problem in that area.

10. County Manager's Agenda

Mr. McKinnon reported that he attended the Senate Natural Resources Committee Public Hearing in Panama City on November 17, 2003. He commented that the hearing was on Water Supply and Management. He stated that Senator Al Lawson is the Chair of the Committee. He said that he delivered the Board's resolution opposing transferring water across county lines. He commented that all the people present at the hearing stated opposition on the transfer of water. (See attachments)

11. Consent Agenda - For Approval

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

COMMISSIONERS HOLT AND DIXON WERE NOT PRESENT FOR THIS VOTE.

- a. Lease Agreement - Printer for Property Appraiser from Capital Business Systems, Inc.
- b. Grant-in-Aid Agreement for Child Dependency for 2003/2004 for Clerk of Courts
- c. Purchase of Grabber Truck - Public Works Department from Atlantic Truck Center state contract # 070-700-230
- d. Uniform Rental Agreement - Public Works Department from National Linen Services for the period of 10-01-2003 thru 10-01-2004
- e. County Library Plan of Service 2003/2004 for State Aid
- f. Library Meeting Room Policy
- g. Sheriff's FY03 Year End Report - For the Record
- h. Proof of Insurance - Hospital Liability - For the Record
- i. October 14, 2003 Tourism Development Council Minutes - For the Record
- j. Notice of Trim Compliance Approval - For the Record
- k. CDBG Contract No. 03DB-78-02-30-22-003 Settlement Agreement
- l. County Manager's request to attend the 2003 Florida

**State Medical Association Annual Convention in Orlando,
November 20 - 21, 2003**

12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Clerk's Agenda

Budget Amendments 2003-11-18-01 thru 2003-11-18-61

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

**Ratification of Approval for Payment of County Bills -
Accounts Payable Check Registers dated 11/07/03; 11/14/03;
and Payroll Register dated 11/13/03**

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO PAY THE ABOVE COUNTY BILLS.

COMMISSIONERS DIXON AND HOLT WERE NOT PRESENT FOR THIS VOTE.

14. COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

District 2

Commissioner Watson had no report.

District 3

Commissioner Roberson had no report.

District 1

Chair McGill had no report.

District 4

Commissioner Holt was not present at this point in the meeting.

District 5

Commissioner Dixon was not present at this point in the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A SPECIAL/BOND MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD
IN FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
NOVEMBER 24, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

ABSENT:

STERLING WATSON

CALLED TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to decide whether or not the County would join in with the Florida League of Cities Bond Pool Program. He commented that Commissioner Watson had phoned and stated that he would not be able to attend today's meeting and expressed that he would like any decision on the Bond postponed until his return.

Mr. McKinnon introduced Jolinda Herring and told Board members that she would give the information on the Bond Program with the Florida League of Cities.

Jolinda Herring of Bryant Miller & Olive P.A., addressed the Board expressing the interest that her firm has with representing Gadsden County in the Florida League of Cities Bond Pool Program. She informed them that the deadline for this particular pool program is November 25, 2003, tomorrow. She also stated that funds for the Bond issuance would be available on December 17, 2003.

She told Board Members that, if they didn't get into this pool, there would be another one available in 6 months around April or May if they decided not to take action on this Pool Program tonight. She explained the current interest rate to Commissioners and stated that she was not sure if the interest rates would remain the same or alter. (See attachments)

Discussion followed among the Board members on how they could follow Commissioner Watson request and still make the November 25, 2003 deadline.

Mr. Richmond commented that the meeting was properly noticed. He stated this is an issue of public hearing and that it was advertised that a decision would be made tonight concerning the Bond Program. He explained that he would rather a decision be made with proper notice than in a special meeting that was not noticed.

Chair McGill advised the Board of their options to honor Commissioner Watson's request or to proceed with the Bond to make the November 25, 2003 deadline.

Chair McGill asked Ms. Herring how many other counties would be connected to this Bond.

Ms. Herring commented that it would be 5 other Counties.

Commissioner Holt commented that she was 2-sided on this issue because there is not enough time to evaluate when the decision has to be made today.

Commissioner Roberson asked was this particular Bond Program the only one the County could receive.

Mr. McKinnon commented that they had the best rate.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Roberson asked if they didn't go with the Bond Program at this point would it hinder the road paving and resurfacing process.

Mr. McKinnon explained that it would.

Commissioner Dixon commented that he liked the Bond Program because they could split the cost with other counties. He stated that he would like to honor Commissioner Watson's request, but felt that time was of essence.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 1, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE BOND PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER'S HOLT, DIXON AND MCGILL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND COMMISSIONER ROBERSON VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION.

ADJOURNMENT

**THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.**

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD
IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA
ON DECEMBER 1, 2003. THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT: BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING WATSON
CAROLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
BRENDA HOLT
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. He stated that since this was not a regular meeting, only a workshop, that they would wave the pledge of allegiance and the prayer. He said the purpose of this meeting was to discuss possible sites for the new library. He asked that they only discuss serious property owners that are willing to sell.

Jane Mock, Gadsden County Library Director, addressed the Board. She referenced letters from property owners that were interested in the selling of their properties. She stated that she did not have individual copies for each Commissioner, but she would make copies.

She then commented that they had re-compiled the list according to availability. She commented on the following properties. (See attachments)

Properties for proposed library site

1. Pat Thomas Parkway, South of Randy's - available
2. 267/MLK - not available
3. US 90 by Pat Thomas - available
4. School Board East, Stewart Street/ MLK - available
5. Old Jail as proposed site/ South Adams St - available
6. US 90 by Livestock Pavilion - available

Commissioner Watson stated that he was in favor of the South of Randy's site on Pat Thomas Parkway south of Randy's Supermarket.

Discussion followed among Board Members.

Marsha Dean, Chairman of Library Commission, commented that she had talked with property owners with the understanding that she should find out if property was available - not the price. She stated if they gave a figure she wrote it down and put it on the chart.

Commissioner Dixon said that he would like to see the old jail site developed. He stated that he believed that the City of Quincy would follow through with the proposed redevelopment project. He pointed out that the site is central to downtown. He commented that it would begin the resurrection of downtown.

Commissioner Roberson asked the Library Commission if they had a favorite site.

Mrs. Mock replied that the Library Commissions favored the site South of Randy's on Pat Thomas Parkway.

Commissioner Holt stated that she couldn't see making a decision on any of the properties without knowing the price. She asked about the deadline of making the decision for the location of library and inquired as to the amount of the grant?

Mrs. Mock answered that the deadline is December 23, 2004 and that the amount of the grant is \$500,000.

Commissioner Holt said she was in favor of the development of downtown and she favored the old jail site.

Commissioner Watson made a motion in favor of the Randy's site. Commissioner Roberson seconded it. Chair McGill held motion due to questioning by Commissioner Dixon. He requested that more detail be given about the motion that was on the floor.

Mr. McKinnon stated that there is an ordinance that anytime you go to purchase property you have to have a special meeting. This motion only allows negotiation for the Randy's site to begin.

Commissioner Holt commented that she visited residents who lived east & west of Pat Thomas. She said those residents stated that they had concerns with children crossing the road attempting to go the library at that location. She also commented that the citizens should have a voice as to where the library should go.

Discussion followed among Board Members.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2, BY VOICE VOTE, TO BEGIN NEGOTIATION WITH RANDOLPH GREEN FOR THE SOUTH OF RANDY'S SUPERMARKET ON PAT THOMAS PARKWAY. COMMISSIONERS WATSON, ROBERSON, AND MCGILL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND COMMISSIONERS HOLT AND DIXON OPPOSED THE MOTION.

Public Comment

Mayor Derek Elias, City of Quincy, addressed the Board. He asked, "If the top choice in the library location does not work out, will the County look into other areas on the list?" He also asked if the downtown location was out completely.

Chair McGill said that they would look at other properties on the list. He commented that the downtown location was not completely out of the question.

Marsha Dean commented that if downtown was cleaned up, the consensus of the Library Commission would be that it would become a great site for the new library.

**THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOUNED.**

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AND FOR
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
DECEMBER 2, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING WATSON
CAROLLYN ROBERSON
BRENDA HOLT
EDWARD J. DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. Commissioner Watson led in the pledge of allegiance to the US flag. Chair McGill led in the invocation.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following addition was made to the agenda:

Mr. Paul Duval, with the National Weather Service - after Item #5, Judge Charles Francis.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 7, 2003 Regular Meeting

October 21, 2003 Regular Meeting

November 4, 2003 Regular Meeting

UPON MOTION COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE MINUTES.

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

Mr. Richmond had no items on the agenda for discussion.

5. JUDGE CHARLES FRANCIS

1.Circuit Liaison Officer Position

Chief Judge Charles Francis, addressed the Board concerning the \$9,367.00 pro-rata share for a shared position with five other counties in this circuit. The position is to facilitate and coordinate the transition to Article V so the services in each county will not be disrupted by the transition to state funding. (See attachments)

Commissioner Dixon asked why the state didn't fund the position.

Chief Francis replied that the State cut all budgets across the board.

Commissioner Dixon commented that he was a big supporter of Article V and he is cautious when releasing funds.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE GADSDEN COUNTY'S SHARE OF FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 9,367.00 FOR THE SHARED POSTION FOR ONE YEAR.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO REMOVE THE \$9,367.00 FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND.

2. Mr. Paul Duval, National Weather Service

Major Ed Spooner with the Gadsden County Sheriff's Department introduced Mr. Paul Duval with the National Weather Service.

Mr. Duval presented the Board a certification of completion in Gadsden County's Weather Readiness on behalf of the Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management.

6. BRUCE BALLISTER, GROWTH MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
03-PZ-045-208-5-11

1. Lake Talquin Lodge - Alcohol Sales Variance

Mr. Ballister stated that James Leverette had submitted an application requesting a variance to allow for sales of beer at the lodge. He commented that the nearest store that currently provides beer sales is Chesser's store at 65C and SR267 or one of the other fish camps on the lake. He stated that the Land Development Code does not allow for the sale of alcohol in neighborhood commercial uses.

Rusty Leverette addressed the Board in favor of the alcohol sale variance.

Commissioner Watson commented that the same alcohol sales variance was granted to Mr. Bill Peacock.

No public comment was heard.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WATSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ALCOHOL SALES VARIANCE FOR LAKE TALQUIN LODGE.

2. Talquin Sportsman Center - Alcohol Sales Variance
03-PZ-046-209-5-11

Mr. Ballister commented that the above stated application is very similar to the prior application. Mrs. Jean Chesser has neighborhood convenience store and bait and tackle which is on the real estate market. She has found that the inability to carry on the existing BPR license has a large economic impact on the property's appraisal. It is located in an area where the nearest four driveways are the Wetumpka Volunteer Fire Station, Bear Creek Park, a church over a quarter mile to the east, and a single family residence. He commented that if it's agreed that there is no established residential neighborhood, then this case and other in its class would not require a variance from the ordinance.

Chair McGill called for public comment, no public comment was heard.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE TALQUIN SPORTSMAN CENTER.

It was the consensus of the Board to continue to hear all alcohol sales variances on a case-by-case basis.

7. ROBERT PRESNELL, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
Dupont Road Paving

Mr. Presnell addressed the Board seeking approval from the Board to pave the central portion of Dupont Road with Cold Mix. He stated that both ends were already paved with Open Grades Asphalt Emulsion Mix (Cold Mix).

Chair McGill called for public comment, no public comment was heard.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE PAVING OF THE CENTRAL PORTION OF DUPONT ROAD.

8. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

Mr. McKinnon commented that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be having a meeting on Thursday, December 4, 2003, 1:30 p.m. at the City Hall in Tallahassee.

9. CONSENT AGENDA - FOR APPROVAL

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- a. Internet Service Contract and Purchase of DSL Router/Installation Kit - TDS Internet Services
- b. Designation of Voting Representative to the 2003 Annual Members' Meeting of FCAT - Howard McKinnon
- c. Rehabilitation Agreement and Special Assessment Lien - Erma Conyers
- d. Satisfaction of Housing Agreement - Debra A. Ellis
- e. Subordination Agreement - Valarie L. Jackson
- f. Florida State Hospital Ambulance Grant Mutual Aid Agreement

10. CONSENT AGENDA - FOR THE RECORD

- g. DEP Response to Gadsden County Resolution # 2003-014-
Local Sources First Provision of Chapter 373 F.S.
- h. Letter of Agreement - Tax Collector and Property
Appraiser Office Space - November 1, 2003
- i. Economic Development Report - October 2003

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

12. CLERK'S AGENDA

Cash Report as of November 17, 2003 (For the record only)
Interest Report as of September 30, 2003 (For the record)

Budget Amendments - 2003-12-02-01-2003-12-02-02

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE,
TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

Ratification of Appv'l to Pay County Bills: Check Registers
Dated 11/07/03; 11/14/03, & Payroll Register Dated 11/13/03

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY
COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO
RATIFY THE APPROVAL TO PAY THE ABOVE NAMED COUNTY BILLS.

13. COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA

District 2

Commissioner Watson had no report.

District 3

Commissioner Roberson had no report.

District 4

Commissioner Holt had no report.

District 5

Commissioner Dixon reported on the meetings in Palm Beach. He said that they may have an angle on the future budgets. He commented that there was a 25 million dollar pot that small counties may be able to access.

He also commented that attended a Medical Association meeting in Orlando and received a commitment from their leadership to come to Quincy. He said that they are now working on a plan to help with Gadsden County's medical needs. He stated that they would work along side Mr. Jerry Wynn and others in the medical field to address the issues that are unique to Gadsden County. He also complimented Mr. McKinnon for attending the conference and for his participation in the debate.

Commissioner Holt commented that while in Palm Beach, they met with representatives from other counties and debated giving smaller counties a larger amount of Medicare increase. She commented that they created 19 different proposals to help small counties.

District 1

Chair McGill informed Board Members of meetings that they may want to be informed of:

- December 9, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. - meeting with Al Lawson and other local legislative delegation members
- MPO Thursday, December 4, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.
- December 5, 2003 from 10 - 12 the Health Council will hold a Public Forum at the Havana Public Library

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN
AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON
DECEMBER 16, 2003, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING WATSON, VICE - CHAIR
CAROYLN ROBERSON
EDWARD J. DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

ABSENT:

BRENDA HOLT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. Mr. McKinnon led in the pledge of allegiance to the US flag. Commissioner Watson led in the invocation.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following changes were made to the agenda:

1. Under # 6, **delete** the Williams Variance - Hardship Density Variance
2. **Add** discussion of the road paving criteria matrix

It was the consensus of the Board to add the road paving criteria to road drainage workshop that was set for January 6, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ADENDA AS AMENDED ABOVE.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2003 SPECIAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2003 REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 24, 2003 SPECIAL MEETING

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE ABOVE STATED MINUTES.

4. HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Public Hearing - Escambia County Bonding Program
Approval of Bond Program Resolution # 2003 - 023 and
Interlocal Agreement

Mr. Richmond presented the Escambia County Housing Finance Authority spokesperson.

C.J. Pipkins, Assistant Director of Escambia County Housing Finance Authority, addressed the Board. She commented that they had asked for a public hearing to consider authorizing the issuance of the Escambia County Housing Authority Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2004 (Multi-County Program) to operate in Gadsden County. She stated that in order for this to happen they needed permission through a resolution and interlocal agreement.

Chair McGill called for public comment. There was no response.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AND RESOLUTION FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY BONDING PROGRAM.

Litigation

Mr. Richmond commented that Commissioners had inquired about various items of pending litigation. He stated that he would make time available for commissioners wanting to come in to discuss those matters. He explained that under Sunshine Law it could not be done as a group.

5. Chairman McGill- Affordable Housing Success Story Award

Chair McGill recognized Mr. Edward J. Butler and Phyllis Moore would come to the front. He presented them with a framed certificate in honor of all the dedicated work they have done for the citizens of Gadsden County in providing affordable housing honoring the (State Housing Initiative Program) SHIP program.

Mr. Butler and Mrs. Moore shared with Commissioner a book of success stories that they had compiled.

6. Bruce Ballister, Growth Management Director

1. The Tomato Place - Site Plan Variance- 03PZ-046-208-4-11

Mr. Ballister stated that the applicants, Maria and Robert Johnson, own a 2.69 ac. commercial parcel on SR 12 approximately 1 mile east of Greensboro High School. The property has an existing metal building that has been used in the past as a vegetable packinghouse. The potential lessee, David Gonzales, desires to lease the building in order to organize a tomato packing and crating and change of bulk facility. The facility would operate for approximately four weeks at a time two times per year near the end of the two tomato growing seasons. The site adjoins the Shepard's Mill to east and Red Land Day Care Center.

Mr. Ballister made some comments and recommendations regarding pinhooking, parking, spoilage, septic tank concerns, and water concerns. He said that the site should be cleared of all rubbish and comply with any other code enforcement issues. (See attachments)

David Gonzalez, his interpreter, and John Jordan addressed the Board in support of the variance request.

Discussion followed among the board members concerning the pinhooking issue, spoilage and parking issues.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 2 - 2, BY VOICE VOTE, TO DENY THE SITE PLAN VARIANCE.

Chair McGill stated that if Commissioner Holt arrives

before they adjourn they would re-vote on the Site Plan Variance.

Commissioner Dixon commented that he would like to see the decision tabled, so that the lessee could have an opportunity to answer some of the concerns voiced at this meeting. He encouraged them to bring a good interpreter with them.

It was the consensus of the Board to table the discussion to allow the lessee's an opportunity to answer the concerns of the Board. The next meeting was scheduled for January 20, 2004.

7. COUNTY MANAGER'S AGENDA

- Road Drainage Workshop Date

Mr. McKinnon stated that he wanted to set a date for the Road Drainage Workshop / Road Paving Criteria.

It was the consensus of the Board that the meeting be set for January 6, 2004 starting at 5:00 p.m. to cover both topics before the regular meeting.

8. Consent Agenda - For Approval

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROBERSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- a. 2004 Holiday Schedule**
- b. Closeout Adjustment - 03-CJ-5A-02-30-01-128-Edward Byrne Memorial Law Enforcement Grant Program**
- c. Public Works Interlocal Agreements for Road Maintenance: Midway; Chattahoochee; and Gretna**
- d. Annual Choose Life Specialty License Plate Report - Ratification of Approval**

9. Public Comment

The Board heard comments from the following individuals concerning families of deployed soldiers in Gadsden County. They requested that the County waive property taxes for active duty soldiers for one year only or offer a \$600.00 stipend to those who do not own property.

- Jeanette Pearson - contact person

- Angela Horne
- Clara Williams
- Marilyn Barnes
- Mrs. Farmer

Discussion followed among Board Members.

It was the consensus of the Board to take a serious look into the possibilities. The Board asked that the contact person contact Mr. McKinnon to start the process of looking into the proposed grant for deployed soldiers.

10. Clerk's Agenda

Mr. Thomas stated that for the Board's information only the financial statements that are unaudited confirm a lot of things they talked about earlier concerning the budget.

Financial Statements as of 9/30/03 (for the record only)

Ratification of Approval to Pay County Bills: Accounts Payable Check Registers Dated: 11/21/03; 11/26/03; 12/05/03; 12/11/03 and Payroll Registers Dated: 11/26/03 and 12/11/03

UPON MOTION COMMISSIONER WATSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DIXON, THE BOARD VOTED 4 - 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL TO PAY THE ABOVE NAMED COUNTY BILLS.

11. County Commissioners Items

District 2

Commissioner Watson thanked everyone for their efforts for the Christmas party he commented that, "it was very classy."

District 3

Commissioner Roberson thanked everyone for the nice Christmas Party.

District 4

Commissioner Holt was not present for comments.

District 5

Commissioner Dixon also thanked everyone who had a part in the Christmas party.

Commissioner Dixon stated that with the Holiday's approaching he thought it would be a great gesture if the Board gave the county employees the Friday after Christmas, December 26, 2003 off. He stated that due to only a 2% raise he thought the employees would appreciate the gesture.

Discussion followed. Commissioners Roberson and Watson were not in favor of approving the Friday off. Commissioner Roberson stated that she would be in favor of switching the Wednesday, Christmas Eve for that Friday. Commissioner Watson felt that the governmental departments should be open to service the taxpayers.

Chair McGill commented that he felt that it would be a good faith gesture.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY CHAIR MCGILL, THE BOARD VOTED 2 - 2, BY VOICE VOTE, TO GIVE THE FRIDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS AS AN ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. CHAIR MCGILL AND COMMISSIONER DIXON FOR THE HOLIDAY AND COMMISSIONER'S WATSON AND ROBERSON OPPOSING.

COMMISSIONER HOLT WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THIS VOTE.

District 1

Chair McGill commented on the State Veterans Affair, World War II Memorial asking Commissioners not to forget about that project. He stated that they had funds for the project on last year, but they went unused. He said he was unaware if the funds were available this year. He asked if the Board was willing to do anything for the Memorial for World II Veterans such as a donation.

A motion by Commissioner Watson was made to adjourn as Commissioner Holt walked in.

Chair McGill stated that the motion did not need a second.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

Date: _____

AT A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE BOARD
OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD
IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA
ON DECEMBER 22, 2003, THE
FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD,
VIZ.

PRESENT:

BILL MCGILL, CHAIR
STERLING WATSON, VICE - CHAIR
CAROLYN ROBERSON
EDWARD J. DIXON
NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK
HAL RICHMOND, COUNTY ATTORNEY
HOWARD MCKINNON, COUNTY MANAGER

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGill called the meeting to order. He stated that the purpose of this meeting was to decide whether the Board would grant county employees an additional holiday, the day after Christmas, December 26, 2003.

Discussion followed among Board Members.

Commissioner Holt explained that the reason for her absence at the last schedule board meeting. She stated that she was at the School Board for the NAACP lawsuit involving the School Board. She commented that the situation needed to be handled that night in order for us not to go into 10 additional districts. She said if it had not been handled that night it would have automatically gone into Federal Court. She stated she asked the Chair to call the special meeting to reconsider the additional holiday.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIXON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 3 - 2, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE FRIDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS AS AN ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. CHAIR MCGILL AND COMMISSIONERS HOLT AND DIXON VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE HOLIDAY AND COMMISSIONERS WATSON AND ROBERSON OPPOSED.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bill McGill, Chair

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk