

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JANUARY 5, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.,
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3-arrived late
Sherrie Taylor, District 5-arrived late
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Commissioner Hinson asked to say the Prayer and then Chair Holt led the in Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

Commissioner Morgan arrived at this juncture of the meeting.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell said there were no amendments to the agenda.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Proclamation-Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Tallahassee Community College

Mr. Presnell said there was a Proclamation recognizing the 50th anniversary of Tallahassee Community College and Chair Holt read the Proclamation aloud and then presented it to Dr. Murdaugh.

CLERK OF COURTS

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIRGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

2. Ratification to Pay County Bills

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Sarah Figgers, on behalf of her brother, Alfonso Figgers, 215 N. Chalk Street, Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board regarding Shaw Quarters and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Commissioner Morgan thanking him for what he has done for their community. She also invited

the Commissioners to attend a ribbon-cutting on January 9th at New Bethel AME Church for a literacy reading room.

Commissioner Taylor arrived at this juncture of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. PUBLIC HEARING-Legislative-Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2016-001 fir the Amendment of the Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to adopt Ordinance 2016-001 for the amendment of the Conservation Element of the Gadsden County Comprehensive Plan. He explained there were comments from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on page two and asked the Board to approve this item with the changes.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Chair Holt announced this was a public hearing and asked if anyone had any comments and there was no-one.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

4. Appointment/Reappointment of Board Members of Gadsden Hospital, Inc.

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to seek approval of appointments or reappointments to the Gadsden Hospital, Inc. Board of Directors. Mr. Presnell added that three of the members' terms were due to expire December 31, 2015 and Chairman Craig McMillan said two of the three had expressed interest in remaining on the Board. He added that Shelia Atkins did not respond and Shaia Renè Simmons had moved from the area and her position was also vacant, which would expire December 21, 2017.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT HERB SHEHEANE AND FRED DUDLEY FOR ANOTHER TERM AND APPOINT SAM PALMER TO REPLACE SHELIA ATKINS AND ARRIANE GRAHAM TO REPLACE SHAI A RENE' SIMMONS TERM. THERE WERE QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the candidates were from individual districts and if commissioners had any input in placing candidates on board. Mr. Presnell said there were no criteria as far as he was aware.

Commissioner Morgan asked if they could vote individually and not collectively and Commissioner Viegbesie did not wish to amend or withdraw his motion.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED.

5. Selection and Appointment of Members to the Gadsden County Tourist Development Council

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for selection and appointment of members to the Gadsden County Tourist Development Council and stated Mr. David Knight had resigned and others had terms expiring.

Mr. Weiss pointed out there was a statutory configuration on appointments and was very specific by Florida Statutes how the appointments must be done and all three appointments must be involved in the tourist industry and at least one of them needed to be a bed tax collector and it could be two.

Commissioner Morgan said in looking at the list he was not aware of anyone beside Joe Munroe who was qualified and that was his recommendation.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE MOTION TO REAPPOINT PETER PATEL, APPOINT JOE MUNROE AND CAROLYN FORD. COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND. BEFORE THE VOTE, COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD COMMENTS.

Commissioner Hinson agreed with Commissioner Morgan but did not want to overlook someone that owned a hotel because they had a vested interest.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED.

6. Approval of the Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Services with the City of Quincy, and authorization of the Chairperson to execute the Agreement

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control services with the City of Quincy.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

7. Approval of Award Bid #15-15 for Security Services for the Quincy Library to Barkley Security

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to rescind the award of bid number 15-15 to Knight Security Services of Gainesville for security guard services for the Quincy Public Library and award the bid to Barkley Security Services.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION ONE AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD COMMENTS.

Commissioner Hinson asked Mr. Weiss if it was proper to go with the second lowest bidder or if they should re-bid this. Mr. Weiss said typically if the award was rescinded, they could go with the next lowest bidder and this was a little different because the contractor was selected and began performing and was later terminated. He said a rescission at this point was a little awkward, the library needed security services and with the previous company being terminated, there were no security services at the library. He felt Commissioner Hinson was correct and felt it needed to be re-bid in a short amount of time, but the reason for the current action was so there would be security services at the library in the meantime.

Commissioner Viegbesie said in hearing the conversation, asked why they could not award this to the next lower bidder for 6 months and then re-bid.

Commissioner Morgan said this had been put out for a bid, chose the low bidder, they failed to perform within the agreement and asked why the County and taxpayers were burdened with having to go through the expense of rebidding as opposed to taking the second lowest bidder.

Commissioner Hinson felt they should look at a RFP instead of a bid.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he hated to see the library with no security provided and agreed with Commissioner Morgan to let the second bidder finish out the term of the contract.

Mr. Weiss said his opinion was to reach out to the second lowest bidder to see if they were interested in providing services on a short term basis until they were able to get a bid submitted and then select a vendor at that time.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN FOR OPTION ONE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CONTRACT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOTION.

8. Approval of Signatures for Special Assessment Liens-SHIP Program

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval and signatures for the special assessment liens that were agreed upon by the homeowner, contractors and the Community Development Administrations SHIP Housing Down Payment and closing costs Assistance Program for the purchase of the new home.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE OF OPTION ONE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD COMMENTS.

Commissioner Hinson stated he had read through this item carefully and asked if they had gone through every opportunity to be successful...

Mr. Presnell asked Anita DeSilva to step forward.

Anita DeSilva, SHIP Administrator, appeared before board to address questions.

Commissioner Hinson asked "Did we go through every step, ah, we went through every single step there so we could make sure that, you know, that this, we won't get to this point here?"

Ms. DeSilva sked what point he was referring to and explained this was for a purchase of a new home through the Homebuyers' Assistance Program and a lien was placed on the home just for the first time homebuyers' closing costs.

Commissioner Hinson said he had misread the item, thought the home was being foreclosed on and then asked if they could go into incorporated areas and render services to other citizens. Ms. DeSilva explained they handled city and county.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

9. Approval of Signatures for Special Assessment Liens and Rehabilitation Contract-SHIP Program or Gadsden County Emergency Repair Program "ER"

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval and signatures for Special Assessment Liens and Rehabilitation Contracts that were agreed upon by the homeowner, contractor and Community Development Administration's SHIP Housing Rehabilitation Program or Emergency Repair Program for the rehabilitation of their home.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Commissioner Hinson said Ms. DeSilva was on top of her game.

10. Public Officials Bond Review

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said twice a year the Board was required to review the sufficiency of the Bonds for County Officers that included the Commissioners and constitutional officers.

Commissioner Morgan asked if these were individual bonds and Mr. Presnell said there were some that were grouped. Commissioner Morgan asked Mr. Presnell to explain the purpose of the bonds and Mr. Presnell said it was to cover the taxpayers any losses in an official capacity for the County.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

11. Approval to Sell a Parcel of County Property located on Archie Jackson Road

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said he wanted to explain to everyone that Craig Quattrain, the person who had bid on this, had recently passed away and he had not spoken to his wife as of yet to see if she was interested in purchasing the property. The attorney interrupted him and informed the Board that they could not convey property to someone that had passed away.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO TABLE THIS ITEM.

12. Approval of Non Profit/Human Services Funding Agreements and Interlocal Agreements for Human Senior Services for FY 2015/2016

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of Non-Profit/Human Services Funding Agreements and Interlocal Agreements for Human Senior Services for FY 2015/2016 and for authorization for the Chair to sign the documents.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION ONE AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND. THERE WERE QUESTIONS BEFORE THE VOTE.

Commissioner Taylor said they might want to tread lightly on approving a lump sum and not stating an amount not to exceed in a lump sum and felt there needed to be measures in place to

be assured that services were being rendered and dollars were being spent accordingly and they were accountable and responsible.

Chair Holt asked the County Manager if there had been problems with the senior citizens performing services in the past and he said not that he was aware of. He added the Clerk had issues that they had been working on and the agreements was developed in conjunction with the Clerks' Finance Office, the Attorney and all the Non-Profits had signed and agreed to it. He also pointed out some items that were in the agreements that was necessary for the funds to be received.

Chair Holt said she had no problem with the organizations receiving the lump sum up front and Commissioner Hinson concurred.

Commissioner Morgan said specifically with Gadsden Arts, they send out every year a detailed budget to show how the money was spent and he agreed with what Commissioner Taylor said. He added he spoke with the Clerk, read the agreements and the Clerk agreed with them and now knows they had deemed the organizations are to a County good and there was public good toward dollars invested. He also added that the Clerk had a concern of paying the dollars out in a lump sum up front and thought it would be much better for him to pay out quarterly as the reports were turned in because he was personally liable for every dollar approved through his office of taxpayer funds and felt even if funds were approved by the Board and not deemed appropriate, they should not be disbursed.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED.

13. Approval of Extending the Agreement with Gollahon Financial Services, Inc. for Financial Advisor Services

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to extend the agreement with Gollahon Financial Services, Inc. and for authorization for the Chair to sign. Mr. Presnell also explained his services were only used if they did a bond or refinanced a bond.

Chair Holt asked what his last contract was for and Mr. Presnell explained his fee was a flat \$18,000 per bond. Chair Holt then asked if this was a service they should bid out. Mr. Weiss stated this was a service that should be bid out but they were looking to extend this contract and could be done for up to three years.

Commissioner Morgan said she asked some very good questions and had no problem with the agreement if it made sense fiscally and asked what the true fiscal impact had been to the County the past three years.

Chair Holt said they could bring this item back with more information.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO TABLE THIS ITEM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

14. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said the Development Council would like to do a workshop regarding the incentive policy on January 19th at 4:30 p.m. prior to their regular meeting.

He then informed the Commissioners they were working with Midway to open a branch library.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Hinson said he had concerns and asked that when something was going on in his district that he be informed and said he had also learned that EMS had moved and learned this in Church.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Presnell said they had to move a camper over to house them and the floor fell out and they had to re-locate them. Commissioner Hinson said he was unaware when it happened and Mr. Presnell said they had nowhere to place them.

Commissioner Viegbesie stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Hinson stated he was not sure that Mr. Presnell had the authority to make that decision and Mr. Presnell stated it had not happened that long ago and they had nowhere to place them and Commissioner Hinson said that was not the problem, the problem was it happened months ago and said anytime anything happened, he would like to know because "it was an embarrassing moment".

Mr. Presnell also mentioned the email concerning the invitation to "Galvanizing Gadsden County" that the Development Council, Chamber of Commerce and Mainstreet was hosting at the Arsenal in Chattahoochee and said the County was to receive recognition from the State.

Commissioner Viegbesie returned at this juncture of the meeting.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

15. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss informed them they were granted leave to file an amicus brief in the Supreme Court for the Gretna Racing and would be filed the next day.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

16. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie said there was no uniformity of signage in incorporated areas of the County and felt a need to re-evaluate the County's policy regarding billboards on the I-10 corridor and added that people traveling along I-10 would be able to see the billboards and get information

on services and attractions there were in the County. He also wanted to discuss the BOCC policy on signatures on resolutions and felt it should be from the Board and all should sign and when presented, all five commissioners should be present and not just one person. He asked the Administrator when they would issue an RFP for the second phase of road projects and when should the Board expect the projects on the agenda. Mr. Presnell said they were a week away and had a meeting this morning and was still working on some of the Commissioners' technical specifications for some of their selections. He then requested the Board schedule a retreat regarding recommendations that had been previously made as soon as possible.

Chair Holt asked the Attorney if he was looking into the policy of Resolutions and Proclamations and Mr. Weiss said he was. He reminded them that the County Commission acts as a body and they could not take any action on the behalf of the Commission without having a vote of the majority of the board approving. He added for a Resolution to be adopted, it needed to be considered at a public meeting and the majority needed to vote to adopt the Resolution and did not need to be signed by everyone but the Chair at least needed to sign after approved by the board.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO PRESENT POSTHUMOUSLY A PROCLAMATION TO THE FAMILY OF ELLEN BRYANT.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said based on attorney comments, asked if they wanted to issue a Resolution on their own behalf in their own district if they had the ability to do so. Mr. Weiss said he was not aware of any prohibition and Commissioner Morgan said that was all he needed to know. Commissioner Morgan said there was a vacant seat coming up on Planning and Zoning and would like to have it placed on the Agenda the first meeting in February. He asked for an update on the first phase of the roads as to when they would be laying asphalt.

Curtis Young, Public Works Director, appeared before board and said hopefully they would be able to resume by the end of this week and stated the cold weather had interfered and would be in District 3 hopefully the middle of next week.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor said it had been brought to her attention at the intersection of Pat Thomas and Crawford Streets there had been a few accidents and asked if they could put in a request to FDOT to do a study for a traffic light. She added that she was aware it was a State road and said maybe a request could be made

She also said were three items on the Agenda that were legal issues that apparently had not been reviewed prior to the meeting tonight; two were tabled because of lack of information and one was postponed regarding the security at the Library and she was concerned.

She said she heard Commissioner Viegbesie on his quote from the Bible of items not being personal and he has mentioned that constantly since he has been on the Board and she said they have personal interests on what is around the Board and they talk from their hearts and experiences, have to position themselves from their knowledge and said it was almost impossible to separate yourself when trying to come up with good decisions for the citizens and felt they had

to maintain some type of intuition and integrity where they make decisions.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson thanked Commissioner Viegbesie on bringing up the signage and asked if the sign on I-10 could have Midway added to it coming from Tallahassee because it only says Quincy even though it was a Midway exit. Mr. Presnell pointed out it was a State road and Chair Holt said it might work better if the City of Midway requested the change along with the County.

Commissioner Viegbesie suggested with that item and the one that Commissioner Taylor mentioned regarding Pat Thomas Highway if Mr. Presnell would give him some pointers on it he would take it to the to the next CRTPA meeting.

He thanked Commissioner Morgan for talking about the delay in the road paving and had had citizens calling him for a status report.

He then asked about the red light in Concord and asked the status. Mr. Presnell stated the engineer was not present and he would follow up with him and said there was a “very good vibe from DOT that they would fund the project” and he would follow-up on it.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said if there was an opportunity, she asked that folks go to Quitman, GA, because there was a grain bin with a beautiful mural on it.

Commissioner Morgan asked if it was Quitman or Colquitt and she confirmed it was Colquitt.

Commissioner Hinson said when he was in Tampa and Plant City over Christmas break he noticed they had palm trees and thought it would be a nice addition to have that on the I-10 exits to invite people into the County.

Chair Holt said to Commissioner Taylor regarding items being vetted, she wanted them to come to the Board because if not, there was no input and she was not very strict on what was or was not on the Agenda and felt discussion was a good thing.

Receipt and File

17.

Gadsden County Division of Emergency Management Quarterly Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS

24. **January 19, 2015-Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
January 5, 2016-Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:49 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

**BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners**

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

**AT A WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
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Sherrie Taylor, District 5
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

1. Welcome

Chair Holt called the workshop to order at 4:38 p.m. and welcomed everyone present at the Workshop.

2. Overview

Beth Kirkland, CECD, Gadsden County Development Council, appeared before the Board and gave a brief overview. She said it had been just shy of a year since they had first discussed the incentives policy and since then, other communities had chosen similar models to what had been presented for consideration and was implemented and was working.

She said they were the sales force for the County in terms of jobs and capital investment and every sale force needed a product and they had worked very hard to document their product in great detail. She added that 20 potential light industrial sites had been identified for future development and there had been quite a bit of marketing done the past year through the Havana Herald Outlook and the 850 Magazine. She said both documents had been leveraged to support their engagement of over fifty business site location consultants and were the entities that helped to establish over thirty-five percent of business relocation decisions annually.

She said a Business Retention and Expansion program was launched in 2015 and it was a partnership with the CareerSource Board, the TCC Workforce Development Office, Gadsden Technical Institute and some of the financing arms in the State, including Access Florida and the Florida First Capital Finance as well as Quincy and Chattahoochee Main Street Programs.

She further said in May through a grant from DEO, they partnered with Opportunity Florida to host a forum that attracted stakeholders from ten different counties and featured national economic development consultant and author, Eric Canada. She said they also arranged a tour in July with the Board of County Commissioners to see many of the expanding businesses in the County.

She said they had also realized the value of the County's tremendous transportation assets here and had been able to facilitate the first Gulf to Gadsden Freight & Logistics forum. She said they also had participated in their first Freight Advisory Committee for District Three.

She mentioned some of the active projects that were being worked on and listed some of the objectives and strategies for business development in the County. She also listed several reasons

why a strong economic strategy was needed in the County and the need for them to be aggressive in implementing the strategy and it was important because of jobs.

She also informed the Board as they moved into 2016, they would be launching a new comprehensive Economic Development website that would include a social media strategy to go with it.

Commissioner Hinson arrived at this juncture of the meeting.

She introduced Dr. Alvin Jackson with Economic Development in Suwannee County and said he would share the implementation of the policy that was borrowed from St. Johns County.

Before he appeared before the Board, Commissioner Viegbesie asked if the projected jobs were regional or if they were specific for Gadsden County. Ms. Kirkland said all of the projected businesses would be physically located in Gadsden County.

Chair Holt mentioned that looking at the money for the incentives program, it had to be clear it was for new businesses or expanding businesses, big or small and wanted everything out there so there was no confusion of what they were looking for.

3. Program Outline

Dr. Alvin Jackson, Economic Development Director, Suwannee County, appeared before the Board.

He talked about the incentives program and said the challenge here was how to compete with Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and incentives were a tool and Ms. Kirkland hit on things some of the companies were looking for. He told the Commissioners incentives were an investment to creating jobs within the community and expanding the tax base. He added there was always certain a need that everyone needed and was always a difficulty funding; education, public safety and infrastructure and said as the economic development grew, money become available to fund those needs. He also said the bottom line was the job creation was raising the quality of life for every citizen in the county.

He told the Commissioners the tax abatement came up for referendum in Suwannee County and was not approved the second time around and felt one of the reasons was because there was no real mechanism of reporting the return on the investment program. He further stated with no money and extra cash in Suwannee County, he had to be creative and they looked for programs that were an attractive incentive or investment. He added that he and his Board felt very strongly about existing businesses as well as the commercial and retail.

He listed project criteria; several types of industries and how points were accumulated. He also talked about their incentive program for new industry along with their program for speculative space.

Commissioner Viegbesie commended him on a job well done and suggested that the Board needed to have a retreat to “think outside the box as opposed to keeping ourselves boxed in with what we are used to and what we are comfortable with”.

Chair Holt asked if with the incentives package, if businesses must stay afloat for x number of years

to get the incentives back and Dr. Jackson said they had to pay taxes, if they could not stay afloat, they could not pay taxes and would not be entitled.

Mr. Presnell said "The outstanding part, Commissioners, is the model, which is based on this model, the policy that's before you, the incentive money you are giving back is the money you didn't have any way, it's money you collected off the new project. Win/win."

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Ms. Kirkland reappeared before the Board and asked if the Board wished to workshop this again to bring their own version back to the Board. Commissioner Viegbesie said he would like to have a retreat to further discuss this item.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:53 P.M.

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Board of County Commissioners

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NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

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INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. asked Commissioner Hinson to give the prayer and then led in Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell said he had some time sensitive items to add:

1a-Letter of Support for the Port of Port St. Joe in Gulf County, FL and

3a-Resolution 2016-004 in Support of a Complete Program, Including Flows and Channel Maintenance, for Commercial Navigation on the Apalachicola River

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

Commissioner Viegbesie asked to recognize citizens here from St. Hebron, Pt. Milligen, Post Plant, Ball Farm and surrounding area.

CLERK OF COURTS

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. PUBLIC HEARING(Legislative): Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2016-002 for the Amendment of Chapter 3-Cpnstruction Standards, of the Land Development Code

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to adopt Ordinance 2016-002 for the amendment of the Land Development Code Chapter 3 – Construction Standards. He said they had been working on the Land Development Code for quite some time to condense it and bring up to current standards and streamline and update the chapters to make them more user-friendly.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Chair Holt asked the Attorney to look into attendance of the Commissioners under Ethics and said they must attend unless it was an emergency and said it stated under the Code of Ethics they must attend unless it was an emergency and they could attend by phone but nothing stated they did not have to attend. She asked that he look into it to make sure they were doing what they were supposed to do and that they had a quorum.

Commissioner Taylor appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

3. PUBLIC HEARING (Quasi-Judicial) Quincy Senior Living Facility Site Plan (SP-2016-01)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was a request for a site plan approval of a sixty-five unit senior living facility with amenities as Phase I of a two phased development on 13.912 acres located along the south side of Strong Road.

Allara Gutcher, Planning and Community Development Director, appeared before the Board, was sworn in by the Deputy Clerk and told the Commissioner where the facility was to be located and then had **Jill Jeglie, Principal Planner II**, step forward who was also sworn in by the Deputy Clerk. Ms. Jeglie explained it was to be 65 senior residential apartments.

Commissioner Hinson asked what the affordability was for the living facility.

Nevin Zimmerman, Esquire, Panama City, FL, appeared before the Board and was sworn in and said the affordability issue was that 50 out of the 65 units would be set aside for individuals that made no more than 60% of the average medium income and would be priced in a manner that individuals could afford them that made 60% of the average medium income.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if this was local, state or national medium income and Mr. Zimmerman said it would be the local income.

Commissioner Hinson asked how it would affect the tax base and Mr. Zimmerman responded positively.

Chair Holt announced it was a public hearing and asked if there were any comments and there was none.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

3a Resolution 2016-004 in Support of a Complete Program, Including Flows and Channel Maintenance, for Commercial

Mr. Presnell said this item was for Board approval of for Resolution 2016-004 in support of a

request to amend the Corps plan for a maintenance plan for the next twenty years for the Apalachicola River to include navigation continuation of channel maintenance for navigation of the river from the dam to Apalachicola AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE Chair to sign.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD APPROVED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 4. Purchase of Property on Fantana Trail, Quincy, Gadsden County, FL (the eastern 25.52 acres of Parcel ID No. 2-27-3N-3W-0000-00431-0100) for use as a County (St. Hebron) Park, and authorization for the Chairperson to execute the Contract, Closing Statement, and all other documents and instruments related to the purchase of the Property**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to purchase property on Fantana Trail for use as a County park and for authorization for the Chair to execute the Contract, Closing Statement and all other documents and instruments related to the purchase of the property.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

- 5. Approval of Award Bid (15-13) to Gulf Atlantic Culvert Co., Inc.**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to award the County contract for the supply of asphalt coated culvert pipe to Gulf Atlantic Culvert, Inc.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

- 6. Approval and Signature(s) for Satisfaction of Special Assessment Lien SHIP Program**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval and signatures to satisfy a special assessment lien that was agreed upon by the Homeowner and Community Development SHIP Program.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

- 7. Approval of Extending the Agreement with Gollahon Financial Services, Inc. for Financial Advisor Services**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of extending the contract with Gollahon Financial Services, Inc. for between one to three years and for authorization for the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Hinson said to give the company another year. Chair Holt asked if there were any investment issues they were looking at presently and Mr. Presnell said his services were only used when there was a bond refinancing. Chair Holt asked if not busy now, why address the contract and she would like to see a workshop on economic development to see if something was there they could go after.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE EXTENDING THE CONTRACT FOR ONE YEAR.

8. Approval of Local Agency Program (LAP) Agreement for South Atlanta Street Sidewalk Project

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval and execution of the attached Local Agency Program Agreement for acceptance of State of Florida funding for the design of the South Atlanta Street sidewalk project.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

UPON MOTION BY CHAIR HOLE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

9. Approval of Local Agency Program (LAP) Agreement for the City of Chattahoochee-McDonald Avenue

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval and execution of the attached Local Agency Program Agreement for acceptance of State of Florida funding for the City of Chattahoochee-McDonald Avenue.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

10. Traffic Calming Devices Policy

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and staff was instructed by the Board to bring this item back seeking Board direction regarding traffic calming devices policy. He said at the September 1, 2015 BOCC meeting, staff was directed to bring a policy to the Board for review and the County Attorney drafted a policy and presented it to the Board on September 15, 2015 and at that meeting the Board approved the policy with a 5-0 vote. He further explained at the request of the County attorney, the policy was revisited at the December 1, 2015 meeting and it was Attorney Weiss' recommendation that the existing traffic calming policy be adopted as an ordinance instead, but at the meeting the Board decided to not approve the policy and advised staff to bring back this policy for discussion at a later meeting.

Commissioner Hinson said if he was not mistaken they "went against the Ordinance and we said we want to go against the policy too as well, we want to get rid of the policy and go back to how we used to do things. We don't want to put a burden on the taxpayers. That was the, we don't want to charge the taxpayers something that when they don't have any kind of control over it. Because three-fourths of the people in the community agree with it but the 25 percent that doesn't agree with it, they still be charged, that still go on the tax roll, so we don't want, I don't think that fair to the 25 percent."

Chair Holt said it did not bother her that the 25 percent would not agree because she could see traffic calming devices in certain instances but the costs and how it was to be done was what she was interested in.

Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.

There was further discussion around the board.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he saw nothing wrong with having an established policy that would determine how things were done and “if we keep on going back to what we used to do in the past and how we used to do this in the past, that means we actually don’t have the vision for progress and moving forward so this is a policy that would only be used as a guideline, the uniform guideline for every community that would desire a speedbump and when we elect officials to represent us, 100% do not vote for the person, it is 50% plus one and the person elected is not representing everybody. So it’s 75% of the property owners that are in desire of it, that is majority and I think we have a (inaudible) where majority rules even though minority has rights. So I don’t really see the reason why we should not have this kind of a policy in place to determine how and what was done and when it should be done to govern this community in regards to calming the speed issues in the community.”

Commissioner Hinson said he thought there was a policy before this and Mr. Presnell said it had been proposed and the Board never adopted the policy and to date the County had never installed a speed bump. Commissioner Hinson said he was going by what he had been told by Mr. Presnell, “Robert Presnell told Eric Hinson, probably told everybody else on this board too as well, ‘cause we talking to the people, we want to make sure we’re transparent, we’re not trying to showboat or whatever. But Robert Presnell told me, probably told all the other commissioners, ah, when we talking to our constituents that they had to get at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the people on that street, and I told these folks this years ago, that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the people on the street got to vote, ah, got to sign a petition in order for it to work. If $\frac{3}{4}$ of the folks didn’t sign, then we can’t do it.” He said the problem he had with the Ordinance, they were talking about adding a special tax to the citizens on that street and did not want to tax when the County should be paying for it.

Chair Holt said normally when DOT comes in, they look at what problems there had been on the road and if they wanted to get a traffic light, they would look at the number of accidents, traffic, complaints, etc.

Commissioner Taylor said she agreed with the fact there should not be a cost associated with this but agreed with the other points.

There was discussion regarding language and what the Board wished to have taken out and the revisions.

Mr. Weiss asked if Board wished for this to be brought back with revisions first.

Commissioner Viegbesie made a motion to table the item for revision and consideration to be brought back for future decision.

Commissioner Hinson interrupted to say he was not finished. Chair Holt said once he’s made a motion and it did not receive a second, it would die if a second not received. Commissioner Hinson then asked, according to Roberts’ Rules of Order, how could a motion be made when he was in the middle of making a motion.

Commissioner Viegbesie withdrew his motion and yielded to Commissioner Hinson.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE POLICY WITH STRIKEOUTS AND

BRING BACK REVISIONS, SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

11. Approval to Award Video Recording Services of the County Commission Meetings

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for board approval to award video recording services for the County Commission Meeting to Southerland Enterprises, Inc. of Quincy.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

12. Appointment to the Big Bend Continuum of Care (CoC) Board

Mr. Presnell introduced above item and said it was for appointment or re-appointment to the Continuum of Care Board.

Commissioner Hinson volunteered to serve.

UPON MOTION BY CHAIR HOLT TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE ITEM.

13. Appointment of Members to the Gadsden County (CATF) Citizens Advisory Task Force Committee for the CDBG Housing Grant Application

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of appointments to the Gadsden County Citizens Advisory Task Force for the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation grant application. Mr. Presnell further stated that two of the members due to illnesses, Mr. Figgers and Mr. Gause, were no longer able to attend and participate. He asked that they appoint two from the attached list of interested citizens who had expressed an interest in serving.

Commissioner Hinson asked to appoint Mary Brock, who was overlooked from serving on a prior committee.

Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Dee Jackson, Grants Coordinator, appeared before the Board.

Commissioner Viegbesie stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Mrs. Jackson said there were restrictions and requirements for this Board and asked that Richard Lockwood be appointed along with Joe Munroe.

Commissioner Viegbesie returned at this juncture of the meeting.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPOINT RICHARD LOCKWOOD, DOROTHY THOMAS, CORA LEE SPENCER AND JOE MUNROE ON THE BOARD.

14. Leveraging of SHIP Funding for CDBG Application

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for board approval to dedicate \$50,000 of SHIP funds received from the State to be used as leverage in the Gadsden County Small Cities CDBG grant application. In doing this, it would add leverage to the grant application and increase the score to make the application more competitive.

Commissioner Taylor asked if this was in-kind or cash and Mr. Presnell said it was cash. Commissioner Taylor asked if other grant dollars could be used as a match and Mr. Presnell said yes, because it being for rehab.

Ms. Jackson appeared before the Board and stated they were told that SHIP dollars could be used and it was something other counties were doing as well. She added that the monies would still be used on housing rehab and this money would extend the funds.

Anita DeSilva, SHIP Administrator, came forward and explained the \$50,000 would be used to boost the points up and they funds could be leveraged because they would essentially be used for the same thing.

Commissioner Hinson moved that they dedicate \$50,000 from the General Fund and asked Mr. Weiss if he had looked into this and he said no, it was not brought to his attention and said he would rely on county staff.

UPON MOTION BY CHAIR HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

15. Approval to Award RFQ 2015-21 for Site Selection Services to Leotta-Evers Consulting, LLC (LEO) for the Expenditure of the Competitive Florida Partnership Program Grant Funds, and Authorize the Chairperson to Execute the Agreement with LEO

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said was for Board approval to award an RFQ 2015-021 for site selection services to Leotta-Evers Consulting, LLC for the expenditure of the Competitive Florida Partnership Program and for authorization for the Chair to sign.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

16. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell told the Commissioners he appreciated them approving the Letter of Support for the Port project and was very important to the County.

He reported the re-dedication of the fire department in Midway was yesterday and everything was approved and EMS moved back in yesterday after the event.

He said Congresswoman Gwen Graham was in town today to announce the designation that was received from USDA and would help with things the County was doing in conjunction with USDA.

He said the Rosedale park was near completion and would let them know when the re-dedication of the park would be held and would then move onto Scottown.

He said there was a culvert out on Kemp Road and was being replaced and the road was closed and would take a few days to replace.

He also said the reason they were doing the comp plan updates was the board instructed him to streamline it and make the necessary changes and wanted to make sure Board still approved them moving forward with the changes.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

17. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss said he had nothing to report and said was available for questions and there were none.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

18. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, Ph.D., District 2

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE LATE JOYCE BRADWELL.

He also suggested the website be improved for marketing strategies to make it more enticing and user friendly.

He expressed gratitude to the commission for purchasing the property in the St. Hebron area for use as a park and recreation facility and asked that they for grants to make it a great park.

Succession Planning

He expressed the need to have a workshop or retreat for the Board to come up with a mission.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TI HOLD A RETREAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor said she was glad the Board entertained purchasing property for parks and said obesity had become an epidemic. She asked the Administrator to look into the areas where there was no park.

She said she asked at the last meeting for a traffic light to be placed at the corner of Crawford and Pat Thomas Highway and Mr. Presnell stated he had not received an answer from FDOT.

Justin Ford, Preble-Rish, appeared before the Board and said the CTSD had their meeting last

week and it was brought up to DOT representatives at that meeting, they indicated their concern with the intersection and was told DOT would look at it and give them an answer and they had not heard back from them as of yet.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson said at the last board meeting, they discussed the I-10 exit at Midway and the lack of Midway appearing on the exit sign. Mr. Presnell stated that had been passed along and he had not had any feed-back from the last meeting.

Commissioner Taylor left the meeting at this juncture.

Commissioner Viegbesie stepped out at this juncture of the meeting. Chair Holt asked Mr. Presnell to have him return because there was no quorum.

(Meeting temporarily stopped-lack of quorum)

Commissioner Viegbesie returned at this juncture of the meeting.

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Commissioner Hinson asked if anyone had had the opportunity to drive on I-10 and notice what he had mentioned regarding the signage.

Curtis Young, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board and said he looked at the sign when people would exit at Midway and it does not have Midway, it had Quincy and he had talked to someone at DOT and was told because of when you exit there, you are in Midway and that was why there was nothing stating the mileage to Midway.

Chair Holt reiterated because of the fact when someone exited there, they were already located in Midway and DOT felt no reason to put something on the mileage sign telling how far it was to Midway and if the city of Midway felt compelled, maybe they could also address this with FDOT to have two governments working together.

He said the Midway Fire Department had a problem with the fire trucks leaking water out.

He asked the status of the Concord traffic light and Mr. Presnell asked for an update on the grant.

Justin Ford reappeared before the Board and said they had been working with DOT the past two weeks and was told today that a copy of the application could not be found and asked that it be sent over again. He said it was something they could consider in-house with the funding that they had right now.

Mr. Presnell said if they were not able to get FDOT to fund this, their option was to budget it themselves.

Commissioner Hinson asked that it be placed on the agenda.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Ethics Chair Holt said attendance at the meetings was very important and they did not need to walk out during a vote or before a vote was taken. Also, if a commissioner was not attending a meeting, it should be for an emergency. She asked that Mr. Weiss to address the attendance issue. Mr. Weiss said what she said was accurate, they should be in attendance and remain in the Chambers when in attendance, not add to your self-worth for any particular reason, should vote on everything unless there was a conflict and if there was a conflict, it should be publicly declared. He added it was not only statutory rules, but was also their Rules of Procedure.

She said that the water main that broke was on a State road and the community was out of water.

She then mentioned she wanted to look at solar lighting for Atlanta Street.

Summer Youth Program-Chair Holt said she would like to see hospitality training added.

CDBG Grants She said if the County was able to get CDBG grants, they needed a grants coordinator because if they had a good grants writer, they did not want to stop the grant writer to coordinate everything and wanted to see the next CDBG grant go for economic development.

Receipt and File

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

20. February 2, 2016-Regular Meeting

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
January 19, 2016-Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:54 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

**BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners**

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON FEBRUARY 16, 2016 AT 6:00
P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1-arrived late
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt asked everyone to silence their phones, then to stand for a silent prayer. She then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. A silent roll call was conducted by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell stated there were no amendments to the Agenda.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Proclamation Honoring the Retirement of Dr. Chookiert Emko

Mr. Presnell said there were three presentations this evening.

Commissioner Hinson arrived at this juncture of the meeting

Commissioner Viegbesie read aloud the Proclamation honoring Dr. Emko and it was then presented to him.

2. Resolution Honoring the life of Mrs. Joyce Beatrice Bradwell

Mr. Presnell said the next one was for Mrs. Joyce Bradwell and Commissioner Hinson read the Resolution aloud and it was then presented to Monte Bradwell.

3. Recognition of Superior Hair Designz

Commissioner Viegbesie read aloud and then presented a special recognition to Superior Hair Designz.

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas presented a Cash Report that had previously been emailed to the Commissioners. He said it showed a total of \$22.9 Million with all the accounts combined and \$5.8 Million was the road paving bond proceeds and \$6.4 Million was the General Fund balance. He added they were monitoring the Transportation Fund and the EMS Fund. The current Transportation Fund balance was \$158,954 and

was the lowest it had been in a decade. He added they had appropriated \$727,807 for equipment purchases. He further explained the cash flow problem should be resolved within the next few months when the annual Tier II and Tier III diesel distributions were received and the other revenue was received on a monthly basis. He said in the event there was a delay in the annual distribution of Tier II and Tier III diesel proceeds, it might be necessary to temporarily loan money from the General Fund to the Transportation Fund.

He then told them that after the payables on Friday EMS had a negative balance of \$106,731, but there was a budgeted transfer and \$280,212 was left of the \$560,425 transfer. He also said the fund would need to be monitored the rest of the fiscal year to make sure that amount would be sufficient.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED.

4. Approval of Minutes

December 15, 2015-Regular Meeting

5. Ratification to Pay County Bills

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ben Chandler, POB 324, Chattahoochee, FL 32324, Chattahoochee Main Street,

Mr. Chandler appeared before the board to show one of the banners that had been designed by a student and would be displayed in Chattahoochee.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. PUBLIC HEARING-Legislative-Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2016-003 for the Amendment of the Capital Improvements Element and the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was a public hearing to adopt Ordinance 2016-003 for the amendment of the Capital Improvements Element and the Recreation and OpenSpace Element of the Gadsden County Comprehensive Plan that had been approved a few months back and this was the second hearing.

Chair Holt announced this was the second hearing and asked if there were any comments from the audience.

Mr. Presnell asked **Allara Gutchner, Planning and Community Development Director**, to step forward and explain the changes.

Ms. Gutcher said this had been before the Commissioners in December for a transmission hearing to the State Department of Economic Opportunity and a letter was received back with no comments.

Commissioner Morgan asked Ms. Gutcher if lighting at the interstate exits were included in this. She said previously the Capital Improvements Element had the whole budget in it and they were only required to look at issues that caused a level of service issue as far as transportation went.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

7. Request for Capital Funding for Gadsden Arts Center Expansion Project

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this was presented to the Board for consideration of a one-time pledge in the amount of \$25,000 in support of the Gadsden Arts Center's Community Connections expansion project and authorize staff to include the funding in the FY 16/17 budget. He added this amount was in addition to the annual funding requested by the Arts Center and provided through the County's non-profit grant program.

Grace Robinson, Executive Director, Gadsden Arts Center, appeared before the Board and presented their expansion project and said they had raised 70% of their \$600,000 goal and requested the Board to pledge \$25,000 to the Arts Center for their project.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie commended her efforts in the art community and said no doubt that arts and cultural diversity helped to attract business. He then made a motion to approve the pledge of \$25,000 to be included in the 2017 budget.

Chait Holt asked to wait to see if there were other comments.

Commissioner Morgan thanked her for the presentation and all she has done for the community and said currently the BOCC funded seventeen (17) different non-profit groups and added there were ten other organizations that received the same amount of money the Art center received. He said as much as he would love to fund this, it could not be done at this time.

Chair Holt asked Mrs. Robinson if she had approached the Quincy CRA and she replied she had not yet. Chair Holt then asked Mr. Presnell how much the BOCC gave to CRA and he said approximately \$300,000. Chair Holt said out of that money, part of it should go to improvements downtown and she added she felt this was a great project and they should help fund it.

CHAIR HOLT SAID THERE WAS A MOTION ON THE FLOOR FROM COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND ASKED FOR A SECOND. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 2-3 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONERS MORGAN, HINSON AND TAYLOR OPPOSED. MOTION FAILED.

CHAIR HOLT ASKED HER TO COME BACK AT A LATER DATE.

8. Approval of the Contracts for J.B. Coxwell Contracting and D&J Enterprises, Inc. for Emergency Debris Management

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to enter into a contract with J.B. Coxwell Contracting and D&J Enterprises, Inc. for Emergency Debris Management Services. Mr. Presnell explained in case there was a disaster, they were required to have two debris management firms that were pre-qualified with FEMA and both firms met the obligation. He also explained there was no costs to the County for either firm unless there was a declared disaster and had to utilize their services and that FEMA would pay for 80% of the costs incurred.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

9. Concord Road/Fairbanks Road Intersection Traffic Signal

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board direction for the installation of a new traffic signal at the Concord Road/Fairbanks Ferry Road intersection.

Commissioner Hinson said citizens had expressed concerns of safety and requested that a traffic light replace the caution light at this intersection.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had taken it to CRTPA along with the Pat Thomas Parkway/Crawford Street concern and had an email response and the crash data information and found there were not enough crashes for a light at the Pat Thomas intersection. He said with regard to Concord Road, there was a road safety audit done and it looked like they would be working on this matter.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the funding source had been identified and Mr. Presnell said the only funding source they identified would come from the paving fund. Commissioner Taylor asked if that was money he had available already and Mr. Presnell said that was all that was available in this year's budget.

Commissioner Hinson asked if there were any money because last time they had talked, they discussed funding and thought funding was there. Mr. Presnell said they were trying to get the money through DOT and their response today was they were not through evaluating and looking at it. He said his instructions were to bring something back for immediate action.

Commissioner Hinson asked how much money was available for this project and Mr. Presnell said it was budgeted as a Capitol project and the only other option would be to amend the budget to bring monies out of reserve.

Commissioner Morgan said this had been a long time safety concern in the County and there was no problem with them moving forward with a way to get it accomplished; but felt it their responsibility to consider the different types of funding that may be available for the project. He recommended letting staff work with FDOT and see if there were other avenues available for funding and then bring back and added he was not sure if it could be approved contingent on funding.

Commissioner Viegbesie gave a summary from CRTPA and said it recommended a new traffic signal be installed and added he would work with engineers to impress a sense of urgency and felt it would move faster. He also agreed with Commissioner Morgan regarding the need to look for other funding.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT FAIRBANKS FERRY ROAD/CONCORD ROAD AND TO AMEND THE BUDGET \$112,000 TO PAY FOR IT. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION TWO TO DIRECT STAFF TO CONTINUE TO SEEK FDOT FUNDING (OR OTHER GRANT FUNDING) FOR THE PROJECT. COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND. CHAIR HOLT HAD QUESTIONS.

Chair Holt asked if they were going to seek FDOT approval or grant approval and would the County be responsible. Mr. Presnell said they were responsible but was trying to find the money for installation. She said if it was stated that way in the motion, it put it so they had to go to FDOT or a grant.

Commissioner Morgan withdrew the motion and Commissioner Viegbesie withdrew his second.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN TO DIRECT STAFF TO SEEK ANY POSSIBLE FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Hinson asked if there was enough money in his budget to do this project and Mr. Presnell said yes.

Chair Holt said if they were able to get the funding before it was done, they would not have to pay out the money.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS.

10. Discussion of Gadsden County BOCC Rules of Procedures

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this was for discussion of the BOCC Rules of Procedure as outlined in Ordinance 2002-004.

Chair Holt said she asked to bring this forward so some corrections could be made and pointed out the document was from 2002. She added that it stated there must be a quorum and that Commissioners should remain in the Chambers at all times unless there was an emergency or an illness occurred. She asked the Commissioners to see if there were any changes they felt necessary.

Commissioner Viegbesie said when he reviewed the document he found it very enlightening and that **Article 7 Rules of Debate** got his attention. He suggested a document such as this be a part that was provided to all newly elected commissioners to help orient themselves with the BOCC Rules of Procedure. He felt they should spend some time reviewing this and update it even if they had to workshop it.

Chair Holt said if someone had to leave the meeting before the meeting ended, they needed to make arrangements to let someone know it was an emergency “because the document says, State law says ‘an emergency’ but they could not just leave because there was a phone call.”

Commissioner Taylor said she read the document in its entirety and understood the reason for it, but when you run a program and what might be important to her may not be important to others. She then said the people elected them to do this job and she made a choice to do service for the community. She said there needed to be some type of dialogue so they could be respectful of each other and what they were committed to.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked the Attorney regarding the quorum, attendance and delegation of voting, which would he say if they were not honored would constitute a malfeasance or nonfeasance and felt there needed to be a “meeting of the minds” and did not think there needed to be action taken.

Chair Holt said she felt that it was a good idea to workshop it and it was not an action item tonight; they just needed to have improvements made to the document.

Commissioner Viegbesie said when the document was prepared it should be made available to every board member, advisory board member and suggested they contact FAC to bring someone in to work on ethics, public records and sunshine laws.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Chair Holt asked the Attorney to review each item and write his opinion so something could get going regarding this matter.

11. Discussion of Roles and Responsibilities of the Gadsden County Industrial Development

Authority

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for discussion of the roles and responsibilities of the Industrial Development Authority.

Chair Holt said she brought this forward because there was new industry was coming to the County. She said there was an Industrial Board and medical marijuana was coming into the County and was a total industry by itself. She said they only met once a year and would not help the BOCC at all. She said they needed to have a workshop with this Board and could not have a Board that sat silent while there was new industry coming in.

Commissioner Morgan said he questioned whether there was a need for the Industrial Authority Board as well while they were looking into this and she said there may not be but they needed to look into it and this was a workshop item with the Board.

Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO SCHEDULE A WORKSHOP WITH THE INDUSTRIAL BOARD AND THIS BOARD.

12. Update of the Cost to Provide the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Program (GAL) for Gadsden County for FY2016

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was presented to explain changes that have occurred in the Guardian Ad Litem Program in recent years and to inform the Board of the cost of providing this service. He said they had received an invoice for \$8,189 for the County's share of the office expenditures for the year 2016. He said they investigated it and State Statutes require the counties in the circuit to share the costs of office space and in the past they had budgeted \$11,750 to help with the cost of secretarial staff. He said he would investigate this a little more and when they start discussing the budget, they may want to drop what they had been budgeting for the representative.

Chair Holt asked if space was available and Mr. Presnell said they did not want space, they were not interested in that.

Commissioner Morgan said they had a local person that was provided office space at County expense, they left of their own choosing to go back to Tallahassee and now the County was being invoiced. He asked if there was prior knowledge and Mr. Presnell said no. Commissioner Morgan said for them not to pay the bill. Mr. Presnell said statutorily they were required to share office expense. Commissioner Morgan said he found it hard to believe they did not have to inform us of that expense when they consolidated the positions and Mr. Presnell said there had never been an invoice until now. Mr. Weiss said they were not obligated to pay a portion of the secretarial support but they were required to pay a portion of the office expense.

Mr. Presnell said he was recommending that if they approved this tonight, during the budget process, he would have more information but they probably would not want to fund the position any longer if they were required by statute to pay the rent.

Mr. Weiss pointed out there was a thirty day termination clause in the contract. Chair Holt said she would like to see what the case law was and the services they provided before they terminated anything.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

13. Approval of Amendment to Existing Agreement with eGov Strategies to Redesign and Improve the County's Website

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval for the amendment to an existing contract agreement for professional services with eGov Strategies to redesign and enhance the current website and authorization for the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had been the "drum major" for updating and improving the website and commended staff on updating the County website and knew it was a work in progress and it was more user-friendly now.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan asked if there was a current agreement that ran for 40 months and Mr.

Presnell said there was a current contract and wanted to make changes to bring TDC as well as the Development Council in. Commissioner Morgan said the initial agreement started in August 2013 and the renewal was coming up shortly and why not wait until end of service for the change. Ulysses Jenkins said the original contract was \$25,215. Commissioner Morgan asked why not wait until the agreement came up at the end of the 40 month term and then negotiate the services for the next agreement. Mr. Jenkins explained in the agreement there was an additional 12 months that automatically kicked in on the original contract and they were seeking to bring in three websites together to one. Commissioner Morgan asked if the County was already paying for that service and Mr. Jenkins said no, it was outside the scope of service. Commissioner Morgan felt they should explore other options.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

14. Approval to Utilize County Law Enforcement Funds to Conduct Fifth Annual Rural County Summit

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to utilize County Law Enforcement Training Funds to conduct the Fifth Annual Rural County Summit to be held April 5-7, 2016.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON.

Before the vote was taken, Chair Holt recognized Sheriff Morris Young in the audience and asked him to step forward.

Sheriff Young stepped forward and said this particular summit had been a treasure for not only the Sheriff's Office but also for the community and they had brought people in from all over America to Gadsden County. He said he was looking for them to help him better promote the county when they bring people in from the outside and felt there was a great opportunity to do so before this summit took place.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE CALLED THE QUESTION. CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

15. Amendment to Gadsden County Traffic Calming Policy

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of amendments to the Gadsden County Traffic Calming Device Policy.

COMMISSISONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD COMMENTS.

Commissioner Hinson thanked the Board for having an open mind and meeting the needs of the citizens by removing the fees for establishing traffic calming devices in the community.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

16. Memorandum of Agreement to Support the Continuation of the rural Areas of Opportunity

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Economic Opportunity to support Gadsden County as a member of the Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO). He added that Gadsden County must agree that fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities as determined by the Rural Economic Development Initiative by entering into the attached agreement.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

17. Software License Agreement

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the Software License Agreement for the software billing, collections and data into the State EMS Office.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

18. Approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gretna for Animal Control Services

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Gretna and Gadsden County for the provision of animal control services within the city limits of Gretna, FL.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

19. Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Contract #2016-JAGC-GADS-1-H3-197

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to accept the award for the 2015-16 Justice Assistance Grant for the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office, total funding \$37,519.00 and authorization for the Chair to sign.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

20. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said tomorrow scheduled from 1:30-3:30 is consideration of the Gaming bill and the incoming Senate President Negron would be presenting an amendment that included Gretna.

He reminded everyone of the Retreat that will be held at the Gretna Creek Entertainment on the 25th starting at 4:00 and the Relay for Life hotdog event the same day on the Courthouse Square starting at 11:00 a.m.

He said he was working with FAC on the training for all Boards.

Chair Holt said regarding the amendment for the Bill tomorrow in the Senate, it had been asked if you signed up to speak to instead wave and it would show support of the bill.

Commissioner Taylor had a question for the Manager and asked at the last meeting they talked about ensuring that they looked at the County as a whole with regards to developing parks so they

could do their due diligence with providing recreational activities and supported something that Commissioner Viegbesie brought up and asked if there were any other opportunities around the County, particularly land that the County owned or some that was available for purchase. She asked if he had had any success in identifying areas they could look at as far as developing. He said in her district they had identified a site on Joe Adams Road that the County owned east of the Armory and there was another piece east of Quincy. Commissioner Taylor asked the process. Mr. Presnell explained when the budget process started they would then discuss it and budget money for park construction or when grant cycles come around to apply for FRDAP grants. Commissioner Taylor said even though the County owned the property, how could the property be accessed. Mr. Weiss said until it was designated as public property for public access and deemed safe, it was just owned by the County.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

21. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss apologized in advance for his absence at the upcoming retreat but had prior plans to be out of the country but would have someone there.

CRA

He said with respect to the questions regarding the CRA, he looked at this in the past and CRA is required to provide an audit to the Board and said sometimes they do and sometimes they lag behind and there are sometimes issues with it. He said he was not aware of anything more they had to provide than an audit. Chair Holt said she wanted to see the audit and was sure the rest of board would like to as well. She also asked for a written opinion once he looked over their responsibilities and the Board's responsibilities.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked where they were on the closing of the property in St. Hebron. Mr. Weiss said the contract had been executed but the snag now was the contract was contingent on the subdivision of the property and the owners were retaining 1.7 acre of property to the east of what was being sold to the County.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

22. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had several things to address:

Citizen Advisory Task Force regarding the Multi-Use Bike Trail

He said he would like their recommendation to be agendaed for the next meeting and upon the adoption of the recommendations would like the proposal to be done so it could be provided to CRPTA.

He asked Mr. Presnell how far they had gotten with the municipalities in replacing the slot formerly occupied by former Midway Commissioner Delores Madison and said they were losing points in voting because of the open slot from Gadsden County. Mr. Presnell responded that he had spoken to several people regarding this matter and at this point they needed to get together because there were four people interested but ultimately it was up to the commission to designate

a person.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR A WORKSHOP REGARDING THE ORDINANCE OF UNIFORMITY OF SIGNAGE IN THE COUNTY AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS MATTER.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR A PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO MIKE AND ABBIE, A SMALL BUSINESS LOCATED IN HAVANA AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Mr. Weiss mentioned regarding the sign ordinance, it was in the Land Development Code and would need to go through the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said he wanted to reach out to Public Works and the Administrator and express his appreciation for their hard work in the paving initiatives that was going on across the County and that they had worked very hard for months in preparation of the roads and also for the Sheriff and the Clerk being present and part of the meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie said if he could piggyback the comment Commissioner Morgan said and added he had noticed on (Highway) 12 there was an extension of the paving to some driveways and there were some humps in the road and wondered when they would be smoothed out.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Presnell said with the driveways, a lot were done during design when they design the project and was a DOT job. He explained sometimes the contractor had to make calls when they get there and something does not work out and they would use a little asphalt to make a smooth transition.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor said if they could start streamlining some of their comments when they address agendaed issues, stay on target and stay to the point, the meetings would flow more consistent and perhaps quicker.

She said regarding the property on Joe Adams Road, she would like it looked at as far as safety and make sure something that was doable could support a park in the future.

She then said with regards to comments Chair Holt said that had to do with choices and said she considered Board meetings less than a fifth of what a commissioner's job was all about. She said more work was done in the community, more work done with regard to peoples' needs and ideas came from the community. She said "that's where the rubber meets the road is when we're out there. This is something that is certainly a necessity with regards to board meetings, but I think if we are due diligent 100% of the time, then a lot of our effort is conducted in the community. This is form, not necessarily fashion but this is definitely form that we need to go through, but most of the work, in my humble opinion, well, as far as I'm concerned, is in the community. I want to

officially say that there will be evenings, Commissioners, and I promise you it won't be until after the Commissioner comments and I probably will need to go because we have 9:00 shifts and I will have to do that. But, again, it won't interfere with my ability to be a Commissioner. I think I've been working jobs three-four jobs about all my life, that's how I was raised and that is what I will continue to do to make my means meet. So, the only other thing that I have to say is, ah, Good Night."

Chair Holt said, as she has said before, they had to come to work, it was a state law and not a decision she made, the State said they meet at 6:00 p.m. and they meet at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Taylor asked to speak and Chair Holt said she was going to move on because she had made her comment. Commissioner Taylor asked her to yield and she refused and said it was Commissioner Hinson's turn to speak. Commissioner Taylor asked Commissioner Hinson if he would yield and Chair Holt said he would either speak or she would move on past him. Commissioner Taylor said Chair Holt had made a comment and she had the right to respond. Chair Holt said she could after he finished.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson asked if there was any updates regarding progress with Havana Heights and said he had several calls regarding chains being removed. He asked if they had been contacted by the Corporate office and Mr. Weiss said he not sure if the Administrator had any contact, but he had sent a letter to follow up their letter and had received no response.

Clyde Collins, Building Official, gave an update regarding Havana Heights and said they were not interested in opening the parking lot and was told it was closed for repaving, but he did not think so. He added that they were still working on the one apartment that burned.

Commissioner Taylor left the meeting.

Commissioner Hinson said in the past week some great leaders had fallen.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION FOR ED JONES AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS MATTER.

Commissioner Hinson stated he would get the necessary information to Staff the next day and the viewing would be from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at New Jerusalem Church on Friday.

Minutes of Meeting

He said he found it hard to challenge minutes when they were delivered months later and asked how it could be expedited so after every meeting they could receive minutes the next meeting. He added he could not vote on minutes when they were past three months and sometimes a word could change things. He asked that they check with the Clerk to see what they could do because the Clerk may have "dilapidated stuff". Chair Holt said the Clerk had a good sized budget. Commissioner Hinson said he wanted to check to see what the County Commission could do to "help the process so it could be a little bit more efficient and accurate for the citizens because everybody want to be transparent. That's what transparency all about and you don't want the minutes coming to you four months later."

Mr. Presnell said he would “get on it”.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Economic Development

Chair Holt said they needed reporting back from them and would like to see what they were talking about before budget time came and would like a presentation every so often before the Board.

Hospital Board

She said there had a couple of calls from the first meeting of the hospital board’s new members asking when there would be a meeting with the Hospital Board and Mr. Presnell said a tentative date was being worked on.

She said they never received a supply list of what could not be ordered from Clerk’s Office. She added that a lady told her that her husband worked and during the summer time he could not get tinted safety goggles and she wanted a list and just because it was not in OSHA did not mean they could not work above OSHA. She also said she had no problem in going to court with the Clerk because “our job was to look out for people, not to be confined so we cannot look out for people.”

She also said she was not trying to be offensive regarding the attendance but it was a job and if it was by law, she was afraid of not abiding by the law.

Commissioner Morgan pointed out there was no state statute requiring attendance and she said she was afraid of breaking a state law, not that that was one.

Commissioner Morgan left the meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie said with the televising now of the meetings if the constituents felt there was a particular commissioner that was not representing them, there was a democracy and when the next cycle came, they could be “taken out” and they needed to continue doing the work of the people and work in harmony.

Receipt and File

23. Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce-Small Business Services Center Quarterly Report

24. Resolution Honoring Mrs. Lillie Doris Stokes

UPCOMING MEETINGS

25. March 1, 2016-Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
February 16, 2016 – Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:01 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

**BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners**

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON MARCH 1, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.,
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1-arrived late
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
Debra Minnis, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for prayer and Reverend Key then said the prayer. She then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. A silent roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk, Marcella Blocker.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell said there were some amendments to the Agenda and added Item 4A-Adoption of County Mission Statement to formally adopt the Mission Statement of the County and there were two revised items- Items 8 and 10. He said they were in the packet and advertised but changes were made by the Legal Department.

Commissioner Morgan asked why add the Mission statement to tonight's meeting since it had not been properly advertised. Chair Holt responded it was not a money issue and felt it was not improper to add.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was indifferent and felt the sooner the better but if there were concerns or something else needed on it or a reason to delay for proper announcements for the hearing and as long as "it stands the legal ground as it has from the point of view of our attorneys, I don't see why we don't do it now or we delay or whatever difference it makes, whatever the Board chooses to do, I will vote with it. But I think we worked on developing it and we need to start using it. That is my personal point of view."

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR WITHOUT ADDING THE MISSION STATEMENT. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED. (CHAIR HOLT ASKED THAT IT BE NOTED THAT COMMISSIONER HINSON WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE).

Commissioner Morgan said he felt Reverend Key would like a moment to speak to highlight the program he was working on and Mr. Presnell said he would be able to speak after the presentation of the Health Department.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. State Surgeon General Community Champion Award

Rachel Guy, Health Educator and Healthy Weight Coordinator, Gadsden County Health Department appeared before the board, made a presentation and then presented an award to the Board.

Commissioner Hinson appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

Bobby Key, Chaplain/Evangelist with the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office, appeared before the Board and had a few words to say.

CLERK OF COURTS

Clerk Thomas was present and said he had been previously informed by the auditors the audit may be little late to no fault of the auditors or the Clerk's office but due to a new add counting standard called GASB 68 that required as of September 30, 2015 (end of fiscal year) that the audited financials reflect the County's portion of the liability in the Florida State Retirement System and every County was going through it. He added the Clerks' Office was informed by the Division of Retirement that the schedules would not be ready until the end of March and counties would be notified when they were ready.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS WRITTEN.

2. Approval of Minutes

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3. Ratification to Pay County Bills

4. Approval to Accept the FY 2016 1st Quarter Report

4a. Adoption of County Mission Statement

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mary Jane Hayes, 1253 W. L. Martin Road, Chattahoochee, FL 32324, drainage ditch easement. Mary Jane Hayes appeared before the Board regarding an easement that was deeded to the County off Glen Julia Road for drainage purposes in 1965 to be maintained by the County. She requested the ditch be maintained and said it was vitally important to the drainage on their piece of property and Mount Pleasant. Chair Holt instructed her to get with the Manager to discuss the issue. Mrs. Hayes said they had been to County Road and Bridge Department and a work order was done in April 2014 and then told them a piece of property needed to be cleared of the dirt and cattle fence and this was done last year. She then said they had been back and a Supervisor and employee walked the ditch and discussed cleaning it out and after that they said there was no recorded easement or deed for easement and the Hayes' had a recorded copy. Chair Holt advised her to get with the Administrator to see if it could be solved with him.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. PUBLIC HEARING-Transmittal of a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment for Approximately 25 acres on Fantana Lane to the Department of Economic Opportunity for Review (LPA 2016-01)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to transmit the proposed amendment to the Department of Economic Opportunity for review as an amendment of 25.52 acres from Agriculture 3 to the Recreation land use category. He added the amendment was necessary because of the acreage the board bought six weeks ago for the park in the St. Hebron community.

Commissioner Viegbesie moved for the approval of the transmittal of the Map Amendments to DOE for review and comment.

Chair Holt said it was a public hearing and announced such and asked if anyone had any comments and there was no-one.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR. BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD COMMENTS.

Commissioner Hinson asked about the wetlands and how the issue could be addressed because that was one of his areas of concern for Gadsden County was the development of the wetland areas. Mr. Presnell said it was over a 20 acre tract and a stream was located on the back side of the property in the associated flood plain and there were no plans to develop in or near wetlands. He added the park would be up on Fantana Trail on about 15 acre parcel that was level, but added they might decide in the future put a walking trail in but not at this time.

Commissioner Morgan asked how the adjoining landowners had been notified and Mr. Presnell everyone within 1500 feet was mailed a certified letter and had one response asking questions about the intent.

Commissioner Hinson said he was interested in the flood zone and it interested him "because according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map they say this parcel has an area of Flood, I mean, Zone 'A', which is defined as area of 'special flood hazard subject to, to, what..."

Mr. Presnell said in the creek there was a band on either side that was within FEMA flood zone designation but was confined to the creek itself. Commissioner Hinson asked Mr. Presnell with his knowledge and judgment, if it were a good piece of property to invest in. Mr. Presnell said they had been on the entire property and the front piece was a good, level piece and usable and the backside had the creek and not developable other than maybe walking trails and when the Board made the decision to purchase the property, it was quite a bit below appraisal. Commissioner Hinson said they were purchasing 25 acres but only able to use 15 acres and the ten acres was "really just something just out there."

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was one looking for property for a park and recreation center for the community and the property came to his attention and he had personally walked the property and the part where creek is (sensitive land) could be used for a walking trail, a part of recreation,

and that part of the creek could be reclaimed and made into fishing pond where kids could do recreational fishing and the 15 acres was good for basketball, softball, baseball, etc., and the remaining 5+- was still suitable for recreational use of other forms of recreational activities. He said all 25.52 acres would be used for recreational activities of different kinds.

Commissioner Hinson said this was a great idea, but hated to tamper with wetlands and flood zone areas and infrastructure was something they needed to look at and keep an eye on hurricanes and tornadoes.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FO THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

6. PUBLIC HEARING (Legislative)-Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2016-004 for Amendment to the Future Land Use Map for a Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment (SSA 2016-01)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was a public hearing to adopt Ordinance 2016-004 for the amendment of a cumulative total of 5.97 acres of land of the Future Land Use Map from various categories to the Public/Institutional land use category for five different volunteer fire station sites in unincorporated Gadsden County. He further explained this was a clean-up item, that a glitch had been found on the map when they worked on the project at the Concord Fire Department and also found many fire stations were in AG and this was a clean-up item to get all fire departments in the Public Institutional category.

Chair Holt asked if the public had any comments.

Dusty House, 434 Mt. Calvary Church Road, Quincy, appeared before the Board, asked how this would affect the Robertsville Volunteer Fire Department. Chair Holt said it only changed to zone the land public and aside from that, nothing else changed.

UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE.

GENERAL BUSINESS

7. Tactical Drug Enforcement Training-Jacksonville, FL

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and it was for approval to pay training cost for ten Task Force Officers to attend the Tactical Drug Law Enforcement training at the Institute of Police Technology and Management in Jacksonville, FL from March 28-April 1, 2016.

Commissioner Morgan asked if training was given locally in the region and Mr. Presnell asked Deputy Sheriff Investigator Alexander to come forward.

Brian Alexander, Gadsden County Sheriff's Office Investigator, Narcotics Task Force Commander, appeared before the Board to address questions. He said the class was only offered once a year and it rotated throughout State and was scheduled for Jacksonville this time. He added that the money was for registration fee, hotel and per diem for each officer.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked why there was only one representative from Midway and Investigator Alexander said it was because of staffing, they could only afford to have one member to be on Task force and as they increased the number of officers, they would be able to increase the number of members on the Task Force.

Commissioner Taylor asked the Administrator to identify the training fund source. Mr. Presnell said there was a law enforcement training fund that was collected every year and the Clerk maintained the fund and was set aside specifically for law enforcement training of some type.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

8. Impose a \$5.00 Fee on Civil Traffic Violations

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was presented to the Board for direction on the Gadsden County School Board's request for the County to impose a \$5.00 fee on Civil Traffic violations and added the funds were to be specifically used for drivers' education programs.

Commissioner Hinson said he had had an opportunity to do research regarding this to see if other counties doing this and found a lot of areas approved this and he was in support of it.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked the attorney if the civil traffic penalty statute said \$5.00 or up to \$5.00 and Ms. Minnis explained the statute was specifically for \$5.00.

Commissioner Morgan asked if there was no impact on the Clerks' office having to collect the fine and Mr. Presnell said he never received specifics but there may be some impact. Mr. Thomas said the impact was \$1,250. Commissioner Morgan asked of the \$5.00 collected per violation how much would go to Gadsden County Schools and Mr. Presnell said it was to be evenly divided and the State was not receiving any money. He explained the Clerk could not use it to purchase the software; it would be disbursed to the schools.

Mrs. Minnis explained the statute, that it shall be used for enhancement and not replacement of driver education program funds and to be used for direct educational expenses and not for administration and it was Florida Statute 318.1215.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

9. Approval of Resolution 2016-006 Supporting the Community Transportation Safety Team (CTST to Apply for Transportation Enhancement Funding Through the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval and signature by the Chair in support of the CTST applying for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program for a sidewalk at the Crossroad Academy.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

10. Florida Arts Trail Task Force Recommendation

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the letter of support for the recommendations of the Florida Arts Trail (Trail) Task Force. He said the BOCC workshop was held on November 5, 2015 to hear an update from FDOT and to discuss the trail project. The BOCC directed the County Administrator to appoint a task force to make recommendations regarding the Trail and the task force met three times. They addressed concerns from residential areas and agreed that measures should be taken to address the issues of the businesses along the proposed trail route. He said both he and Commissioner Viegbesie met individually with the business owners and their concerns were identified and took them back to the task force to incorporate into the recommendations. The task force recommendations were prepared and presented back to the Board for consideration tonight. He explained to the Board the task force recommendations, one of which the length of the bike trail would begin in the Town of Havana and end at the intersection of Point Milligen Road and that the extension of it going into the City of Quincy was not supported at this time.

Jack Kostrzewa, Interim Executive Director, Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA), appeared before the Board and said they had taken on this project three-four years ago and the premise behind it was economic development and connecting communities and providing safety. He added this was a high-priority project and his concerns were if it stopped in Pt. Milligan, the project would drop in priority and they would move on to another project.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was glad they were now handling the project in the manner it was being handled and including citizens in the project and felt if they had been included from the start, they would not be where they were now. He added if the suggestions the citizens had made would impact the project and change the classification of the project and dropped it lower in priority, that was what the citizens wanted and they were here to represent the citizens' needs and not to impose upon them anything they did not want. He suggested to adopt the recommendation and said he would take it to CRPTA and "let the chips fall where they may".

Commissioner Morgan said he knew a lot of work was put into this item and had a hard time understanding how the economy would benefit and how it would impact in a positive way. Mr. Kostrzewa said it would attract people from different regions to utilize the trail, they would be stopping in the businesses along the way and once word was out, more and more people would utilize the trail. Commissioner Morgan said he was not necessarily an opponent of the trail, but had an issue with where it was being proposed for safety reasons along with the other reasons stated. He asked if the project could be considered in the future for a different route. Mr. Kostrzewa said if it was moved off Highway 12 it would require a different assessment of where it would go.

Commissioner Hinson asked the costs for this project and Mr. Kostrzewa said it was hard to say but somewhere between \$7-9 Million.

Commissioner Viegbesie said during the workshop, economic impact questions were asked and there was no doubt trails had a positive economic impact and use of the trails would provide a ripple effect of other businesses coming in to provide services. He added there was a bike ride Sunday from Havana through Georgia and back and Havana saw the impact on the businesses and there would be economic impact from the bike trails. He also said he understood this was a project grant and the money was specifically designated for that project and could not be used for another route. He said he would like to see the County have it but not to the detriment of those

that would be affected.

Commissioner Taylor echoed the sentiments of those out there that would feel the impact and recalled a meeting that was held where the citizens did not have an opportunity to have input but to listen to what was given from the representative that was designing the road. She said if everyone was satisfied and their representative spoke for the majority and was the will of the people, she was willing to second it and move the question.

Chair Holt said at the time the public meeting was held, she was on the Board along with Commissioners Morgan, Taylor Lamb and Croley and it was discussed several times, but she did not remember the notification part but it was passed. She said she had seen the bike trail on the South side in Tallahassee and it was beautiful and the one in Savannah was outstanding. She added she felt if they did it, it should go from Havana to Quincy, even if it was altered some and not stop halfway. She said the outcry should have been when this was first discussed and decided. She further said there was a big problem with doing all the work with CRTPA doing the work and putting this project first and other ones were put back.

Commissioner Morgan said she made mentioned reference to when the prior board first considered the project, he wanted to note that no-one realized there were thirty-one residential properties impacted by this or the safety issues on the other end of Highway 12. He said he was not opposed to an arts trail but was opposed it in the wrong place and felt important to consider the fact that the only thing worse than not funding something is funding it at the wrong time or funding the wrong project. He said she made reference to the public but felt there was a lot of the public not happy with the proposed bike trail, even with the changes and recommended that they not move forward with it.

Commissioner Hinson said "What I've heard from you is that if we approve this right here there's a chance that it may be moving down, maybe as far down or taken off and also for some people, it would send a bad message toward Gadsden County that why I know they want a project but just like, I know you want that bridge over there. That bridge is about to fall over, but if we wind up approving that bridge and put all our investment in that bridge, these business folk, they understand what I'm talking about. They may not like this particular project, but they understand what I'm talking about. They may not believe in that bridge, we want to approve this bridge, but once we approve it and put all our staff out there and put millions of dollars into it, then a change of guards at election hit again, they may say they don't want the bridge. So I don't think we need to be focused on Gadsden County. I think we need to focus on Tallahassee and Jefferson County and other areas. That's how business folks operate. So, if, I think that we need to do, we need to make sure that all five folks or people and business folks that was on the plan here, we need to make sure they accomplish, we as a County Commission can offset some of this stuff and help them out some kind of way. We got funding, each Board member got certain dollars in their district just like I got to put up \$112,000 to fix lights over there in Concord. Commissioners in district probably can figure out ways that he can do that before you guys get there. But to let you go out now and go back to the office tomorrow, that project is over with and so that project's done. That \$9-10 Million that y'all had y'all were investing to Gadsden County is gone. That lady who's leaving who plan on leaving, she's gone. A lot of other folks in Tallaviana community could be gone and so personally we got to look at the...I was born and raised in that District, I was born and raised there, and so what I'm saying, they got issues. Let's solve those issues that they have, maybe the County Commissioner could solve those issues, I'm not sure. Thing is about the time

you guys get there, we already satisfied the problem. I'm not sure it may cost us about \$100,000 whatever, \$200,000 to get it done ourselves but we need to let it happen. That's \$8-10 Million we about to let it go and also the chance for us to provide safety. I can't imagine got hit, a guy told me in certain communities that some cars is almost to their bumper about to hit them. So we don't want to have that on our shoulders and in our hands. So I'm just curious about that, again, we need to take care of those concerns but yet we don't want you to go back tomorrow and say 'Hey, they don't want it so forget about it'".

Mr. Kostrzewa said it was great they were involving the public to a greater detail about the project and whatever comments there were they would take to the Board and Department of Transportation because they would be ultimately responsible for the PD&E study. He said some of the issues brought up were valid concerns and the PD&E study was worst case scenarios and they were looking at standards that laid out the trail based on the standard that was adopted. He added when it came to the design, that would be when they take a look at where they could get variances and move project lines and move them away from properties but that could not be done in the PD&E study because they were looking at the worst case scenario for the project. He said their comments would be addressed and asked them not to shy away from the questions they wanted to ask and encouraged them to ask the questions now. He said there were variances that could be done beyond the PD&E that could make the project work.

Commissioner Viegbesie said Mr. Kostrzewa had spoken on what he was going to speak on and said the concerns of the businesses the County would not have to address, it would be addressed by DOT during the design; but the DP&E was where the trouble was. He further added if they altered the PD&E, it would impact the ranking of the project. He explained if the PD&E was allowed to stay, and the concerns of the citizens and businesses' safety would be put into action in the design of the project itself. He added to change the connectivity of the project, would adversely impact the PD&E. He added to approve the recommendations of the task force and him as the representative of CRPTA would present it to them and CRPTA and FDOT would be the ones to decide whether or not they would go through with it.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON.

Commissioner Taylor pointed out there was someone that wished to speak.

Suzanne Letz, FDOT Urban Liaison to the CRTPA, appeared before the Board to clarify that the PD&E was not approved until such time Federal Highway approved it and was not finalized and the final approval did not lie with CRPTA or FDOT, but with Federal Highway.

Commissioner Hinson said why he was so compassionate about the situation was because unless he was looking at something different, the Havana merchants were anticipating a crowd coming and patronizing them.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND CHAIR HOLT OPPOSED.

A gentleman in the audience asked what the vote was for. Chair Holt explained it was for the approval and authorized the Chair to sign a letter in support of the Florida Arts Trail Task Force recommendation and ask that the recommendation be included in the PD&E and project development process design and right-of-way acquisition. Commissioner Viegbesie explained every item the citizens recommended would be presented to CRTPA at their next meeting.

11. Request for Procurement Policy Amendment

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to amend the Procurement Policy for heavy equipment repairs specific to Public Works Department. He said repairs done by vendors could not always be completed in a timely manner without having a considerable amount of downtime, which hampered road repairs and maintenance and since the Board changed the procurement policy to the \$5,000 threshold, it had worked well in most of the day-to-day operations but they were running into problems with Caterpillar and John Deere. He said most of those repairs were expensive and there was nowhere to get the required bids that the Board required and they were running into difficulty with the Clerks' Office. He explained if one of the companies came to do a diagnostic, they would break the equipment down and then may have an \$800 bill for it; then to get other inquiries or bids; it would have to be put back together and pay them to bid it out. He asked the Board that the policy be amended very specifically to the Public Works Department and specific to certain pieces of equipment.

Commissioner Morgan said he did not understand the issue with making the amendment and was unsure of the negative impact it would have and at the proper time he would make approval of option one to amend the policy.

Commissioner Hinson said they recently purchased six dump trucks and felt before they made that move, to wait until budget season and discuss it before making that decision tonight.

Commissioner Viegbesie said the amendment was just an amendment of one section of the entire Procurement Policy and dealt specifically with heavy equipment. He also pointed out in Section 2.3.1 it was highlighted and stated that 'should a purchase exceed \$5,000, the County Administrator shall agenda the item for ratification by the Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting' for the expenditure to be made.

Mr. Presnell explained to avoid down time, they needed the policy change.

Mr. Thomas also told the Board that the Finance Department supported the policy change.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he did not see where it contradicted the present procurement policy and would only expedite the fixing of the damaged equipment.

Chair Holt said if it went over \$5,000, it would come back to the Board.

Mr. Presnell said he just needed the authority to get the machine back operational and would still get the appropriate approval.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

12. Approval of a Temporary Easement and Resolution with the Florida Department of Transportation

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to enter into a Temporary Easement with the Florida Department of Transportation on Commerce Blvd. in Midway, FL.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

13. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said a workshop with the Industrial Development Board was scheduled for April 5th prior to the regular meeting at 4:30.

He told them the Hospital Board workshop was scheduled for March 17th at 6:00 at the Havana Library

He said Becky at FAC had been working with them in scheduling training for appointees and will be held at the IFAS Center but no date was scheduled yet.

He said Gadsden County Development Council has a soft launch on their new website and once the kinks were worked out, they would incorporate it into the County's website.

He spoke with George Hackney regarding a tour of the new facility at the medical marijuana facility maybe on March 15th prior to the regular meeting.

Chair Holt said she spoke with the Manager and felt before a meeting would be a good opportunity to tour the site.

Commissioner Taylor asked about one of the businesses that was not able to proceed had protested and Mr. Presnell said there were several that protested and one that had protested had already had the hearing and the hearing was in their favor. He added that the State was looking at issuing more licenses in other areas to settle the lawsuit but this was exclusive from Pensacola to here. Commissioner Taylor asked about the number of jobs available and Mr. Presnell said it was not big at this point but there were some.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had the opportunity to be present at the First Baptist Church breakfast when the engineer and co-owner of the business came to do a presentation and he was very impressed with the operation. He said this was not the kind to get you high; it was used for medicinal purposes and had jobs that pay because the skill set was higher but other jobs within the operation that would require skill set available here.

Commissioner Taylor said quite bit came out of the retreat and some goals were outlined, one in particular where they would start working with other municipalities and since the Mission Statement had been adopted, it was time to start putting it in action and asked Mr. Presnell how soon he thought he could bring back objectives to the Board on how they could be implemented. Mr. Presnell said very soon and they rushed the Mission Statement tonight so the work could get out and announce some of the other initiatives, goals and objectives the Board worked on. He said

they would be making goals and dates with the Staff and be accountable for them.

She asked at an earlier meeting about land for possible recreation/parks area on Joe Adams Road and wondered when it would be agendaed. Mr. Presnell said the Building Department looked it over and found nothing negative regarding safety related.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

14. Update on Various Legal Issues

Ms. Minnis said she had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

15. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had a number of things to comment on and expressed his sincere appreciation and complements to the Body and Staff for the collaborative job well done at the last retreat where they were able to develop a Mission Statement for the County and hoped they continued to put the interest of citizens first.

He added that now the Mission Statement had been developed, there was another document he had not seen and he had been on the Commission for almost two years and had not seen nor been provided a standardized annual job performance evaluation instrument for the County Attorney and/or the County Administrator. Mr. Presnell said there was one for the Administrator, but he had not seen one for the Attorney. Commissioner Viegbesie said he would like to see one developed for the Attorney. He also stressed at this point it was not an attack on anyone and asked everyone to listen intently to what he was saying.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO LINSHELLS BOUTIQUE AND MS. LINDA DIXON.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said the first thing that came to mind regarding Commissioner Viegbesie's comments regarding the evaluations was to reach out to Vince Long again.

He asked the Administrator about an update and renovation to the Park on Hardaway Road and wanted to see about how they could get restrooms added to that Park.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor asked where they were with the current paving project and the future bidding process regarding the paving of the roads and Mr. Presnell said the bids would be opened this Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

She asked if it was too soon to talk about workshops for the budget and Mr. Presnell said the first one was set in May.

She then apologized to the Board regarding the last meeting and her conduct and said they were there for a reason and that was to stay on task and be courteous to one another. She said she was trained better and now that the meetings were televised and they had a mission, they needed to stay focused with that mission. She assured the Board going forward that would be her constant reminder and demeanor to stay focused, professional, courteous and do her best to be the very best Commissioner she could.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson said last year they had talked about bringing a Community Center to Havana and asked if that was moving forward.

Commissioner Taylor left at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Presnell said that had been discussed when they were doing the CDBG proposals and that would have to come from the Citizen Advisory Task Force but there had been no further discussion since the Board chose housing. He added they were working on an economic development CDBG grant now that they would hear at the next meeting. Commissioner Hinson said the biggest problem they had now was the Health and Fitness Center in Havana closed and they were trying to identify a spot and half of the attendees were senior citizens and need somewhere to work out along with something for the kids. He thought he had talked to Staff and thought they were working on something to try to identify a building. Mr. Presnell said Dee Jackson may have been working on something other than the CDBG because there were a lot of different grants and she would be back next week from maternity leave and he would mention it to her.

He felt it would be good to have another retreat and talk about staffing plans and direction of the Board.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said they would not be able to do the Canvassing Board and had spoken to Shirley Knight and she said thought at first they could vote on someone to stand in. Chair Holt said she then spoke to Judge Sjostrom and he was putting his staff on it and Chair Holt told him Mr. Presnell could fill and he agreed a citizen could do it. She said she would like to put in a motion to have Mr. Presnell serve as an alternate if needed.

Commissioner Viegbesie said with regard to the Canvassing Board, there were only two dates in March he would not be available to be there at the exact time they were needed to be there because of class and if someone had to be there, if Mr. Presnell could, then he would relieve him as soon as he could get there.

Commissioner Hinson made the second.

Commissioner Morgan had questions. Ms. Minnis said she understood there were four dates the board would meet and two of the dates Commissioner Viegbesie could not be there at the time it started and Mr. Presnell could be there until Commissioner Viegbesie could arrive and this was a safety measure.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE MR. PRESNELL AS AN ALTERNATE.

Chair Holt said she liked the idea of having copies of statutes available when items come up so the Commissioners could see it for themselves.

She then said the City of Gretna was annexing a large parcel and the Board could not control what they annex, but there had been questions from citizens regarding that. She told them to contact the City of Gretna if the annexation did not take roads, then there would be problems. She further stated that because of the annexation, 1,300 feet of roads now belonged to the City of Gretna and they would have to maintain those roads now.

She mentioned that the Bill to include minority farmers passed Monday and the Slots bill was kicked back and hopefully it would come back.

Commissioner Hinson recognized the former Mayor of Gretna Howard Randolph and former City Mayor Keith Dowdell that was present at the meeting.

Receipt and File

16. a. Letter from DEO
- b. Letter from City of Gretna re: Voluntary Annexation
- c. Resolution Honoring the Life of Mrs. Irene Houston

UPCOMING MEETINGS

17. March 15, 2016-Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
March 1, 2016-Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:32 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

**BRENDA S. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners**

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON MARCH 15, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.,
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., asked for moment of silence and then led in Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag. A silent roll call was conducted by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell said he would like to pull Item 17 that was in the Agenda and replace it with the replacement before them.

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

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce Update

David Gardner, Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Board to give an update for the Small Business Service Center.

He gave an update of staff and said he knew the BOCC had recently come up with a Mission Statement for the County. He also gave a brief overview of the Chamber, listed objectives and key Chamber initiatives.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Dr. Nick Comerford, UF-IFAS, appeared before the Board and said a few words concerning the GROW GADSDEN program.

Commissioner Taylor re-appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

Rob Nixon, Small Business Program Consultant, appeared before the Board and said a few words and gave the Commission an update regarding the Small Business Services Program they had invested in. He listed the purpose, mission and the services they provided and said the services were provided to any Gadsden County resident and they did not have to be member of the Chamber to take advantage of the program. He added through the Chamber they were able to

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market the businesses. He also gave a breakdown of the Program Metrics and stated to-date they had served 109 businesses and of those 39 were sole proprietorships, 19 were current incorporated businesses and 51 were unregistered businesses. He added they were not seeing “easy” businesses such as car detail shops but instead was seeing more hands on, labor intensive businesses starting.

Marlon Marshall, whom they met through the Re-Entry Program, appeared before the Board and told them how the Chamber had helped him in creating and presenting his invention to FAMU, with the help of Mr. Nixon and the Chamber, and they were now in the process of putting it into fruition and added it could bring jobs to Gadsden County.

Ms. Tammy Ceasor appeared before the Board and said briefly how appreciative she was of the Chamber and went to them with a 25 bed idea for a group home facility, but decided to go with a smaller facility and hoped in November to be able to open a 15 bed facility.

Chair Holt asked Mr. Nixon if he had been checking with the cities and county regarding permitting because she had new businesses telling her they had not been contacted by the Chamber.

Commissioner Viegbesie entered into record that he was a member of the Canvassing Board and would not be present for the entire meeting because his presence was required at the Canvassing Board.

Commissioner Viegbesie left the meeting at this juncture.

Commissioner Taylor thanked them for their presentation, said there had been a lot of accomplishments and would like to see presentations from them more regular.

Chair Holt added that she would like to see a monthly presentation from both the Chamber and the Development Council.

2. Recognition of Linshell’s Boutique and Gifts, LLC

Chair Holt presented a Certificate of Recognition to Linda Dixon and Linshells’ Boutique and she brought some models with her that modeled some of the clothing that came from her boutique. She also mentioned that she had been asked by Thomasville to come over for their Kentucky Derby Party and sell her hats.

3. Super Why Summer Reading Camp

Mr. Presnell stated Mr. Harrison was not present.

Commissioner Hinson asked to recognize all females and said March was Women’s Month and specifically wanted to recognize both Chair Holt and Commissioner Taylor.

CLERK OF COURTS

4. Value Adjustment Board Information

Clerk Thomas told the Commissioners that the Value Adjustment Board was a statutory requirement that allowed citizens to petition for review of their property taxes. He explained there were five members, two of which were BOCC members, one School Board member and two

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citizens, one that was appointed by the BOCC and was a homestead property representative and the other was a business owner that occupied commercial property that was appointed by the School Board. He advised them that Ms. Martha Peeler did not wish to participate this year and wanted to allow them enough time to find a replacement. He also pointed out the provision that allowed the School Board to pay two-fifths of the costs of the Attorney with the Value Adjustment Board making the appointment. He advised them to allow their Attorney to review this matter.

CONSENT

Mr. Presnell said the Consent Agenda was before them.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIOENR HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN.

5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **November 5, 2015-Workshop Meeting**
 - b. **January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes**
6. **Ratification to Pay County Bills**
7. **Consideration of a Transmittal of a Support Letter to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council for the Application of a Grant to Study the Feasibility of a Trail in Western Gadsden County**

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Linda Dixon, 4332 Attapulugus Highway, Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board and had questions regarding the Chamber's presentation this evening and asked that they stay firmly involved. She and asked how individuals received help regarding their program and stated there had been no contact with her regarding her business. She added she was concerned with what they were designed to do.

Chair Holt said the individuals that appeared here tonight stated they had gone to the Chamber but she was looking for the Chamber to contact businesses.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. PUBLIC HEARING-(First) Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said they needed to adjourn the meeting for a short period for a public hearing.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE THIS MOTION.

Mr. Presnell stated the purpose of this hearing was to obtain citizens' views regarding community development prior to drafting the application. He also said this was the first of two required hearings. He explained the County was eligible to apply for up to \$750,000 in neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization and housing rehabilitation categories and up to \$1.5

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Million in the economic development category.

Chair Holt asked if there was any public input and there was none.

The meeting was re-convened at this point.

Commissioner Morgan asked if there was any specific project in mind. Mr. Presnell explained this would go back to the Citizen Advisory Task Force and when it came back before them, they would have the particulars at that point. Commissioner Morgan asked what he was approving tonight and Mr. Presnell said it was for them to apply for CDBG funding for development.

Dee Jackson, Grant Writer, appeared before the Board and said there was a project they were looking at but was not able to elaborate until the second public hearing was held.

Chair Holt said they were simply approving the process tonight, not the project at this time.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE THE SECOND AND HAD A QUESTION.

She asked if the meeting was re-opened correctly and Mr. Weiss explained that technically they were not in a BOCC meeting but the correct process had been followed.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 3-1 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

9. FDOT Grant Application Cycles

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to submit grant applications to FDOT under the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP), Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) and County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP).

Commissioner Hinson said there was a road in his district in Concord and was not on the list and could not recall the road name and asked that Curtis Young to step forward and Mr. Young said it was Horseshoe Road.

Commissioner Morgan moved approval of Option 1.

Commissioner Taylor said her understanding was roads in the districts had already been looked at and asked when the work would be done.

Chair Holt had questions regarding roads in her district.

Justin Ford, Preble Rish, appeared before the Board and said roads could be switched out and Ben Bostic was in much worse shape than Atlanta Street.

Commissioner Hinson asked if Glade Road was part of this and was told no, that there were a ton of roads in each district and they tried to select strong candidates.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

10. Approval of Task Order 2016-001 with DPB & Associates, Consulting Engineers, for Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Bettstown Road Paving Project

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for authorization for the Chair to execute a Task Order with DPB & Associates for construction administration and inspection services for the Bettstown Paving Project.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

11. Approval of Task Order 2016-002 with DPB & Associates, Consulting Engineers, for Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Brickyard Road Paving Project

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for authorization for the Chair to execute a Task Order with DPB & Associates for construction administration and inspection services for the Brickyard Road Paving Project.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

12. Approval of Task Order 2016-003 with DPB & Associates, Consulting Engineers, for Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Howell Road Paving Project

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for authorization for the Chair to execute a Task Order with DPB & Associates for construction administration and inspection services for the Howell Road Paving Project.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

13. Approval of Task Order 2016-004 with DPB & Associates, Consulting Engineers, for Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Peck Betts Road Paving Project

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for authorization for the Chair to execute a Task Order with DPB & Associates for construction administration and inspection services for the Peck Betts Road Paving Project.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

14. Approval of Task Order 2016-005 with DPB & Associates, Consulting Engineers, for Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Telogia Creek Road Paving Project

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for authorization for the Chair to execute a Task Order with DPB & Associates for construction administration and inspection services for the Telogia Creek Road Paving Project.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

15. Approval of Task Order 2016-006 with DPB & Associates, Consulting Engineers, for Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the McPhaul Road Paving Project

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for authorization for the Chair to execute a Task Order with DPB & Associates for construction administration and inspection services for the McPhaul Road Paving Project.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

16. Approval of Task Order 2016-007 with DPB & Associates, Consulting Engineers for Construction Administration and Inspection Services for Phase II of the Gadsden County Road Improvements Projects in County Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval for the Chair to execute a Task Order with DPB & Associates for construction administration and inspection services for Phase II of the Gadsden County Road Improvement Projects in County Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

17. Approval of Lease Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the William A. Inman Agriculture Center-Livestock Pavilion (Material to be Provided)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and this was for Board approval of Resolution 2016-007 to authorize the submittal of a rural business development grant application in an amount not to exceed \$199,000 to the United States Department of Agriculture and attached also was a letter supporting the Ag Extension/Farmer's Market Project.

Commissioner Morgan asked if there was a deadline and Mr. Presnell said yes.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

18. Request for Law Enforcement Educational Fund for Training Purposes

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to use Law Enforcement Educational Funds for the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office Active Shooter Training Exercise at Gadsden County Schools. He added the total amount requested was \$12,400.

Commissioner Taylor asked if funds identified in another source and Mr. Presnell said it was collected from tickets and the funds set aside by the Clerk and was to be used for law enforcement training.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

19. Approval to Appoint New Library Commission Member

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was a request for the Board to appoint a new member to the Gadsden County Public Library Commission. He added that a member had recently resigned and approval was sought for the Board to appoint Mrs. Ethelyn Cunningham.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

20. Approval and Signature(s) for Satisfaction of Special Assessment State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Down Payment and Closing Cost Program

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to satisfy the Special Assessment Lien that was agreed upon by the Homeowner and Community Development State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Down Payment and Closing Cost Program and authorization for the Chair to sign.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

21. Request for Monetary Support for the Relay For Life of Gadsden-American Cancer Society

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was seeking monetary support from the BOCC for the "Team Gadsden County" Relay for Life to help raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Commissioner Morgan said he supported this but asked why they were giving funds from taxpayer dollars and felt it should be a personal contribution instead.

Commissioner Hinson wanted to make sure the public had clear understanding and thought in the past only a few dollars was raised and they wanted to help out. He then asked how much had been raised to date so far and Mr. Presnell said there had been two events and so far had raised \$1500 approximately.

UPON MOTION BY CHAIR HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 3-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE \$1000 FOR RELAY FOR LIFE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

22. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell reminded the Board that summer was coming and they were trying to get work out about the 2016 Youth program and would be accepting applications March 24th - April 22nd. Chair Holt was concerned about hospitality training and stressed the importance of same. Commissioner Hinson talked about training and mentioned this last year the need for staff to be patient with kids and parents and they needed to start with training Staff.

Mr. Presnell reminded them Thursday was the chicken dinner for Relay for Life at lunch on the Courthouse Square.

He reminded them of the Industrial Development workshop on April 5th at 4:30 before the regular Board meeting.

He reminded them Thursday was the joint workshop with the Hospital Board at the Havana Library March 17th at 6:00 p.m.

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He asked for a Proclamation for Roberta Stephens who was celebrating her 100th birthday.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION.

He also asked for a Proclamation for National Library Week.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION.

Commissioner Hinson also asked for a meeting or workshop with the librarian and would like a workshop with all staff and when they have the meeting, for each one to make a presentation.

Chair Holt suggested holding it once a month.

Mr. Presnell asked for a Resolution for Melvin Ray.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Mr. Presnell reported to Commissioner Taylor regarding the property on Joe Adams Road for the park that there was nothing restricting the property from being used as a park if they wished to pursue it.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

23. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss said there was nothing to report but was available for questions and there were none.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

24. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Anthony “Dr. V” Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said he had nothing to report.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor said she understood the second round bidding for paving came in under costs and ample dollars were left. Mr. Presnell said some districts had money left and some had nothing left. He also said if anyone had something they wished to change to please let them know so it could be addressed.

She asked to agenda the park item and said she was interested in how they concluded it was a safe area.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

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Commissioner Hinson had a question regarding the lease agreement for the Ag Center and wondered with rural development if they could have a Farmers' Market on the east side of the county around Midway or Havana instead of the west side. Chair Holt said they were trying to get money built up for renovations and the building belonged to the State.

Commissioner Taylor said she was very touched with the comments by Commissioner Hinson with regards to him recognizing her and Chair Holt and felt it was very heartfelt.

He said they were able to get \$150,000 for a water study in Midway and \$300,000 in Chattahoochee for replacing water lines. He said as County Commissioners they need to be prepared and get infrastructure in and increase the tax base.

Mr. Presnell said he was having a joint meeting with Auburn Ford Friday to discuss projects dealing with infrastructure.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Chair Holt advised him to meet with the Manager concerning what he wanted.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Hinson asked when pick-up for large items would be and Mr. Presnell said it was usually during the fall of the year.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt asked everyone to keep their ears open for events to help veterans.

She said with the City/County joint meetings, to make sure they get with them and get/give a list of wants and needs that they need.

She asked when meeting was scheduled with the Industrial Board, and Mr. Presnell said it was April 5th at 4:30. She said they needed to have information on the new industry and the Casino was not dead yet.

She mentioned the bill was passed and minority farmers would be able to go after contracts.

Commissioner Hinson mentioned they were working on adding a red light on Concord Road and said in the meantime he wanted to add caution lights/speed sign showing how fast cars were going on Highway 12.

He said also there had been complaints on Highway 159 and Highway 27 where some folks have been killed.

Commissioner Hinson also said he would like to have a press release regarding the widening of High Bridge Road because a lot of folks had died on that road and he wanted to let everyone know that funding to widen the road had been found. Chair Holt said to look at the list and publish that to let everyone know what they were doing.

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Receipt and File

25. Substitute Canvassing Board Member Appointment

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 25. April 5, 2016-Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
April 19, 2016-Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:52 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

**BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners**

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON APRIL 5, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M., THE
FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., asked for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge to the U.S. Flag. A silent roll call was taken by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

Mr. Presnell said there were three presentations or appearances tonight.

1. Recognition of Mari Vanlandingham for Service on the Planning Commission

Commissioner Morgan said he was honored to present a plaque to Mari Vanlandingham on behalf of the Board for her nine years of service to the Planning Commission. He read aloud the plaque and then presented it to Mrs. Vanlandingham. Mrs. Vanlandingham thanked the Commission and said another passion of hers was adult literacy and thanked the Commission also for their support with the Library.

2. Proclamation Honoring National Library Week

Mr. Presnell said the next presentation was a Proclamation honoring National Library Week and he announced a number of festivities that would be taking place at the Library.

Chair Holt read aloud the Proclamation and it was presented to Tabitha Washington, Librarian. Ms. Washington thanked everyone for their support since she had come on Board.

3. Super Why Summer Reading Camp

Mr. Presnell said there was a presentation from Mr. Buddy Harrison, Corporate Support Representative, WFSU Communications, appeared before the Board and introduced Kim Kelly. She spoke briefly to the Board about the grant project and said the program targeted 3-6 year olds, was a camp that was three weeks long and would teach them different skills. She brought research data to share with the Commissioners.

CLERK OF COURTS

Marcella Blocker informed the Board there was nothing to report.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Viegbesie said before they moved away from the Consent Agenda, in part of the minutes was the December 15, 2015 Succession Workshop minutes and asked when that would be scheduled again to work on the process that was recommended at that workshop. Chair Holt asked him to bring that up at the end of the meeting under his Remarks.

4. Approval of Proclamation for Water Conservation Month

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. September 10, 2015-Budget Hearing
- b. September 21, 2015-Budget Hearing
- c. December 15, 2015-Succession Workshop
- d. January 19, 2016-Economic Development Incentives Workshop
- e. February 2, 2016-Regular Meeting
- f. February 16, 2016-Regular Meeting
- g. March 1, 2016-Regular Meeting
- h. March 15, 2016-Regular Meeting

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING-Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said they needed to adjourn the meeting to see if there was any public comment.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO BRIEFLY ADJOURN THE MEETING TO HOLD THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Presnell said this was the second and final hearing and explained the purpose of the hearing. He asked if there was any public input. Commissioner Morgan asked about the material before them and said he had not had a chance to review the packet and Mr. Presnell said it had just been provided to them.

Commissioner Hinson said this was a lot of information to absorb and asked the Attorney if this was his first time seeing this packet and he said it was.

Dee Jackson, Grant Writer, appeared before the Board and said the entire application was basic and said there was no write-up required for the grant and she explained the allocation of the money.

Mr. Presnell said if there was no further input, they needed to re-convene the meeting and then

they could take the vote.

Chair Holt asked what caused the delay and Mrs. Jackson said it was due to her being on maternity leave and she explained the break-down of \$750,000.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO RECONVENE THE BOARD MEETING.

Commissioner Hinson said he had problem with \$112,500 administration fee and Mr. Presnell explained most places used consultants to do the CDBG grants and asked Mr. Lewis to come forward to address this with the Commissioners.

Tom Lewis, President, DPB Consulting Engineers, addressed the Board said there was a process to qualify a consultant to use for the grant and that was not done and added that he was helping because Gadsden County needed this grant. He further explained the process was driven by the Department of Economic Opportunity and the grant was announced 1 ½ weeks ago and was due April 25th.

Commissioner Morgan asked if the deadline was April 25th, could this wait until the next meeting and approve it at that meeting and Mr. Presnell said he did not want to take that chance. Commissioner Morgan said his concern was they were presented at the meeting tonight with approximately forty pages and he had no problem considering the grant, but was not comfortable voting on this item without reviewing the packet. He added if he were asked to vote on this item tonight, he was not going to vote for it and would like the opportunity to support it.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

7. Request for Capital Funding for Gadsden Arts Center Expansion Project

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of a one-time capital funding in the amount of \$25,000 to support the Gadsden Arts Center's Community Connection expansion project. He added they had raised 70% of their \$600,000 goal to date through private contributions. Mr. Presnell said Ms. Robinson had appeared before the Board earlier on February 6th and was tabled to give her a chance to request funding from Quincy CRA and the City of Quincy and the City of Quincy voted to fund \$25,000 and the Quincy CRA agreed to fund \$9,500.

Grace Robinson, Executive Director of Gadsden Arts Center, appeared before the Board.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was in favor of this and had taken a tour of the building and had the expansion project shown to him and felt it was something needed for the art and cultural aspect of the community and hoped every commissioner took the time to walk through the Center to see what they were asking the money for.

Commissioner Morgan said he understood the value the Art Center brought to the County and felt the better way to fund the expansion project was through the Tourist Development Council (TDC) and Ms. Robinson said she felt it could fit but her concern was the angle of marketing received from the TDC, the City and the CRA was anything the organizations were currently doing with them, she asked that they continue first because they did not want to erode their current success and branding by further asking and trying to grow. Commissioner Morgan said his position was why one has any impact on the other; it was a one-time expansion project. He added he felt if they agreed to this, it would open the door to other non-profits coming before them and asking for additional funding and encouraged the Commissioners to support funding through the TDC and added that was what it was designed for and said they did not have the money to fund this through Fund Balance or through Capital Project Funding from the General Budget.

Chair Holt said she would vote for the item but did not think it should come through TDC; this Board should bite the bullet and not put it on another board and believed it was good project.

Commissioner Taylor said she concurred with Commissioner Morgan for TDC being the funding source but heard what Ms. Robinson said that it might compromise funding in the future from TDC.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked the Administrator if there was \$25,000 available or did they have to find a way to fund it. Mr. Presnell said if the Board chose to do so, the money would be available October 1st.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE SUBJECT TO FUNDS BEING AVAILABLE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

8. 2016 Paving Projects Phase II Bid Award

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to award the 2016 Paving Project to Peavy and Son Construction in the amount of \$2,349,556.00.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he did not see the Change Orders that were made because he was absent from the last meeting due to him serving on the Canvassing Board. Mr. Presnell said this was the awarding of the Bid and the Change Order would be on the next agenda.

9. Concord Road Signal Task Order

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for the installation of a new traffic signal at the Concord Road/Fairbanks Road intersection and for authorization for the Chair to sign.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

10. Interlocal Agreement for Road Resurfacing Projects

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board direction on the Interlocal

Agreement for Road Resurfacing Projects between the City of Quincy and Gadsden County BOCC for the resurfacing of Joe Adams Road and Walsh Road and for authorization for the Chair to sign.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A SECOND FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked for the total amount of the entire costs.

Justin Ford, Preble-Rish, appeared before the Board to address their questions. He said based on the bids received, Joe Adams Road total costs would be \$139,590 and Walsh Road would be \$64,602. Commissioner Taylor asked if this would be coming out of the funding for that district and was told yes.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

11. 2015 Striping Project-Change Order #1

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to issue a Change Order to Oglesby Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,867.74 to close out the 2015 Striping Project and for authorization for the Chair to sign.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

12. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said he had several items tonight:

The Men of Action had purchased a building across from Reynolds Doughnut Shop and was having a dedication Saturday;

He said they had a great day with USDA that was in town for Congresswoman Graham's meeting at the IFAS Center and went to the proposed Multi-purpose Center at the site at the Livestock Pavilion;

He said the Health Council would be meeting in this Chamber on Wednesday, April 13th at 10:00 a.m. and was to talk about the breakdowns that came out;

He reminded them of the Rural County Summit going on right now through Thursday;

He told them there would be a Sign Ordinance Workshop on April 19th before the regular meeting;

He said they were in the process of scheduling Joint workshops with the Municipalities-Havana would be at the Library; Gretna would be on May 12th at the Casino and Midway would be April 21st and would like to get the CRPTA representative issue resolved from these meetings;

He said they had budgeted money to acquire property in the Dogtown area for a fire station and they had found property and was offered a really good deal that was less than appraisal for a two acre piece and asked they vote tonight to allow Staff to proceed.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD COMMENTS.

Commissioner Hinson said he did not mind the last approval and has asked in the past for a

community center and felt it was needed on the east side of Gadsden County and District One needed things as well but everything was being approved for District 2 and it needed to be fair and have things approved for District 1 and he could not vote for it until they talked about what was happening in District 1.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was glad to hear Commissioner Hinson make the comment he made; this was Gadsden County and St. Hebron was in east Gadsden and the Park and Recreation Center that was being worked on has community activity center in its design and was being designed with what they have in the Jack McLean Park but that was a separate issue from this. He explained this was for a community that did not have fire service and a lot of people had lost their housing and lives to fire because it was in a dead zone outside of the fire service area and had to do with human safety and this money was budgeted and was in the fiscal budget for the current year. He further stated that fire was non-discriminatory and hoped they could take "I, Me, Mine" out of the project they were doing and look at Gadsden County as a whole and that no matter where the project was, just like the money was spent for a traffic light, it was for the good of Gadsden County. He added he hoped with the things they did, they looked at the county as a whole as opposed to the fragmentation of "my district, my district, my district". He further added that he did not have a district, he was elected to represent a district, but they were on the Board for the good of Gadsden County as a whole.

Commissioner Morgan said since they would be approving something based on the project and asked since it involved spending dollars, should it be agendaed for approval. Mr. Presnell explained he just wanted approval for Staff to proceed with the acquisition and it would come back before them for the purchase, but he needed to spend a few dollars to get the title work done, etc. Mr. Weiss said he felt it could be approved in this manner that he was just asking for approval to move forward.

Commissioner Taylor said she did not have a problem with it, but with taxpayers' money being spent; it needed to be placed on the agenda. Mr. Weiss said he did not think there would be money spent, it was a matter of proceeding with getting a contract ready to present to the Board, but he agreed if dollars was to be spent, it needed to be an agendaed item. Mr. Presnell said he would be preparing a Contract for Sale, he was simply asking for the Board's blessing to proceed with the two acre tract.

Chair Holt asked if money would be spent between tonight and the next time it was placed on the agenda and Mr. Presnell responded yes, if they approved it tonight, he would get the survey going, the lawyer prepare the contract, etc. Chair Holt said it needed to be agendaed.

Commissioner Viegbesie withdrew his motion.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR TO AGENDA THIS ITEM, BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD COMMENTS.

Commissioner Hinson said in this part of District 2, before Commissioner Viegbesie became a commissioner, he rallied the troops at New Bethel Primitive Baptist Church to discuss a fire station and it was not an issue about fire stations and that was why he funded the majority of the fire stations at \$300,000 to Concord, \$100,000 towards Havana, and all throughout Gadsden County, there was two in Gretna, one being at Robertsville and said his speech all the time was for

infrastructure and this time it was about fairness and nothing to do with infrastructure. He added this time it was OK to spend \$20,000-\$30,000 here but he wanted them to spend \$20,000-\$30,000 over there (in District 1) as well and wanted them to consider when he brought things up for Havana, Midway or Lake Yvette because there was a need for a Community Center on the east side of Gadsden County.

Chair Holt said she did not disagree with him that they needed one, but that area was the only black-out there was in the County that was lacking in coverage. She said this was an area that could not be reached within 12-15 minutes and a wood frame house would burn down in that time and this was a need and not necessarily a want. Commissioner Hinson said quality of life was a want also.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM GOING ON THE AGENDA.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

13. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss said the Oral Argument was scheduled for the Gretna Casino case for June 7th at 9 am at the Supreme Court in Tallahassee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

14. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO THE GREENERY FLORAL AND TUXEDO PLACE OWNED BY RON GREEN. A SECOND WAS MADE BY CHAIR HOLT. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE THIS.

He then gave an update of the Florida Art Trail from CRPTA and said in the last meeting held March 21st, CRPTA adopted three options: the recommendation that came from the Citizen Advisory Task Force that included the length of the bike trail and the concerns of the three businesses, the Tallavana School, NAPA, and May Nursery were included in the Agenda for discussion. He said the options presented were: 1) recommend to FDOT to complete the PD&E; 2) To authorize CRTPA staff to forge recommendations from the Task Force into the design phase should the phase be funded; and 3) To authorize CRTPA staff to further enhance project involvement in any additional phase of the Art trail through the initiation of a Special Project in the Unified Plan Work Program. He added that all three options were actually motioned for adoption and it passed with Commissioner Viegbesie being the only opposition and he said the project was moving forward with the PD&E.

He said with regards to the rate at which institutions and agencies data information was being infiltrated and compromised to be held ransom by various organizations, and small cities' computer systems were being hacked into and held hostage, along with hospitals, etc. and asked Mr. Presnell if there were any measure in place to insure that the county government data information was safe from being compromised by cyber pirates and Mr. Presnell said yes. He said last year they upgraded the firewall protections and changed the back-up capability.

Commissioner Viegbesie suggested in addition to that, that they provided mandatory security awareness training to all county employees at all levels to help prevent the data information being compromised.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan asked Mr. Presnell if he could schedule a ribbon cutting for the Rosedale Park and try to do it on April 15th. Commissioner Viegbesie said he would be in class at that time.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor said Mr. Presnell mentioned the Health Department having a dialogue with all interested parties with regards to the ranking of the County and hoped it was scheduled in the very near future.

She said she met with a couple that talked about cleaning the lakes, and there was a lot of debris and fallen trees and said they mentioned a dam being built in Georgia that will affect the flow of the river to Florida and she was told water would be drawn from our lakes in order to make the water level appropriate in Georgia. She added Herb Chancy was in that meeting and he might be able to provide more details.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he thought that was one of the battles Florida, Georgia and Tennessee has been in for years with the water wars.

Summer jobs-She asked if commissioners still were able to present five applications for youth to be hired and he said yes, they needed to be submitted to his office.

Commissioner Viegbesie said in the announcement there was nothing saying commissioners could recommend five students. Mr. Weiss said his recollection of the policy was everyone was still required to submit an application to the County Administrator's Office, but they decided that the commissioners could select five applicants from all the applicants and did not think the notice was inconsistent with the policy.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson recognized one of his former athletes, Mr. Wilcox, and said he graduated from Alabama State.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED TO THE FAMILY OF COACH DAVID "BERNARD" MOSLEY.

He thanked the Board for the summer youth employment opportunities and said along with the 100 students they will employ, they needed to have jobs available for 10 students that were mentally challenged students.

He said a citizen in the community that mentioned changing the name of the road where the hospital, health department, etc. was located to Medical Boulevard because everything was located in the one area.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Summer Job Program-Chair Holt asked on the Summer Job program, to hold them long enough to have hospitality training before they go to the job.

Welcoming Small Businesses-She said it was great they were welcoming small businesses and new businesses that were coming to the area, but she expected something to come from the Chamber as well.

Receipt and File

15. a. Resolution Honoring Melvin Ray
b. Proclamation Honoring Mrs. Roberta Pittman Stephens

UPCOMING MEETINGS

16. April 19, 2016-Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:44 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON APRIL 19, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.,
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5-
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Commissioner Viegbesie said he would like to call Pastor Shirlean Thomas, Pastor of Greenshade AME Church, forward to give the Invocation. Chair Holt then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. A silent roll call was conducted by Deputy Clerk, Marcella Blocker.

Commissioner Hinson asked for a Proclamation for his Grandmother that passed away Sunday.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell requested that they move Item 13 to Item 6a.

UPON MOTION MY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

Mr. Presnell said there was one presentation to be made this evening.

1. Recognition of The Greenery

Chair Holt said they wanted to congratulate new businesses for choosing Gadsden County for their place of business and read the Recognition aloud and then presented the Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Ron Green of the Greenery Floral and Tuxedo Place.

2. Gadsden County Development Council Update

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was an update from the Gadsden County Development Council. He introduced Mr. Lee Garner, who was present for the presentation and Beth Kirkland, who was at a conference and appearing by phone.

Mr. Lee Garner, Chair, appeared before the Board and introduced several people that were working on projects and that were present for the presentation.

Johanna Money, Williams Group, Tallahassee, FL, appeared before the Board and spoke briefly regarding Project Breaker. She mentioned she had worked with Ms. Kirkland in the past, a site was secured for her client and they were "close to finishing all the pieces of the puzzle" and it

would enable them to retain 21 jobs and add an additional 10 more with an average wage of \$50,293 and them making a \$2.1 Million capital investment in the community. She thanked the Commission for their continued support to the Economic Development Council. Chair Holt asked what type of business this was and Ms. Money said it was transportation.

Justin Ford, Dewberry/Preble Rish, appeared before the Board and said he had been asked to speak and he explained they were calling this “Project Breaker” and said most of the clients had asked for anonymity at this point and all the projects at this point have code names they were referring to them as.

Commissioner Taylor appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

Dr. Sylvia Jackson, Gadsden County Technical Institute, appeared before the Board, said Beth Kirkland reached out to her knowing they were looking to rebrand the institution and asked how they might support new job growth in Gadsden County through career and technical education and preparing individuals for the workforce. She said several people visited Wallace College in Opp, AL and looked at their diesel engine repair program and the support they had from one of the companies looking to relocate in Gadsden County was tremendous. She added that GTI was committed to providing training opportunities for any industry that wanted to move into the County.

John Coffman, Armada Ammunition, appeared before the Board. He thanked the Commissioner for attending their groundbreaking last week. He said the GCDC had gone the extra mile for them and then they started the project, they were looking at multiple counties and the benefits that could be provided and it was apparent Gadsden County was the best fit. He added they currently had a crew of six and would be adding six to 10 more within the next 30 days and hoped to have over 100 jobs within three years. He added without Beth Kirkland and her team, he would have not known about all the benefits and grants that could be provided in Gadsden County.

Pastor Julius Harris appeared before the Board and said he and Wife were owners of Kids First Day Care center. He added that they catered to children from 6 weeks to 12 years of age and that he and his wife were both committed to economic development and creating jobs.

Lee Garner reappeared before the Board. He said in addition to the project development they had been talking about, GCDC was collaborating with the County Commission, the Administrator, County Attorney and other officials in the formation of an Economic Development Grant policy, which would come before the Board at the May 3rd meeting.

Beth Kirkland appeared by phone and said she appreciated the opportunity to share this body of work with the Commissioners. She then introduced the website and took the Commissioners through tour of it.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was very elated with what they had done with the website in the short time and said he would like the GCDC to let the commission know any impediments in the economic growth in the County so they could address that.

Chair Holt said they needed to wrap up the presentation.

Commissioner Morgan wanted Ms. Kirkland to know how proud he was of their efforts and accomplishments.

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas was present and said there was nothing to present.

CONSENT

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked about the adoption of Resolution 2016-008 to Support Amtrak and if they planned on having a stop in Gadsden County and if not, why the Resolution was needed or was this to support the regional economic effort for Amtrak and Chair Holt indicated yes.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

- 3. Consideration of adoption of Resolution 2016-008 to Support the Amtrak Sunset Limited**
- 4. Ratification to Pay County Bills**
- 5. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. November 5, 2015-Workshop**

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Holt announced there was a number of people that had filled out a Speaker Request Form but they were all for Item 6a concerning the Fire Station. She asked if there were anyone else that wished to speak and there was no-one.

Rev, Shirlean Thomas, 482 Frank Jackson Road, Quincy, FL-Volunteer Fire Dept.

Sonya Campbell, 332 David Clemons Road, Quincy, FL-Volunteer Fire Dept.

Bobby Parker, Jr., 324 David Clemons Road, Quincy, FL-Volunteer Fire Dept.

Sara Gordon, 332 David Clemons Road, Quincy, FL-Volunteer Fire Dept.

Betty Atkins, 8440 Salem Road, Quincy, FL-Volunteer Fire Dept.

Sarah Figgers, 930 W. Crawford Street, Quincy, FL-Volunteer Fire Dept.

Pastor Morris, 23201 Blue Start Highway, Quincy, FL-Volunteer Fire Dept.

Stephanie Harris, 1288 Dogtown Road, Quincy, FL-Volunteer Fire Station

Linda Douglas, 1226 Dodger Ball Park Road, Quincy, FL-Volunteer Fire Dept.

Kirk Douglas, 1226 Dodger Ball Park Road, Quincy, FL-Volunteer Fire Dept.

Gloria Bost, 215 Williams Lane, Quincy, FL-Volunteer Fire Dept.

Pamela Gordon, 215 Williams Lane, Quincy, FL-Volunteer Fire Dept.

Linda Smith, 52 Dogtown Road, Quincy, FL-Volunteer Fire Dept.

Sharon Haughton, 1062 Dogtown Road, Quincy, FL-Volunteer Fire Dept.

Herb Haughton, 1062 Dogtown Road, Quincy, FL-Volunteer Fire Dept.

Mytasha Baker, 627 David Clemons Road, Quincy, FL-Volunteer Fire Dept.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING for Gadsden County to Apply for Florida Department of Economic Opportunity 2016 Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was a second required public hearing by Mr. Charlie Harris before the submittal of the grant application to the Florida Department of Community Affairs under the CDBG program for Gussie's Garden Inn. He said Mr. Harris had his finances in place and would like to move forward with the extension of the sewer line and Mr. Auburn Ford was present representing Mr. Harris.

Chair Holt asked if there were any comments from public.

Mr. Presnell said this was a public hearing and asked that the Attorney make sure it was handled properly.

Janice Harris appeared before the Board, thanked them for what they had done and said they were overwhelmed with support from the County.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

6a Consideration of potential purchase of property located on Salem Road, Gadsden County, FL (+-2 acres of Parcel ID No. 2-12-3N-3W-0000-00242-0000) FOR USE AS A Fire Station, and Authorization for the County Administrator and County Attorney to draft a Contract for the Board's Consideration and Order a Survey of the Property

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was formerly item 13 but was moved to 6A and was for board consideration of potential purchase of property located on Salem Road for the purpose of a fire station.

Chair Holt said she had a request from approximately 20 people that wished to speak on behalf of this item and did not think they would have to and said since it was Commissioner Viegbesie's district, asked if he had any comments.

Commissioner Viegbesie said this item was up for discussion at the last meeting and was agendaed because it involved expenditures. He said this was a dead zone for fire service and was needed in this area and asked people in the audience that was present to support this item to raise their hand.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

Pastor Charles Morris, 23201 Blue Star Highway, Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board and said he was appreciative of what the BOCC was doing and United Gadsden was in the process of forming a volunteer fire departments all over the County and said when they come back to the County, hoped they could support the effort in terms of publicity to help them get the word out that volunteers were needed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

7. Approval of Resolution 2016-009 for the Transportation Alternatives Program Application Process Through the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval for Resolution 2016-009 in support of seeking funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program for new sidewalks along Scotland Road, Atlanta Street, Spooner Road and Post Plant Road.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

8. Approval of Agreement with Topview Sports, LLC to Conduct Bicycle Event on behalf of Host Gadsden County Tourist Development Council

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of an agreement with Topview Sports, LLC to conduct a bicycle event on behalf of the Gadsden County Tourist Development Council.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

9. Approval of Agreement with Crappie Masters, Inc. to Conduct Crappie Tournament on behalf of Host Gadsden County Tourist Development Council

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of an Agreement with Crappie Masters, Inc. to conduct a Crappie tournament on behalf of Gadsden County Tourist Development Council.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

10. 2016 Paving Project Phase II-Change Order #1

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of Change Order #1 to the paving contract in the amount of \$152,793.00.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION 1 AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE. CHAIR HOLT HAD QUESTIONS.

Chair Holt asked if Jack Scott Road could be added on since they would be at Harris Loop. Commissioner Viegbesie said Charlie Harris Loop was on the original list of roads and they would not have to set up again.

Justin Ford, Dewberry/Preble Rish, appeared before the Board and said there would be time to do another Change Order and it come back before the Board before they started work on the road. Chair Holt asked that it be added to the next meeting.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

11. Approval of Value Adjustment Board Members

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was before the Board for the selection of the Value Adjustment Board members. Mr. Presnell explained Mrs. Peeler no longer wished to serve and Mrs. Emily Rowan had served on the Board in the past and had expressed interest in serving again.

Chair Holt asked if it had been advertised and Mr. Presnell said yes.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE AND TO RETAIN THE CURRENT COMMISSIONERS AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan asked if the two Board members would remain and they would.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

12. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAGD16) Subgrant

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for attorney for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Subgrant and additional funds (\$3,657.00) became available.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTION.

Commissioner Morgan said he saw a deadline of April 11th and Mr. Presnell said they had spoken with FDLE and it was not received in time for the last agenda but they would still receive the money.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

13. Consideration of potential purchase of property located on Salem Road, Gadsden County, FL (+ 2 acres of Parcel ID No. 2-12-3N-3W-0000-00242-0000) FOR USE AS A Fire Station, and Authorization for the County Administrator and County Attorney to draft a Contract for the Board's Consideration and Order a Survey of the Property

Moved to Item 6a

14. Discussion of Jail Re-entry Program

Mr. Presnell said this item was added to the Agenda this past Friday.

Commissioner Viegbesie said this was listed as an action item and asked if it was for discussion only.

Sheriff Morris Young appeared before the Board and said this had been before them before regarding the Faith Based re-entry program they currently had at the jail. He said with the 14,000 people they actually have returning to the communities from the jail and over the last 25 years, 30,000 people have been through the criminal justice system. He added the program was featured in the New York Times, was featured in a Law Enforcement magazine in the April issue and he had been contacted by the Governor's Office to give a presentation to his staff. He added the program was slated to receive \$400,000 from the Legislature and passed but when it reached the Governor's desk was vetoed and felt one reason why was there was a Gadsden Re-entry Center here and felt the Governor's Office mixed the program up with that Center. He further stated they were scheduled to have a meeting the Secretary of Department of Corrections in hopes the Secretary will support this program through the jail. He then said he was in hopes the Board would help fund this program.

Chair Holt said this was to be placed on the Agenda as an action item not a discussion item and if approved, the vote should be contingent upon the budget.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was very much in support of whatever the Sheriff's Office did in Gadsden County, but it was stipulated as a discussion item and felt that was what the Board should do, discuss it today and place it back on agenda. He then asked the attorney what legal ramifications it would have if action was taken at the meeting. Mr. Weiss said having it on the agenda as a discussion item would not prohibit them from taking an action and any vote that might be taken would be subject to approval in the budget and it was a matter of the urgency of it.

Commissioner Taylor said from her understanding, the action tonight was that it be considered for placement on the budget and given that, felt they should follow Commissioner Viegbesie's suggestion and have this item properly agendaed for action.

Chair Holt said as far as this item being an emergency, the match money could not be received if they did not say they would give the money and it was time-sensitive. She also added if they did not receive the money from Tallahassee, the \$100,000 would be used.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was going to support it, but he did not want the citizens to think if it was listed as a discussion item and then switch it to an action item at the meeting. and things needed to be done in the proper process.

Commissioner Taylor asked for clarity and said she did not understand when this went before the Legislature and now has been denied or vetoed and was missing where it went back to the Governor and Chair Holt asked the Sheriff to clarify.

Sheriff Young explained they were going back to the Governor and they were reviewing this again and they were looking for local dollars to support the State dollars.

Commissioner Taylor said she wanted to support this but needed to make sure they were above board and she asked if he could guarantee the Board if he was given the money, it would go to this program and not for someone's salary.

Ms. Annie Berry responded that in order to help it work better, they would have to have two part-time people and it would cover two part-time salaries as a specialist and a certified officer that would be in the classes and help transport inmates to various sites where classes would be offered.

Commissioner Taylor said of the \$100,000 the Sheriff was asking for, there was just a tad under \$80,000 that would go for someone's salary and was trying to understand him, but she had concerns.

Chair Holt said these were people that had legal issues and would need officers and instructors to help them back on the right track and those people had to be hired and paid.

Ms. Berry said if the inmates had certificates, they were able to get jobs upon their release because of having a valid certificate.

Commissioner Morgan said the Sheriff had one of the toughest jobs in the County trying to keep it safe and he went a long way back with Ms. Berry's program. He said there was a program already in place that they fund through Redeemed and Ms. Berry said it was a totally different program. Commissioner Viegbesie clarified it was a diversion program and not a re-entry program and Ms. Berry said yes. Commissioner Morgan said there were several programs currently funded through the BOCC budget and said he was looking at two different budget documents and was looking at personnel costs and the operating costs and it was 63% of what they were looking at getting grant fund dollars, whether they looked at the \$500,000 or the \$100,000 and 63% of the dollars would not be used on the folks they were trying to help, but was funding positions and going for operative costs. Sheriff Young said right now there was almost zero funding as far as re-entry and he was trying to use volunteers. Ms. Berry thanked the Commissioner for the funding she received and said they made it sound like she was receiving thousands of dollars for her program and that was not true. Commissioner Morgan said they were coming up on budget season and he was in the building the other day and happened to overhear some budget discussion with Department heads and there was a lot of talk of where the dollars would come from this year and he had no problem with prioritizing needs over wants, but they were going back to a trend of spending and the money was not there to do it and was in a position where they had to be cautious of what they did and did not know how they could fund \$100,000 but understood the need.

Chair Holt said the BOCC owned the jail and they were their citizens, they could put them back on the street, crimes would be re-committed, they would go back to jail. The BOCC could help train them, get them jobs and let them go to work. She added if the Secretary of Corrections was willing to put up \$400,000, it was a no-brainer and the budget was not that tight.

**CHAIR HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE \$100,000 AND ASKED FOR A SECOND.
COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE HAD COMMENTS.**

Commissioner Viegbesie asked where the money would come from and Chair Holt said it could come from General Revenue or wherever the Board wanted and it was subject to budget approval. Commissioner Taylor said she agreed that something needed to be done and would like to see the \$400,000 approval from the Secretary, but they needed to be careful in presenting to the public. She added she supported the initiative, but everything must be done in order and that was her only concern and felt this item should be agendaed so there could be true discussions. Sheriff Young said he hoped they looked at the information and if they did not fund this, he would continue to control the numbers and bring them down. Commissioner Taylor agreed with the Sheriff and wanted to move forward in the right way and agreed with Commissioner Viegbesie that it needed to be agendaed as an action item and would not go for it at this meeting. Chair Holt said she worked in a men's' prison teaching math and people had to be paid and they were putting their life on the line when they did go into those facilities.

Commissioner Hinson thanked the Sheriff for his services and said he had yet to talk with Ms. Berry and said the question was if this was an emergency, if it was not, for them to come back in two weeks and they could move forward.

Chair Holt asked when the meeting was set up for and the Sheriff said May 2nd and Mr. Presnell said the board would meet the next day.

Commissioner Viegbesie said there was no second to Chair Holt's motion and suggested an alternative motion.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION THAT THE BOARD CONSIDER THE SHERIFF'S REQUEST AS A BUDGET DISCUSSION ITEM AS PART OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2016-2017 BUDGET REQUEST PROPOSAL AND DISCUSS THE VISIBILITY OF UT DURING THE BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. THERE WAS MORE DISCUSSION BEFORE A SECOND.

Commissioner Viegbesie said they needed to remember the Board was the custodian of public money and how they needed to look at how it was used very seriously. He said he would support it but not for it to come from the General Revenue funds immediately with this current fiscal year but would consider it for the 2016-2017 budget. Mr. Weiss said since it was agendaed for a discussion item, unless the Board determined it to be an emergency, it was best to not take any action tonight.

Commissioner Hinson asked Mr. Presnell for the record, if this item passed and gave the Sheriff funding, would it affect the Concord or Midway fire station and Mr. Presnell said no because their request was for the next fiscal year funding.

Commissioner Taylor said this was for consideration during the budget process and not automatically approved and if the money went to where if operating budget showed, it would not have her support because it did not clearly explained where fifty percent or better of the money would go.

Commissioner Morgan asked why vote tonight and not let it come through the normal budget process and give to consideration at that point. Chair Holt said from looking at the item, the meeting with the Secretary was scheduled for May on 2nd and wanted to be able to show he had support from the BOCC for \$100,000.

Commissioner Hinson said spoke with a guy from Arkansas, and his job was to find resources for guys released from jail to find work and they need to find way to solve this problem.

Chair Holt said if the Sheriff did not get their support, why the Secretary would give \$400,000 if the Board was not willing to give the money.

Sheriff Young said he understood what they were saying about the investment. He added the jail was less full from last year and they were saving money, the cost savings were there. Commissioner Morgan asked with the money being saved; why not use that money to fund this program. Sheriff Young said they had not given any increases.

Chair Holt said this was a discussion item on the Agenda and it was asked to be made an action item and Staff did not make it an action item. She added if the Secretary said they did not get the money because of not having a commitment of \$100,000 from the County, the Sheriff would come back without anything. She asked them to remember that the jail belonged to the County and every lawsuit from there sued the County Commission. She stated she had made a motion for approval and there was no second so it died for lack of the second.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he did not think it was appropriate for the Board to address this but also did not think anyone on the Board would not want to give the Sheriff more resources to do what he did wonderfully well, but the question was why this money couldn't be part of the budget process. He asked that they consider this a part of the next budget cycle and in which case he could inform the Secretary that the County Commission has given a commitment they will consider it in the next budget process for the next fiscal year. He suggested they table this item and bring it back and the Sheriff could give a more "robust" presentation.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Sean Pittman, Pittman Law Group, appeared before the Board and said this program was not only endorsed by the NY Times but 160 members of the Legislature across the state supported the program and allocated upwards of \$400,000 to come to this County to support the program.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

He added there were re-entry programs that the Legislature had shown that it was important to them to see these programs in areas where they were needed the most and in Gadsden County, this program was needed, but they have not been able to get past the Governor's entity. He also added that this program has received national attention and put Gadsden County on the map and wanted to give them idea of what was going on across the state.

Commissioner Viegbesie said Mr. Pittman had mentioned a program in a Church in Tallahassee and with that program, what Tallahassee and Leon County decided to do with regards to the \$125,000 that the program was requesting and what they agreed to do was put the request on the budget discussion item for the program 2016-2017 budget request proposal. He then recommended that this item be considered in 2016-2017 budget request proposal.

Mr. Pittman explained this had been moved to the reoccurring portion of the State budget and

meant it was almost automatic that they would receive \$500,000 for their program every year.

Commissioner Taylor said Mr. Pittman said this had made it through both the House and Senate and was in the Governor's budget at one time and he said it was never in the Governor's budget. She asked why it was vetoed and if it had been fixed. Mr. Pittman said the reason had not been stated, but understood from conversations: 1) It was a new program and never had been funded by the Legislature before; and 2) There was a program close to Gadsden County that he just spoke about that they have had to fight their way around and had been able to fight as it relates to the Florida Legislature but not to the Governor's office.

Commissioner Viegbesie said with Mr. Pittman's statements, He had also had conversation with why this program was vetoed with people that were close to the Capitol and had heard certain explanations and would be happy to meet with the Sheriff and explain what he had heard and see how they could make the program such that it could be competitive enough to make it able to compete with the other programs.

The Sheriff agreed with Commissioner Viegbesie and said why they were trying to get more professionalized and wanted to be able to have the program evaluated by anybody and there were only 21 counties safer than Gadsden County now.

Chair Holt said a motion had been hinted at and asked what they would like the Sheriff to present to the Secretary at the meeting on May 2nd.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was still stuck on this because it was listed as a discussion item and not an action item.

Chair Holt asked if the Commissioners were willing to consider this an emergency so they could take action tonight.

UPON MOTION BY CHAIR HOLT TO MAKE THIS MATTER AN EMERGENCY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 2-3 BY VOICE VOTE TO OPPOSE THIS MOTION. COMMISSIONERS HINSON, MORGAN AND TAYLOR OPPOSED. MOTION FAILED.

Commissioner Morgan asked would be inappropriate with the Sheriff telling the Secretary that the BOCC was willing to consider this on the normal budget process.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE THE SHERIFF CAN ASSURE THE SECRETARY THE BOCC WOULD CONSIDER THIS REQUEST AS A PART OF THE SHERIFF'S ANNUAL BUDGET DURING THE BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 2016-2017 BUDGET.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

15. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said the lobbyists would be at the next meeting to give an update on how the County did at the legislative session. He also said he had talked with the Sheriff after this was vetoed and offered the lobbyists to work with them on this item.

He informed them there was a meeting next Tuesday with the Health Department director to talk about the County's ranking and will get back with the Board concerning that.

He said they were trying to set up the joint workshops with the cities and listed some that were tentatively set and Commissioner Morgan asked that an email be sent out with all the dates.

He also said since the retreat, number five of their priorities that had to do with infant mortality in the County, and they have had some success in a recruitment of a doctor from the Orlando area and he would be showing her some facilities in the County and he had high hopes.

Commissioner Taylor asked Mr. Presnell when he put together a team of people for the health council ranking, someone from the community called her and suggested the Department of Transportation because they had to do with sidewalks and bicycle trails and may want to invite them also. She also complimented Chair Holt on her being present on lot of the meetings happening in the County. She also asked the deadline for them to submit student names and asked if they would consider increasing students from 5 to around 10 and Chair Holt said no, Commissioner Hinson said he had no problem. Commissioner Hinson felt if a commissioner did not want to pick, another commissioner could choose more. Commissioner Taylor said she wanted to put that out and that was all she had.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

16. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss said he had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

17. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

Chair Holt asked on the issue of Preble Rish, the application for her area, she said Gretna was applying for a grant and there were two county roads that the City was willing to pick up and take into the City of Gretna and \$150,000 of her paving money would go towards that so they could get matching dollars.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE THAT.

Commissioner Taylor left the meeting at this juncture.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he wanted to ask the Administrator if they had a fire service assessment and Mr. Presnell said the County did at one time for a couple of years and Commissioner Viegbesie asked if it could be looked at to vamp up the service in unincorporated areas. Mr. Presnell said the county to the east and west had one and Commissioner Viegbesie said the questions came from a training he was at the weekend.

He said the Administrator had sent a copy of the current job evaluation for the position of the Administrator and a sample evaluation for the County Attorney and said they should also

develop a similar instrument for evaluating both the attorney and Administrator and said they had not put into place the suggestions made for their succession planning during the succession workshop they had and suggested holding a retreat and asking FAC for assistance in developing a suitable job performance evaluation instrument for the two positions they were responsible for hiring (the County Administrator and County Attorney). He added he was not saying that he wanted the present attorney or Administrator replaced but wanted an instrument of this nature for future times so they would have something to work with. Mr. Presnell said what he was hearing was this was to work on the evaluation forms.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR TO WORK WITH FAC AND THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY MANAGERS, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he would be remised if he did not compliment the effort of GCDC for the development made to the website.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan wanted to expand on what Commissioner Viegbesie mentioned concerning the GCDC and said they had really done so many good things and worked in conjunction with the County Administrator and staff and commended them on the great job they were doing.

He then commended staff and the Administrator on the ribbon cutting that was held at the Rosedale Park and wanted to mention that Mr. Jenkins put a lot of effort into the event.

He said someone mentioned last week about the Mt. Pleasant fire department, thinking it was in his district, and said there was a need to address some asphalt paving so they could get in and out with the trucks.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson asked the Board for a Resolution for his Grandmother, Josephine Hinson that passed away.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION.

He also said he had been asked if students were able to work more than one year for the Summer Youth program last year and Mr. Presnell said it had been discussed but the Board said if a student had been in the program before, they were not eligible again.

Commissioner Morgan also wanted to thank Preble Rish for their efforts at the Rosedale Park ribbon cutting.

Commissioner Viegbesie expressed regrets for not being there because he was in class.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said she had had a couple of requests and asked the Administrator if it were possible for new members on the hospital board and Planning and Zoning to attend a workshop and told them she would put it before the Board. Mr. Presnell asked that they call him. Commissioner Viegbesie said that was something they needed to consider the next budget to have them attend conferences so they could see how things were done.

Chair Holt also asked when new board members come on board to give them acronyms so they know what's what.

UPON MOTION BY CHAIR HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION FOR FORMER DEPUTY HERBERT McCLOUD THAT PASSED AWAY.

Chair Holt said the Gadsden Veterans Association was having a Veterans' festival on May 21st at Oak Grove from 2:00-8:00 p.m. and Commissioner Viegbesie asked that the Administrator send a reminder. Chair Holt also said Congresswoman Graham asked that information be sent to her also.

Receipt and File

18. a. Letter from DEO
b. Voluntary Annexation Letter
c. SBSC Quarterly Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS

16. May 3, 2016-Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
May 17, 2016-Regular Meeting
May 26, 2016-First Budget Workshop-4:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:55 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON MAY 3, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M., THE
FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5-arrived late
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., asked everyone to silence their phones, asked for a moment of silence, and then led the in Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag. A silent roll call was conducted by Deputy Clerk Marcella Blocker.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell said he had two add-ons and they could go under the Consent Agenda. He requested to add Item 3c Support Letter for Gadsden Arts Renovation Project and Item 3d Request for Approval of a Proclamation for Child Welfare Professionals Recognition Day.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. 2016 Legislative Update

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said the lobbyists were present to give an update regarding the Legislative Session that recently ended.

Al Lawson, Lobbyist, appeared before the Board and gave the legislative update. He said it was a very good session. He said they were happy to report that Gadsden County received over \$1.5 Million was granted in funding and over \$6 Million in additional funding for local projects. He said the BOCC had a number of things they decided to work with other counties on in collaboration but felt the collaboration could have been better. He said the County received for historic properties for restoration \$500,000; for the Multi-purpose facility they received \$500,000; for Chattahoochee water line replacement \$400,000; and for Midway sewer phase 1, they were able to secure \$150,000. He listed some of the projects the \$6 Million was received for.

Sarah Bleakley, Lobbyist, appeared before the Board. She added they were able to fix the Small County Solid Waste program; Legacy FL that will provide a dedicated funding source for water policy issues and land purchasing, starting with the Everglades passed; a proposed constitutional amendment passed that would allow for renewable energy policy passed and fracking did not pass; Rural Volunteer Firefighter Certificates did not pass; they fought off the mandate for every

County to adopt an Ordinance for COPCN; the Seminole gaming compact did not pass; and there was \$1 Billion in tax relief the Governor sought and about half of that passed and most of that called for a school property tax decrease. She added in addition to that, the Governor's \$250 Million Economic Incentive Program did not pass. She went on to state that was a very contentious issue back and forth between the Governor, Senate and the House and they decided approximately two weeks before the Session they would not fund this at all and the issue of Economic Development and how to pay for it and indecision of the Legislature also affected the Legislation that was crafted for small counties to allow for counties to allow for a sales tax rebate for construction materials expended within a county also did not pass. She added she felt the Governor through DEO, Enterprise for Florida and Visit Florida was looking at how to provide a revamping of programs that would be successful in providing further economic develop in Florida and small counties would be part of that because of the way they were positioned with a lot of land and other attributed that were attendant to rural counties as opposed to urban areas. She said Session would be coming up the next year in March as opposed to January. She said Gadsden County was to be congratulated on the coordinated effort they put forth through looking at and making priorities

Commissioner Taylor appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Lawson said it was a good year for the County and he was proud of the County's efforts.

Commissioner Viegbesie commended both of them on their efforts of what they had done for the County.

Commissioner Morgan thanked them for the recap, Chair Holt for her efforts and the GCDC with their efforts. He added it was disappointing State employees received no raise, but there were wins for Florida State Hospital and the medical dispensing system that was placed in the budget through Department for Children and Families received funding. He asked how they could improve the process of keeping the momentum going. Mr. Lawson said by continuing the coordination among the County and the municipalities and prioritize.

Mr. Presnell said this year they were taking program little more forward and next Thursday they would have the first of six meetings with the municipalities and hoped to have a better plan to work with next session.

Chair Holt said everyone did a great job. She said it was a learning curve that they had to overcome and needed to work together with the School Board. She asked how to handle with the increase with retirement liability for the County. Ms. Bleakley said it was determined by an actuarial study done professionally and they make a determination of how much was needed to fully fund or fund 85% (which is where the County is) and the way to change it is get more general revenue for that purpose and she did not see Legislature doing that for County Government.

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas was present and had nothing to report

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS WRITTEN.

2. Ratification to Pay County Bills
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 17, 2016-Workshop Minutes
 - b. April 5, 2016-Regular Meeting Minutes

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Pastor Charles Morris, 23201 Blue Star Highway, Quincy, FL-Health Care Statistics-Pastor Morris appeared before the Board on behalf of United Gadsden; said people were dying all around and did not appear anything was being done to make things better. He said in looking at statistics, Gadsden was leading in all negative categories. He added he felt the BOCC was the only one with enough clout to call everyone to a common table, approach this from a holistic standpoint and could reverse the trend of the negative statistics. He said they were asking for a sense of accountability and there had already been positive steps with the women's clinic, bringing a doctor aboard full-time; getting a farmers market, etc. He suggested a strategic plan, a budget plan, and accountability from everybody.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. PUBLIC HEARING-Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2016-004 for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment for Approximately 25 acres on Fantana Lane

Mr. Presnell said this was the first public hearing and was to adopt Ordinance 2016-004 for a park in the St. Hebron community.

Chair Holt announced this was a public hearing and asked if there were any questions and there was not.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

5. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of Ordinance No.: 2016-005, An Ordinance No. 2016-005, An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, FL, providing for the assessment and collection of an additional \$5.00 with each civil traffic penalty to enhance driver education program funds in public and nonpublic schools in Gadsden County pursuant to Section 318.1215, Florida Statutes, adopting procedures, criteria, and requirements for the use and distribution of funds providing for repeal, severability, inclusion in the Gadsden County Code of Ordinances, modifications that may arise from consideration at public hearing, and correction of scrivener's errors, and providing for an effective date

Mr. Weiss said this item was regarding adoption of Ordinance 2016-005 for a driver education program funds for collection of \$5.00.

Chair Holt announced this was a public hearing and asked if there were any questions and there

was not.

Commissioner Morgan asked of the \$5.00 collected, how much would be seen by individual schools and Mr. Weiss said by statute, it had to be used for the program and all the money would go to schools with a qualifying program.

UPON MOITION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

6. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of Ordinance 2016-006, An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, FL, relating to economic development; establishing an Economic Development Grant Program, setting forth application requirements and evaluation criteria, providing for grant agreements with recipient' providing procedures and requirements for receipt of scheduled grant payments; providing for repeal, severability, inclusion in the Gadsden County Code of Ordinances, modifications that may arise from consideration at public hearing, and correction of scrivener's errors, and providing for an effective date

Mr. Weiss introduced the above item and said it was for consideration of adoption of Ordinance 2016-006 relating to economic development and would establish an economic development grant program.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked the mechanics of the eligibility of criteria that would be used to determine the eligibility and how much they were eligible for.

Commissioner Morgan asked the attorney if any incentives would be applied after ad valorem taxes were paid and Mr. Weiss said that was correct, all taxes had to be paid before being eligible for the grant payment and Commissioner Morgan asked to hear from Beth Kirkland.

Beth Kirkland, Gadsden County Development Council, appeared before the Board and said project drivers would help give guidance to the Board and each project would have different drivers. Commissioner Morgan asked if they should have any defined boundaries within the document to help guide them. Ms. Kirkland said they did not include an example of an application, but had one with her and felt the point system would provide the guidance. She added that ultimately the decision would rest with the Board.

Commissioner Hinson asked what the proposed budget was or how much funding would be available for disposable income funding. Ms. Kirkland responded the way it was designed, BOCC would collect revenues prior to dispensing anything and the amount would almost all be collected in one tax year but the revenues would be dispensed over a long period of time and the total amount dispensed was less than the amount collected so it could be easily budgeted each year. Commissioner Hinson asked if there was a draft copy of the application available and Ms. Kirkland said she brought a sample of the application and then listed items that were on the application. Commissioner Hinson asked if the application fee had been determined and Ms. Kirkland said no, it was a provision for the future should they find it to be administratively requiring a fee. Commissioner Hinson asked if the final report would include all applicants who applied for the grant and their score summary and Mr. Weiss explained each grant would be a separate application.

Commissioner Taylor said in going back to the scoring criteria, where was the point value and commented it could be scored differently based on opinion. Ms. Kirkland explained the staff (Rob Nixon, Pam Tribue and herself) would package it together and calculate it. She added the point system was all mathematical. Commissioner Taylor asked if there were a failsafe measure in place in the event one of the vendors were not able to meet the seven year obligation if they lost the ability to make profit at the rate they anticipated and Ms. Kirkland explained they were only making a grant payment that was less than the tax revenue taken in for that year and the failsafe measure was in the language.

Commissioner Viegbesie said his understanding was there was no room for subjectivity regarding points because there were different point systems for different target industries, each one had their own point system specific to different areas looked at. Ms. Kirkland explained how points could be accumulated.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture.

There was more discussion around the Board regarding this item. For full detail, please see www.gadsdenclerk.com for more details and to view the video.

After discussion, Mr. Weiss said he did not think the document afforded the Board discretion if the minimum point threshold or criteria was not met. He added there was discretion in terms of amounts if the minimum threshold was exceeded but it was a policy decision.

Commissioner Morgan said this was an incentive tool for a large scale economic development projects and was not in favor of voting for it if they were talking about small scale projects.

Commissioner Viegbesie stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Hinson felt the need to schedule a retreat regarding this and economic development.

Commissioner Viegbesie returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Chair Holt announced this was a public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak and there was no-one.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

****Toward end of meeting, Commissioner Taylor said she would like to rescind her vote on this matter and then Commissioner Hinson also rescinded his vote making it a 3-2 vote. Motion passed.****

GENERAL BUSINESS

7. Purchase of Property located on Salem Road. Gadsden County, FL

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to purchase two acres located on Salem Road to use as a fire station and for authorization for the Chair to execute documents.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

8. Approval of the Proposal from CSI Contracting, Inc. for Mitered End Sections on Kemp Road

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to enter into a contract with CSI Contracting, Inc. for installing mitered end sections on newly replaced culverts on Kemp Street.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

9. Consideration of a Park to be located on Five Acres

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for consideration of developing a park on five acres of a portion of county-owned property located on Joe Adams Road.

Commissioner Taylor said when this item was initially brought before the Board, the Board had safety concerns. Since that meeting, she had met with community leaders and other parcels were identified and she asked the Board to not consider this parcel at this time because of the location and asked that they look at other areas and asked to pull this item for consideration.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he understood what Commissioner Taylor wanted was for security reasons but felt it should have been done before the agenda was approved.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO DENY THIS ITEM.

10. Approval to Accept the FY 2016 2nd Quarter Report

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for acceptance of the second quarter report for the fiscal year 2016.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

11. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell requested the Board to approve a Proclamation for National Public Works Week for the May 17th meeting.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS MATTER.

Mr. Presnell announced a Job fair for this year to be held on August 11th starting at 9:30 at the IFAS Center.

He reminded the Commissioners of the ribbon cutting at Capital Hydraulics May 4th.

He also reminded the Commissioners they were trying to finalize by mid-June to formulate the Legislative agenda to get ahead of the game.

He said there was a meeting scheduled at the IFAS Center regarding the County's health ranking on May 18th.

He gave them a list of dates for meetings with the municipalities.

He reminded them of the Budget workshop scheduled for May 26th in the Meeting Chambers.

Chair Holt asked for a list of what health-care providers in the County was providing health-care wise for the citizens. Commissioner Taylor said the Gadsden County Health Council was where a lot of hidden secrets were and needed to be present at the health ranking meeting at the IFAS Center and Mr. Presnell said they would be. Commissioner Taylor said Gadsden County had always been reactive and not proactive and the reason for the development of the Health Council was before grants could be applied for and they needed to check with the Health Council. She added they need to get out of being comfortable and divide and conquer.

Chair Holt said she would like to have a meeting with the School Board and Superintendent and Mr. Presnell said they would be at meeting scheduled for the 18th but there could be a separate meeting scheduled with them in June.

Commissioner Hinson said they did not want to offend local health care officials and they should call the local doctors and use ones local that live here first and get a team together to see what they could do. Chair Holt said it was a good idea to incorporate medical providers here.

Commissioner Morgan asked for a paving update in District 3 and Mr. Presnell said they should be there on Monday.

Commissioner Morgan asked regarding the scheduled meetings with local municipalities that when they meet with Chattahoochee to consider recognizing Norman "Champ" James who was not running for re-election with the City Commission and when meet with Greensboro to recognize Max Fletcher, who also recently retired from serving the Town of Greensboro and asked for a Resolution honoring their service.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR NORMAN "CHAMP" JAMES AND MAX FLETCHER.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

12. Update on Various Legal Issues

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

13. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie asked Mr. Presnell if the BOCC website was linked to CRPTA and FAC websites with items happening there and Mr. Presnell said if not currently it will.

Commissioner Viegbesie said with the mosquito spraying, he had received a lots of calls regarding the level of mosquitos and with the mild winter there was an overload of mosquitos and asked if they could increase spraying for them.

Commissioner Viegbesie then made a motion for a Resolution to be presented to the Kenon family for passing of their father and for Gregory Houston for his services to St. Matthew Primitive Baptist Church.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO THE KENON FAMILY AND TO GREGORY HOUSTON.

Commissioner Taylor asked if they could get notification in the papers giving the public spraying times. Mr. Presnell said they had done that and 627-5396 was the number to call for spraying. Mr. Presnell added the State had changed the rules and citizens now had to make a specific request and they had to log in requests in order to spray.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

(Made his comments earlier)

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

******Commissioner Taylor said she voted tonight on an item and wished to rescind her vote regarding the Economic Development Incentive and felt she could if she had not left the meeting. She added she felt there should be some changes with regard to the language and point system. She said she would agree with option 2 with changes. Mr. Weiss said there was rescission and reconsideration and Chair Holt asked him to check and they would come back for his response.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson said they needed to be aggressive with the mosquito spray because of the Zika Virus and better educate people that have ponds regarding the breeding of mosquitos. He then asked for another dog catcher and mosquito sprayer because Gadsden County was too large for one.

******Mr. Weiss said Commissioner Taylor was simply asking for her vote to be rescinded and not for any board action and she said yes and then Commissioner Hinson asked that his vote reflect nay also. Vote was 3-2 and passed.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Receipt and File

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also. Vote was 3-2 and passed.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Receipt and File

14. a. Letter from DEO
b. FY 2016 Administrative Budget Amendments
c. Florida Department of Health-Gadsden Quarterly Progress Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS

15. May 17, 2016-Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
May 26, 2016-First Budget Workshop-4:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER ACTION TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:22 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA



ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners



Gadsden County, Florida

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and Quincy City Commission Joint Workshop

JOINT WORKSHOP MINUTES

May 16, 2016 at 06:00 PM

Gadsden County Public Library System

Present: County

Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4

Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

Gene Morgan, District 3 (absent)

Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Robert Presnell, County Administrator

David Weiss, County Attorney

Beryl H. Wood, Deputy Clerk

Present: City

Derrick Elias, Mayor, District 3

Andy Gay, District 4

Keith Dowdell, District 1

Angela Sapp, District 2

Daniel McMillan, District 5

Mike Wade, City Manager

John Rudolph, Acting City Attorney

Sylvia Hicks, City Clerk

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order (Brenda A. Holt, Chairperson)

Chair Holt called the workshop to order at 6:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone present at the Workshop. She gave the purpose of the joint meeting. She discussed lobbying and aligned with the municipalities. She discussed formalities with the Joint Boards. She said she would like to start lobbying earlier. She asked for protocol on how to make the process smooth, so each person would be heard.

Commissioner Dr. Viegbesie said the Chair should acknowledge who should speak.

Mayor Elias agreed with that process and they began with the general business discussion.

Citizens Requesting to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items (3 minute limit)

There were no citizen's requests to be heard at this juncture of the meeting.




General Business

2. Legislative Priorities (Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator)

Mr. Presnell reported on the Strategic Planning Workshop 2016.

1. Develop a marketing plan in order to highlight county resources.
2. Streamlining growth management by revising the comprehensive plan. Including stepping down land use planning.
3. Offer primary health care at the hospital.
4. Provide certification of 10 industrial sites pursuant to state guidelines.
5. Implement strategies to decrease infant mortality rates through education by 25%.
6. By the end of fiscal year 2018, develop a collaborative relationship and implement a plan between the cities, constitutional officers, and county to improve infrastructure (dirt road paving, sewer lines, interchanges, etc.) public safety, and economic development without incurring debt or raising taxes.
7. Implement strategies to establish two parks.
8. Hire and maintain competent staff to implement and carry out the overall county goals on an ongoing basis through the annual budget process.

Commissioner Dowdell voiced his concerns:

-  Business Park and providing jobs for the citizens. Try to get infrastructure in the business park.
-  Ditches on the south side of Quincy, other issues they are dealing with dirt road paving, sewer lines, interchanges, etc. public safety, and replace pipes (Flagler Street, Hamilton Street and Osceola Park area)
-  Economic development without incurring debt or raising taxes.

Commissioner Elias discussed how the County and City could work together.

Commissioner Holt said the City may have their own set of strategies.

Commissioner Dr. Viegbesie suggested as an entire body to have a retreat yearly to focus on a 10 year development plan. He asked how they could work collaboratively with the different municipalities and said they should all be working for the good of Gadsden County.

Commissioner Hinson commented on the GCDC and how it was formed.

Mr. Presnell said they should prioritize, for example he mentioned the G. Project and Support Agriculture & Municipal Water Projects.

Mayor Elias asked who will have the final say. He felt each municipality would be bias.

Chair Holt said it was her hope that they could come together for the good of the County.

Commissioner Sapp said this was a good start, but asked would this be an ongoing process.

Chair Holt said yes.

Commissioner Taylor arrived at this juncture about 630pm.

Commissioner Dr. Viegbesie said a joint meeting should be scheduled with the School Board. They should be brought into this conversation each year.

Freda Bass Pruto, 329 E. King St., commented she would like for the county and cities to take a look at jobs, infrastructure and property values as a whole.

Commissioner Gay commented on the collaboration with the GCDC and the City.

Commissioner Taylor commented that all municipalities should be placed on the legislative agenda. She mentioned important factors such as Marketing of Annex Property, 267-E90, Infrastructure and Jobs.

Chair Holt mentioned Gretna Exchange lighting in Gretna. She mentioned lighting and beautification process was something hopefully they could make happen soon.

Commissioner Gay said he appreciated the BOCC working with the MainStreet and hopefully it would bring big benefits to Gadsden County. His other concerns:

- ✚ He brought up sewer study, which was in progress. He said they have issues due to the aging of infrastructure. He said they will probably need funds.
- ✚ Sidewalk Project along Strong Rd (grant applied)

Commissioner Taylor asked did they do the pricing. Mayor Elias said once the study is done, they will have more information on the sewer study.

Commissioner McMillian discussed the King St. repair and his major concerns:

- ✚ Infrastructure
- ✚ King Street (paving)
- ✚ Water Projects
- ✚ Replace underground cables
- ✚ Refurbish above ground tanks

Commissioner Dowdell said the collaboration of the County and different municipalities should have happened along time ago. He suggested a grant team. "One municipality can't solve all the problems of Gadsden County." He noted he was glad to see it happening now.

Commissioner Sapp said in some areas of the Pepperhill Community, two cars can't pass. Her other concerns were as follows:

-  Infrastructure
-  Paved streets to replace the “Alley Paving” in the Pepperhill Community

Chair Holt commented on the beautification project.

Commissioner Taylor discussed water projects. Replacement of water tank, refurbish of above ground.

Commissioner Taylor recommending after the one focus group with all the commissioners meeting, then the managers should meet. Discussion was held on annexation of property.

Mayor Elias said they have not come together with a unified list. He said he now understands what the County is looking for and they would go back and come up with a unified list.

Commissioner Dowdell commented on the TDC theme. “Do Something Original.” He mentioned the amphitheater, give citizens something to do, entertainment for kids and adults. He also commented on the CRA that doing murals downtown. He mentioned the Stewart TV and Coke Murals.

Commissioner Sapp brought up beefing up the appearance in downtown Quincy by burying powerlines and making the downtown area look good. She said approving the appearance of downtown would bring jobs and higher moral for Gadsden County.

Rev. Charles Morris, United Gadsden, Pastor of New Bethel, commented that this was a great start. He said based on the town hall meetings Gadsden United held, the important factors discussed were: infrastructure, job creation, health issues and school system.

Chair Holt commented on health issues and that they would at least start the process of discussion at the Community Health Symposium.

Commissioner Taylor also highlighted the importance of the Wednesday Meeting. “We are taking the steps to correct this issue.”

Chair Holt said if the information goes out and if it disseminates they all will be on one accord.

Mayor Elias asked when was the deadline to get the ball rolling. He suggested since they now understand what the County would like, suggested they take what was discussed and come up with a prioritized list.

Commissioner Viegbesie stated once the list comes together, the managers could come together after each municipality and come up with one unified list.

Mr. Presnell said he preferred for each municipality to provide a list and then the Managers could meet. He said they would do as directed by the Commissions or Boards.

Chair Holt suggested one joint meeting with all municipalities in a place large enough to hold all of them such as the Armory.

Commissioner Dowdell discussed how they received funding. Florida League of Cities, Florida County of Association

Chair Holt discussed protocol, etiquette when dealing with officials.

3. Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) Appointment (Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator)

Commissioner Viegbesie discussed the CRTPA appointment. He said coverage is needed, since it has been extended to the municipalities. He suggested municipalities get together and choose one. He said municipalities need to get together and route the representation. He asked City Manager to get with other City Managers to select the appointment which is for 2 years.

Attorney Rudolph suggested the City Managers meet and from there, they choose a representative. He added it did not have to be a 2 year term it could be up to 4 years.

Mr. Wade commented on the length of terms.

Commissioner Viegbesie said due to different language used. It should be nothing less than a 2 year term.

Consensus was to take back to municipalities and Managers would work together for the best option and selection of an additional person.

4. Infrastructure(Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator)

Refer to the Legislative Process to see what was discussed on Infrastructure.

5. General Discussion (All Board Members) - No other discussion was held.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR DECLARED
THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:42 P.M.**

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

**BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners**

ATTEST:

**Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Gadsden County, Florida**

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON MAY 17, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M., THE
FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HELD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1-arrived late
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m., asked everyone to silence their phone and then asked for a moment of silence. She then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and a silent roll call was conducted by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell said he had a few amendments to the Agenda. He asked to add Item 4a Resolution to Family of J C Kenon and Item 4b Presentation by Erica Burroughs-Girardi for the Health-Care Symposium, move Item 5 to Item 7a and pull Item 11.

Commissioner Hinson arrived at this juncture of the meeting.

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

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Presentation of Audit

Ryan Tucker, Purvis Gray & Associates, appeared before the Board and gave a brief update of the results of the Audit for the 2015 fiscal year. He said there was a delay in getting the final audit out because they had to wait for information from Florida Retirement System (FRS) to come out. He said it was their opinion that the financial statements were fairly presented in all material respects, and was an unmodified and clean opinion and was the highest level of assurance that could be received. He also added they had inserted an "Emphasis of Matter" to the audit because the County had adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and it required employers participating in defined benefit pension plan to report the net pension liability. He also explained because of such, the County decreased its beginning net position in the governmental activities by \$12,219,995. He explained the changes in the Net Position and said the County was down almost \$9 Million and most of that was due to road grants. He said the summary of the Net Position showed the County was down to \$53,665,550 down from the prior year of \$66,648,199 and said the County had to put a big liability on the books this year. He added that it was recommended that the County kept two to three months of annual expenditures in reserve and the County was at 2.4 months. He further explained the

County's proportionate share of the Pension Liability for FRS was \$7.8 Million. He pointed out the amount of Federal funding the County had received was \$650,000 and they had to do some single audit procedures but next year the threshold would move to \$750,000 and if it stayed the same, the County would not have to have a Federal single audit. He said the one finding from the State Single Audit was in relation to the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) and not getting competitive bids on the projects and recommended that procedure be complied with. He added that over-all the books were in good shape.

Commissioner Viegbesie commended the effort of the Accounting firm with the degree of thoroughness used on the audit. He asked from an auditor's point of view, what was the state of County's reserves. Mr. Tucker said the reserves were adequate and comparing to a similar size county, the County was where it needed to be. He said it was recommended between sixteen to twenty-five percent and the County was in the range it needed to be.

Commissioner Morgan said they always do a great job of communicating and said they had referred to suggestions about checks and balances in particular duties and asked if it had been addressed. Mr. Tucker said that had been addressed. Commissioner Morgan then asked about unrestricted reserves and suggested amounts and said three months were recommended and they were at 2.4 months and asked if that was room for improvement and Mr. Ryan said yes. Commissioner Morgan asked if there were any concerning trends they found and Mr. Tucker said no, they found the long-term debt per citizen was a little higher on average than the peers but determined that most Counties do not have a Hospital they are helping to fund and the County just went into \$6.4 Million of new debt and inflated the numbers.

Commissioner Taylor echoed the same sentiments of Commissioner Morgan and thanked the Clerk for having the books prepared and ready for the audit and to the Manager. She said she saw there were deficiencies with regard to internal control with regard to designs and operations and asked if that had been addressed and Mr. Tucker said yes.

Chair Holt asked with regard to FRS, she said she hoped, along with the League of Cities and Association of Counties lobbying, to get some help for employees. She asked with regard to the SHIP contracts, if that included roll-over contracts. Mr. Tucker said he would suggest it be re-bid. She said with regard to the healthcare issue, some small counties ran their own hospital and she was paramount in getting the one here up and running.

Commissioner Viegbesie said Mr. Tucker had said the reserve was in the right position and using the benchmark, how much of it did he think that needed to be a sound of caution as to how they drew on reserve for any future expenditures or something they needed to be aware of so not to play on whatever reserve there was. Mr. Tucker suggested not going below two months.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGB ESIE,
THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AUDIT.**

2. Mosquito Control Update

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said at the last meeting there were questions concerning mosquito control and asked Jamison Spencer with Mosquito Control to come forward.

Jamison Spencer, Director of Mosquito Control, appeared before the Board and gave a brief presentation. He said he had responded to 178 property calls this month alone and was getting 30-40 calls a day and this had been the busiest month so far.

Chair Holt asked the Manager about the liability and Mr. Presnell said it would be covered under the County general policy and they followed the Department of Agriculture guidelines. He also said Mr. Spencer was a licensed mosquito control operator and there were not many of them in Florida. Mr. Presnell asked him to touch on requirements and where he could spray. Mr. Spencer said he had to receive a complaint, had to physically go to area to see the mosquitos and then spray.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had received calls from constituents and have been asked if the citizen called if he went onto the property to spray or only spray the peripheral of the property. Mr. Spencer said the citizens could request either a property spray or a street spray.

Commissioner Morgan said they were facing a different animal from last year and asked how they were managing. He added there had been questions regarding the pros and cons of the spray and asked if it would hurt kids, pets, or lawns.

Mr. Presnell said there was a three tier plan with Department of Health and the biggest thing everyone could do was not allow standing water on their property.

Mr. Spencer said the City of Chattahoochee and City of Quincy had their own spray truck.

Commissioner Morgan asked about ones that did not want their property sprayed and Mr. Presnell said they needed to contact them and could be placed on the map and would not be sprayed.

3. Recognition of Public Works Week

Chair Holt asked everyone with Public Works present to come forward for National Public Works Recognition Week. She read aloud the Proclamation and it was presented to Curtis Young, Public Works Director.

4. Recognition of Prima Donna Hair Salon

Commissioner Taylor read the Certificate aloud and presented it to Donna Gibson, Prima Donna Hair Salon.

Ms. Gibson said she was a second generation hair stylist.

4a. Commissioner Viegbesie read aloud the Resolution for J C Kenon and presented it to the family.

4c Mr. Presnell introduced the above item.

Erica Burroughs-Girardi, Community Coash with the Robert Woods Foundation, appeared before the board and said with the health ranking, Gadsden County ranked the lowest in the State and was now working on changing the trajectory of the ranking to make the County a healthier place. She added the Health symposium would be tomorrow (May 18th) at the IFAS Center.

Mr. Presnell said the County was pleased to have her here and they were coming up with a plan tomorrow to improve the area.

Commissioner Taylor said she understood when they received the report; there were other components in the report. Ms. Burroughs-Girardi said the County Health Ranking used over twenty measures, but they did not collect the data, it was compiled by other sources.

Commissioner Morgan asked if there was any good news that came out of the report and she said it showed areas of strength in the physical environment. He asked how often the rankings were put out and she said it was on an annual basis and this was the seventh year.

Commissioner Viegbesie expressed his regrets on not being able to be present at the Health Symposium because he would be in summer school.

Commissioner Hinson said he had done research but would wait for tomorrow. He added that when he served on the School Board, he was successful in getting rid of slushies and cokes in the school system.

Ms. Burroughs-Girardi said their website was www.countyhealthrankings.org.

Pastor Charles Morris, 23201 Blue Star Highway, Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board and said he hoped this was an opportunity to do something and asked if this was a one-time thing or would it be ongoing. He also said with the County being on the bottom, it could only go up.

Commissioner Hinson said health was his specialty and was a head football coach and found when he was heavy, he get would get depressed.

Commissioner Viegbesie stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas was present and had nothing to report.

5. Ratification to Pay County Bills

Moved to Consent Agenda

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

6. Approval of Minutes

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7. Approve Gadsden County BOCC to Piggy-back on the PACE Cooperative State Purchasing Agreement

7a. Ratification to Pay County Bills

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Alphonso Figgers, 215 North Chalk Street, Quincy, FL 32351-Shaw Quarters Community Action Group, appeared before the Board and presented them with a bulletin for an invitation to the Shaw Quarters/Addition Elderly Banquet on Saturday, June 11, 2016.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. PUBLIC HEARING (Legislative)-Transmittal of Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment to allow Solar Power Generation Facilities (Solar Farms)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was a request to approve the transmittal of text amendments to the Future Land Use Element (FLUE) of the County's Comprehensive Plan to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. He explained the purpose was to add solar power generation facilities to the list of allowable uses in the Ag-3 Future Land Use category. He added the Planning Commission had held a workshop and public hearings to address where they should be located, standards they were to meet and the level of review they should require.

Chair Holt said this was a public hearing and asked if there were any public comments and there was none.

Commissioner Taylor asked whether or not when comes to taxing for the areas, would they be paying for Ag 1, Ag 2 or per structures that would be built in the area? Mr. Presnell said If they approve the property and a solar farm installed, the tax rate would reflect the equipment value.

Mr. Presnell said the current Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code did not address solar and this would protect the County and lay out rules and regulations so when an application was received, there would be tools to address it.

Mr. Weiss said he thought Commissioner Taylor referred to agriculture exemptions and if the property was not used for such, they would not be entitled to the exemption.

Commissioner Hinson asked the impact to approving the change and Mr. Presnell said the only impact would be if a solar farm located here there would be the regulations to site it with proper setbacks from residences, roads, etc. and control where they could go and would be a positive economic impact. Commissioner Hinson asked what jobs would be provided and Mr. Presnell that would be hard to say until a plant located here.

Commissioner Morgan said he was ready to approve option 1.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was ready as well and added for the record that this would also was renewable energy and would reduce costs and the dependency pf burning oil to generate an energy source.

Chair Holt said in looking at Gulf Power and other companies, getting energy from solar into lines would not necessarily reduce light bills. She asked if there was any sales tax generated from the sale of solar energy to a provider and said it may be a commerce issue.

Chair Holt asked if there was any public input and there was none.

Commissioner Morgan pointed out they were simply changing the text to allow solar farms.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

9. Partial Release of property from SHIP Mortgage from Sylvia Cooper

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for a partial release of property from a SHIP mortgage from Sylvia Cooper.

Commissioner Morgan asked direction from the attorney on what they were doing.

Mr. Weiss explained there was a mistake in the legal description and the deed only meant to convey lot 3 but other lots were included. He added that staff had verified that Lot 3 was the only lot that was improved and this was an attempt to release Lot 2.

Commissioner Morgan encouraged the Board to find out the value of the land before taking action on this item.

Mr. Weiss said his opinion was this was a mistake and this action was to correct the mistake.

CHAIR HOLT MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION 1. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM IN ORDER TO GET MORE CLARITY AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN. THERE WAS DISCUSSION BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.

Chair Holt asked with the original conveyance from Lex Thompson to Cedric Banks; Mr. Banks then conveyed to Carla Dudley lot 1; he entered into a Sales Contract with Sylvia Cooper for Lot 1; then conveyed Lots 1, 2, 3 to Sylvia Cooper; Sylvia Cooper then Quit claimed back to Mr. Banks Lots 1 and 2.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE WITHDREW HIS MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN WITHDREW HIS SECOND.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BIARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

10. Approval to Pay an Emergency Repair for Installing two (2) Chiller Compressors at the Capital Regional Medical Center-Gadsden Campus

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to pay Hodges Heating, A/C and Refrigeration \$6,482.00 that was deemed an emergency to replace two of five compressors for the Chiller located at the Capital Regional Medical Center-Gadsden Campus.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN,
THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.**

- 11. ~~Approval to Renew the Standard Maintenance Contract with Emerson Network Power, Liebert Services, Inc. to Service and Maintain the Battery Module (NBATIMOD) in the 911 Dispatch Office at the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office~~**
Item pulled

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

12. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell reminded everyone of the Health Symposium tomorrow at the IFAS Center; Thursday night the joint workshop with the Town of Havana; and May 26th the Budget Workshop at Commissioners Chambers.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

13. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss reminded the Commissioners that on June 7th there was an Oral Argument on Gretna Racing at the Supreme Court at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Taylor asked Mr. Weiss what the County's chances were and he said he was hesitant to answer that and said the nature of this case was such he felt it would be a split decision and felt it would be a close split.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

14. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie asked the Administrator where they were with the mural project that was approved a while back and asked for an update on scheduling the performance evaluation workshop as well as the initial part of the succession planning as recommended at the earlier workshop.

Mr. Presnell said they had contacted the FL Association of Counties and had not had much success with someone coming to give a workshop on the forms, but they were attempting to find someone.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan expressed his sympathy for the loss of her family that she had recently experienced.

He said he was getting antsy about the County Manager's contract coming before them because of the succession planning mentioned by Commissioner Viegbesie and felt it needed to be agendaed on the next agenda for discussion and action to be taken.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION THAT THE COUNTY MANAGER'S CONTRACT BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR. THERE WAS DISCUSSION.

Chair Holt felt the succession planning should come before the extension of the agreement.

Commissioner Viegbesie felt the current Administrator should be a part of the succession planning.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE. CHAIR HOLT OPPOSED. MOTION PASSED.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor said with regards to the meetings with the municipalities, it had been suggested that when they meet with the next municipality, they have a deadline to share on when to submit their priority list as well as a vision.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

She felt they were having great discussions but the discussions were not focused and when they walked away there was no true understanding what the meeting was about and their responsibilities. She suggested they look at the whole picture and to share that during the meeting. She added she felt the meetings were going well but needed to be a little more structured.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

She mentioned earlier in the meeting when Ms. Burroughs-Girardi appeared before the Board regarding the status of the County and it was mentioned a few meetings ago funding for parks and asked staff to look into this and bring back suggestions as to what can go in the budget for health initiatives.

She mentioned she was at a meeting earlier and was asked to be mindful of Wednesday night church so citizens could participate.

With regard to the Senior Citizens Board, the bylaws and term limits and other issues have come up and might be room for clarity and suggested Mr. Presnell look into it and if need be, bring it back to this Board.

Mr. Presnell said he had been asked to serve on the regional Board for the Area on Aging.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson asked if the meeting with Midway been re-scheduled and Mr. Presnell said no firm date yet but would have it this week.

Park issue-He said he had been talking with someone and they were willing to sell a piece of property that was twelve to thirteen acres of land near the Havana Heights apartments and was needed in the community.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt thanked everyone for all kind words and sympathy recently received. She added they were preparing for her brother's funeral that passed away last week and received word that her older brother passed away and would be unable to attend Apalachee Regional Transportation and needed someone to attend in her place. Commissioner Hinson offered to go in her place.

She added on meeting with the Cities, this was to brainstorm and not be so official the first time and they did not meet the July deadline, there was still time to organize.

With regard to the parks, with the ones the County already have, people are not there and crime is going up. If people of the community are not using the parks, there will be elements there that are not wanted and they need to be monitored by the community and with only three or four deputies on duty at night, the security is not there.

Receipt and File

15. a. Mediacom

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 16. May 18, 2016-Gadsden County Community Health Rankings Symposium-IFAS-8:30 a.m.
May 19, 2016-BOCC/Town of Havana Town Council Joint Workshop-Havana Public Library-6 p.m.
May 26, 2016-1st Budget Workshop-Meeting Chambers-4:00 p.m.
June 2, 2016-BOCC/Chattahoochee City Council Joint Workshop-Arsenal-6:30 p.m.
June 7, 2016-BOCC/Greensboro City Council Joint Workshop-Creek Entertainment-6:00 p.m.
June 21, 2016-BOCC Meeting-Chambers-6:00 p.m.**

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
May 17, 2016-Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:13 P.M.

BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk



Gadsden County, Florida

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and Havana Town Council Joint Workshop

JOINT WORKSHOP MINUTES
May 19, 2016 at 06:00 PM
Havana Library

Present: County

Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4 (excused absence)
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Beryl H. Wood, Deputy Clerk

Present: Havana Town Council

T.J. Davis, Mayor
Vernell Ross, Mayor Pro Tem
Karen Bass
Shirley McGill
David Norman (absent)
Matt Thro (absent)
R.L. Miller (absent)
Howard McKinnon, Town Manager

Agenda Items

1. **Call to Order (Eric Hinson, Vice - Chairperson)**

Vice – Chair Hinson called the meeting to order. He then welcomed everyone and gave a moment of silence for Chair Holt with the passing of two of her brothers.

Citizens Requesting to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items (3 minute limit) – N/A

General Business

2. **Legislative Priorities (Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator)**

Mr. Presnell welcomed everyone. He said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss legislative priorities for the Town of Havana and Gadsden County as a whole.

Commissioner Morgan commented how this was a great idea coming together with the different municipalities. "When any County has a win the whole county as a whole has a win." He said there are a

couple of points they will identify. He said this year it was water supply, but you must have identified some items.

Council woman Karen Bass said her item was revitalization of the downtown area.

Howard McKinnon, Town Manager, commented on the sewer project and spray field. "We need to help put down payment on land for the sewer" Other items mentioned:

- Water – they have CDBG
- community center
- fire station
- CDBG – housing rehab
- 9th Ave repaving – SCOP

Commissioner Dr. Viegbesie said what he is envisioning, is what they can go after, there is power in numbers. He mentioned Gadsden County Day where all the municipalities have identified objectives. He spoke on a united front.

Councilman Ross said his concern was about the elementary school for recreational facility.

Commissioner Hinson said a proposal was given by the County to the School Board advising they wanted to sell. He said they would find out more information at their joint meeting.

Commissioner Taylor arrived at 6:28pm

Commissioner Dr. Viegbesie said there was a private proposal that out bid the County and it failed, they will find out more when they meet with the school board. He also inquired about the old high school.

Public Concern

Amy Mc Bride stated her concern was cable and internet connectivity in the unincorporated areas of Havana.

Commissioner Taylor asked about going into internet services for yourself in their town. She spoke of the need and revenue that could be generated. She said a good starting point would be to talk to the City of Quincy and get some feedback as to the do's and don'ts.

Mr. Presnell said he would contact AT & T and try to get communication started as to what is the problem and how it can be resolved.

Commissioner Taylor said let's get them to the table and maybe the Town of Havana can generate some revenue.

Commissioner Hinson mentioned Broadband increase as top priority for the County.

Amy McBride, concerned citizen spoke of the High School and Middle School; Recreational Services for children and the remodeling of the Senior Citizens as other areas that need some attention.

Commissioner Hinson spoke on Senior Citizen upgrade. He said there was an issue of utilities, help with bill. He noted County provides \$10,000 and a van and mentioned the renovations that had already taken place.

Councilman Ross asked when the money is allocated does the Center have any accountability.

Commissioner Hinson said they do.

Councilwoman McGill asked who is over the \$10,000.

Mr. Presnell said the Center is over the funds.

Commissioner Hinson discussed the need for a Community Center; he said they will need land or old building.

Commissioner Taylor praised Commissioner Hinson stating he had really been working on his areas.

3. Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) Appointment (Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator)

Commissioner Dr. Viegbesie discussed CRTPA and how they would resolve the municipality representation on CRTPA for Gadsden County. He mentioned some other counties rotate every 2 years. He said the language is very difficult; this is why he suggested it rotate every 2 years within the municipalities.

Attorney Weiss said they can donate their vote to the county representative. The municipalities need to decide.

Mr. McKinnon said he was appointed by the Town of Havana in the past to be the representative. He said he would talk with other City Managers.

Councilman Davis spoke on how ineffective the meetings use to be.

Commissioner Dr. Viegbesie said the meetings are very productive and Gadsden is being paid attention too. He said the other smaller counties they all look out for one another.

Commissioner Morgan asked who determines how the Board is set.

Attorney Weiss said the State makes that determination.

Mr. McKinnon discussed Bike Path.

4. Infrastructure (Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator)

Mr. Presnell said lighting and bridge had been discussed.

Commissioner Hinson talked about paving projects: such as 4th Avenue and Hampton Heights sewer issues.

Mr. McKinnon said they have done a study on the sewer and will get with Mr. Presnell on the results.

5. General Discussion (All Board Members) – N/A

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:23 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

**BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners**

ATTEST:

**Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Gadsden County, Florida**

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JUNE 7, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M., THE
FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1-arrived late
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5-arrived late
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., asked for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. A silent roll call was conducted by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell said he would like to pull Item 10 from the Agenda.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

Mr. Presnell stated the first presentation on the Agenda was a Special Recognition to be presented to Mr. Darryl Figgers.

1. Recognition of Mr. Darryl Figgers

Chair Holt read aloud the Special Recognition that was being presented to Mr. Figgers for his heroic actions where he assisted a citizen from a burning vehicle following an accident in Midway.

Commissioner Hinson arrived at this juncture of the meeting.

Chair Holt then presented the Special Recognition to Mr. Figgers.

2. Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce Update

Mr. Presnell introduced David Gardner for a Chamber of Commerce update.

David Gardner, Executive Director of the Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Board and gave a brief update regarding the Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce. He gave an overview of the Small Business Service Center and gave a rundown of the numbers that had come through their center.

Commissioner Taylor arrived at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Gardner introduced Jimmie Griffin to the Board.

Mrs. Jimmie Griffin appeared before the board and told the Board about their business, J & R Griffin Community Event Planner. She thanked the Board for allowing her to speak and Mr. Rob Nixon for his assistance with making their dream a reality. She said they had lived in other cities and chose to retire to Gadsden County.

Ms. Kathleen Lanier appeared before the Board and stated she was also known as “The Cake Lady” and she introduced Mr. Rick Jones and told the Board about his transportation services he was now offering and handed out literature.

Mr. Rick Soskis, Snakebite Publishing, appeared before the Board, thanked the Chamber for their assistance and told of his business and passed out literature.

Mr. Gardner said they were going forward with the Go Gadsden, Grow Gadsden, ribbon-cuttings and the after-hours gatherings.

Ms. Jenkins, Minority Business Advisory Committee, appeared before the Board and spoke a few words.

Pastor Tyrone Smith, Community Advisory Committee, appeared before the Board and spoke a few words.

Chair Holt said she had spoken with Mr. Gardner earlier regarding a five year plan from the Chamber and said sign-in sheets were to come with the report. Mr. Gardner said they would start including that in the quarterly report.

Commissioner Viegbesie said with regards with what he felt the Chamber should be doing to move the County forward to put it in writing and asked why the presentation not made available to Commissioners to look at and Mr. Gardner said it would be made available in the future to them.

Chair Holt said “Chunky Sunday” was an economic engine to the area and the Tourist Development Council was trying to get people to come to the County and if they did not look at the fact that 3,000 people would come for that, there was a problem. She said the Chamber, the Development Council, Industrial Board, this Board, and the City Commissioners need to look into this. She added if it was inside a city limit, the BOCC had no control over their regulations.

Commissioner Taylor echoed the sentiments with regard to a presentation and was great to see the Chamber moving in the right direction. She said with regard to the event in Midway, she differed a little from the Chair.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

She continued and said sometimes silence was looked at as consent and Economic Development was important but if there was a health or safety concern, they needed to make sure moving forward on something like that was measured in such a way that they could adequately protect people living in the area so they have ingress/egress to their homes and the public was

protected.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

She said from her perspective Economic Development and growth was important as long as it was smart and protected the citizens and the County for future growth.

3. Presentation on Year 2 Grant Deliverables for the Competitive Florida Partnership Program

Mr. Presnell introduced above item-required presentation.

Victor Leotta, Principal of LEO, LLC, appeared before the Board and was here to report results of Phase 2 for identification of high quality sites for economic development use. He was before the Board to report the report of Phase 2 for sites that has been identified previously through Phase 1 of the program for sites in Gadsden County. He described the program purpose and benefits. He said the program was started in Florida through the initial investments of Duke Energy and Florida Power and Light working through Enterprise Florida on a partnership basis. He also said they were able to identify through Duke search efforts, that funded the initial site search for industrial and commercial properties, approximately 20 sites in the County. He added that Gadsden County had been the first county to advance sites from Phase 1 to Phase 2 and Gadsden County was ahead of the pack. He said they were trying to increase economic development competitiveness and that now was more important than ever in terms of looking at development of sites that were readily developable. He added that incentives were diminishing across the nation and investment in sites would replace the traditional incentives that are based on performance over ten years and the idea of looking at investment sites could save the potential investor millions of dollars in capital investment on prepared sites and those real time hard dollars are more attractive than a larger number of dollars that would be ten years out that are subject to market pressures and other things that they may not be ultimately able to achieve. He said there were four sites initially selected for phase 2, the grant had a \$40,000 budget and they estimated it would take \$10,000 a site and they worked very efficiently and were able to pick up two additional sites. He then listed the sites. He said the sites received favorable reviews both from the engineering and environmental front and no fatal flaws were observed. He said all of the things previously done would validate with documentation what was actually there and formally determine if there were fatal flaws. He added this would put the County at the front of the line because there would be sites that had achieved a higher level of verifiable quality.

Chair Holt said the County was putting money into the GCDC (Gadsden County Development Council) to make sites available for businesses to come to the area.

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas was not present and there was nothing to report.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

4. Ratification to Pay County Bills

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. **April 19, 2016-Sign Ordinance Workshop**
- b. **May 3, 2016-Regular Meeting**

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Erice Shepard, 758 Concord-Bainbridge Road, Havana, FL-against fracking-appeared before the Board and said she was against fracking. Chair Holt said the Board had passed a Resolution to ban fracking.

Amy Datz, 1130 Crestview Avenue, Tallahassee, FL- against fracking-appeared before the Board.

Mr. Weiss said he recalled that the Board passed a Resolution to ban state-wide fracking.

Ms. Datz had the Deputy Clerk pass out literature Ms. Datz had that had a template Ordinance to ban fracking and asked that the Ordinance be addressed and passed.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Holt said the Board could not vote on this matter this evening but they could bring it up under their comments.

Rosette Rolle Hylton-Anderson, 825 South Virginia Street, Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board regarding an event that had taken place at the Courthouse this past Saturday. She said the Courtyard was filled with tents, balloons, parking signs two blocks away for an event for a candidate that was running for office. She said she had investigated and was told by other counties that no-one running for political office would be allowed to set up at the Courthouse and serve food. She asked the Commissioners if it were a policy in Gadsden County that anyone running for political office could use the Courthouse for political events.

Chair Holt said she would allow the Manager to address the issue. He said there was a Permit Approval form that was required to be filled out and the Building Maintenance Department reviews them and basically all it prohibited was someone erecting sign for political purposes on the grounds.

Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Ms. Anderson said the event obviously did not meet the guidelines and broke rules.

Chair Holt said the event listed on the application it did not match the event that was held on the Square and she would be bringing this issue back up under her comments later.

Commissioner Viegbesie said the same applied to Leon County and this was something this Board needed to look into.

Bill Sagues, 220 Crepe Myrtle Lane, Monticello, FL-against fracking-spoke regarding a ban on

fracking in the County.

Commissioner Hinson stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Herb Shelton, Jr. 2115 Longview Drive, Tallahassee, FL-against fracking-spoke regarding a ban on fracking in the County.

Commissioner Hinson returned at this juncture of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. PUBLIC HEARING-(Legislative) Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2016-008 for an Amendment to Chapter 5 (Development Standards), Section 5100 (Residential Standards), Subsection 5106 (Supplemental Standards for Manufactured Housing) of the Gadsden County Land Development Code

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and stated it was to adopt Ordinance 2016-008 to amend Chapter 5 of the Gadsden County Land Development Code. He said the Land Development Code currently limits the placement of mobile homes within Gadsden County, in part by the age of the unit and this regulation was contrary to §320.8256(6).

Chair Holt announced this was a public hearing and said there was a ban on bringing in mobile homes over ten years of age in the County.

Commissioner Morgan said he had heartache regarding this change because they were eliminating some of the supplemental requirements or standards regarding manufactured housing or mobile homes and asked if it would reduce property values for surrounding property owners.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if it had to meet code enforcement standards before being allowed to be brought into the County.

Mr. Presnell asked Clyde Collins to come forward and address this.

Clyde Collins, Building Official, appeared before the Board and said when there was an application for a mobile home that was over ten years of age, they inspect it to make sure it was in compliance with safety rules, had smoke detectors, check the type of wiring, insulation under the house, windows and screens in place and all safety issues. He said if there were any problems, they would have to correct them before it was moved and they would re-inspect it. After that, a permit would be issued, it moved, it would be set-up, tied down, hooked up and the County would inspect it again to make sure it was in compliance. He said any house prior to 1978 had aluminum wiring and by Statute could not be moved and if uninhabitable, they had to be torn down.

Mr. Weiss said they had to be compliant to the Florida Building Code, whether it was a mobile home or a site-built home and that was what the statute was designed to do.

Commissioner Morgan asked what the liability to the County if it was not enforced. Mr. Weiss said no more than not enforcing for site-built homes. Commissioner Morgan asked what was

in place to insure they stayed within code and Mr. Collins said they did not inspect every year but if someone said the home looked dilapidated, then it would be inspected and the process would be started.

Chair Holt again announced this was a public hearing and there were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if they had the same situation with single family homes where they had to meet certain occupancy standards.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

7. Approval of Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Rural Infrastructure Fund Grant

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of a contract between Department of Economic Opportunity and Gadsden County to receive \$387,575.00 in rural infrastructure grant funding and for authorization for the Chairman to execute the paperwork.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

8. County Administrator's Contract

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said the Board had voted for staff to bring this item back concerning the County Administrator's contract.

Commissioner Hinson said last year when the contract with Preble-Rish came up, he wanted to bid the contract out and people had heartburn with that. He added it was not that he had a problem with Preble-Rish and he later voted for them. Then they had a situation with the County Attorney and they went through that process. He said due to the nature and there was five months remaining on the contract, he felt they should go through the process and see if it worked and if it doesn't work, extend the contract month to month until the process was finished. He added he had no problem with the County Administrator but felt the need to be consistent.

Commissioner Viegbesie said his position had nothing to do with current administrator but his focus as a County Commissioner was to position the county for the challenge that they were bound to deal with in the near future and that was the challenge of retirement. He added they needed to put in place a human resource management plan and wanted to put a succession plan and job performance evaluation document in place. He did not want to rush into a contract renewal since there was still five months on the current contract, but wanted a succession plan and job evaluation in place and with such in place; they could transition smoothly from the current Administrator to a new one, whether it took six months or a year. He added without a plan in place, he would not be approving a new contract.

Commissioner Morgan said the most important thing they do as a Board was to ensure effective

leadership at the top concerning the County Manager and was why that was only one of two positions they hired. He added that outside of that, they set policy. He further stated that in order to properly plan and prepare for a transition in the top two leadership positions in the County, they had to ensure stability, the public was confident with the leadership in place during the transition and they were fortunate to be in the position to be able to do that and they would not be able to adopt a succession plan and it run its course in five months and was told so by the Florida Association of Counties during the workshop in December. He further stated they had an opportunity to do this the right way and felt the best way is was to talk with the existing Administrator and see how long he was willing to stay on with the County while the Assistant County Administrator was hired and hopefully could be someone that could be groomed under his direction to take over that spot. He stated it was important to do things the right way and was restating what they were advised. He encouraged them to offer Mr. Presnell a two year agreement if he was willing to stay that long and bring on someone to take the Assistant Administrator position.

Commissioner Taylor echoed the same sentiments that Mr. Presnell had done an excellent job as their Administrator. She used the accomplishments and where they were when he came into job to evaluate his performance. She added that since he started, there were unqualified audits on time managed between the Clerks' Office and him and roads were being paved because of what he brought to the table. She agreed a succession plan should be put into place and such a plan should be vetted well because this position was important to all of them. She added that Mr. Presnell had rose to the occasion each time they had called him.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Taylor said she would like him to continue as long as he would like to. She said she was willing to go two years, but he might be willing to go three.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

She further stated a succession plan was important but not to be used in such a way to force Mr. Presnell out and her position was to put a succession plan in place and treat him with respect. She asked they move with integrity and respect and be courteous and respectful.

Chair Holt asked Commissioner Taylor to wrap it up because she had a couple of other people.

Commissioner Taylor said she held herself and would wrap it up, but her point was, when someone's a career professional and this County's future, they had to be sensitive to their concerns and do not fix if not broken. She said he had done a good job, she appreciated him and wanted him to know this from her standpoint.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had never said the current Administrator had not done a good job; he wanted a succession plan in place for a smooth transition when time came for the change. He stated FSU had it in the coach and Bobby Bowden was there for a while and Coach Fisher was in waiting. He said he had never said that the present Administrator had not done a good job, but was saying they needed a succession plan in place to be able to have a smooth transition when the time came and needed a job performance evaluation document for them to be able to evaluate on paper an objective evaluation. He further stated there was still five

months before the contract ended and if the succession plan was in place, the Administrator could be there for year, two or until they had something in place and he was not trying to put someone out of a job. He said they did not want them “kicking this can forward and then we get close to that time and then we start saying again, we start going through this all over again and then, when he leaves finally, we start looking for FAC to bring an Administrator here or, I’m going to say this and I’m going to say it, or without using friendship, kinship and bedship looking for an Administrator”.

Commissioner Hinson said to call the question.

Commissioner Hinson said he wanted to make a motion to continue the process and if needed, as needed, do it month to month. Chair Holt told him to do a motion for continuation and not to put month to month in it.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO CONTINUE THE CONTRACT AS IS AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE ASKED IF HE COULD MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION.

Chair Holt said there needed to be a second and then they could discuss it and asked the County Attorney for his opinion. Mr. Weiss stated there could be a friendly amendment and if he wanted to suggest an amendment to the motion and if he wanted to accept it, he could amend the motion and Commissioner Viegbesie could second the amended motion. Commissioner Viegbesie said his amendment would be adoption of Option 3 that they give Board direction on what to do. Chair Holt asked if that was what they were now doing with the vote. Commissioner Viegbesie said if that was the direction given, then he would second the motion.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND TO THE MOTION. CHAIR HOLT SAID THE MOTION WAS TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS AS IS IN PLACE AS OF TODAY. THE BOARD VOTED 3-1, COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR SAID SHE DID NOT VOTE. CHAIR HOLT SAID SHE CALLED THE VOTE AND NO VOTE WAS A YES VOTE. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR STATED SHE HAD A QUESTION BEFORE SHE CALLED. CHAIR HOLT SAID NO, SHE CALLED FOR THE VOTE AND IT WOULD NOT MATTER. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Taylor asked the Attorney for interpretation. She said his contract would continue and there was no five month period any longer and would continue until he was replaced or a process put in place and said she was trying to understand the vote. Chair Holt said she wanted to restate that she asked the Commissioner “as of today, his contract is still in place and it is, as of today that means his contract ends on that day, the same day, it doesn’t continue because there was no continuation in it; continues as of today, as of today the written contract he has right now.” Mr. Presnell said it was October 30th.

Commissioner Taylor said she did not think that was what Commissioner Hinson was saying and Chair Holt said that was exactly what Commissioner Hinson said. Commissioner Taylor asked if she could ask Commissioner Hinson a question and Chair Holt said yes. Commissioner Taylor asked him if he was saying based on his motion that his contract continues until a measure was put in place for replacement. Commissioner Hinson said “Everything the, I mean, we just gonna follow the process.” Commissioner Taylor asked the process. Commissioner Hinson said “We are going through this process now and once we (inaudible) the process, everything go through,

then we can make our decisions. Then during that time if, I'm going to say as well, during that time if we are not finished with the process, even though I didn't put it in the motion, because if we not finished, then I will come back and say "let's continue, ask him to stay around longer, whatever time he needs". Chair Holt asked him to hold on, that was not a part of the motion so it could not be stated. Chair Holt continued to say the motion was as of today and she stated that and he confirmed it.

Mr. Weiss said his understanding was there was no action taken on the contract and it could be re-visited later.

Commissioner Viegbesie said that was his understanding of the motion and why he made the second, and his contract as it was, was still intact and hoped while the contract was on, they were putting a succession plan and performance evaluation document in place for the position of a County Administrator, which could be the current one until a succession plan was completed.

Chair Holt said they were not going to "drag this out all night" and there was a reason she did not say anything on this. She wanted them to make a decision and for them keep moving and she would make a statement in a few minutes. She then told Commissioner Taylor to continue and make it short. Commissioner Hinson started to say something and Chair Holt said she had the floor and she would allow her to say something because she had something she wanted to say.

Commissioner Taylor said they already had in place a tool to evaluate the Manager and asked for the record to reflect her vote was no. She said to the attorney she did not want to give the employees any indication that she supported it and wanted him to be able to continue on his job until they got things in proper order.

Chair Holt said she wanted to say this and wanted to make sure that this point was made; she had been on the Board longer than anyone and they have fired people by just making a motion and a vote. She added they were not against the Manager. She stated that Commissioner Hinson, Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Morgan had people running against them in the race. Commissioner Morgan said this had nothing to do with that. Chair Holt said they were running because the people decide on whether they were going to be in office or not. She further stated there were eight objectives they put out there and when the contracts come up, it should be bid and see who best fit the eight objectives.

9. Public Official Bond

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board review of the sufficiency Bonds of County Officers and Code required that this be done twice a year.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE,
THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.**

10. Cheryl W. Blanchard Parcel ID No. 3042N5W0000003230400 Code Enforcement

Item pulled from Agenda.

11. Approval to Renew the Standard Maintenance Contract with Emerson Network Power,

Liebert Services, Inc. to Service and Maintain the Battery Module (NBATIMOD) in the 911 Dispatch Office at the Gadsden County Sheriff Department

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to renew the Standard Maintenance Contract with Emerson Network Power, Liebert Services, Inc. to service and maintain the Battery Module (NBATIMOD) in the 911 Dispatch Office at the Gadsden County Sheriff's Department and for authorization for the Chair to execute the contract.

**COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE.
COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD A QUESTION.**

Commissioner Morgan said this was a renewal of a contract and asked what the current agreement in place and Mr. Presnell said the amount of the contract went up \$100.00. Commissioner Morgan said it should be in the Agenda item and was not.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

12. Approval of the Lease Agreement for the William M. Inman Agriculture Center

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said was for approval of the lease agreement for the William M. Inman Agriculture Center and for authorization for the Chair to sign. Mr. Presnell added the lease agreement had expired and they were required to get a long term lease to get USDA funding (\$200,000 grant monies).

Commissioner Morgan asked how the long term lease agreement was defined in order to receive the finding. Mr. Presnell said it was specified by the number of years.

Commissioner Viegbesie stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Weiss said when there was a 99 year lease, it's considered that you are basically the owner of the property.

Commissioner Morgan said the reason he asked, there were concerns regarding asbestos if the County had to abate the building or if anything occurred in the building due to asbestos and the County assumed the liability with the agreement and asked if wise to enter the agreement. Mr. Weiss said that was a good questions and he reviewed the agreement and noticed that. He added the agreement obligated the County to fulfil any plan for maintenance or removal of asbestos. He further stated there was an indemnification clause and he was able to negotiate to some extent that reduced the County's potential liability as a result of any issues related to the asbestos. Commissioner Morgan asked if the extent, if any, of asbestos was in the building. Mr. Presnell said there was asbestos in the tile flooring and was approved as long as it was not removed and no abatement was required.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

13. Ratification of Ring Power Invoice #02WC2108790

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the Ring Power invoice #02WC2108790 for \$9,226.66 for repairs to the cylinders on the Caterpillar Bull Dozier.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

14. Ratification of Ring Power Invoice #02WC2108791

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the Ring Power Invoice #02WC2108791 for \$5,871.45 for repairs to the park brakes (inside the transmission on the Caterpillar motor grader.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

Commissioner Viegbesie returned at this juncture of the meeting.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

15. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said he had nothing to report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

16. Update on Various Legal Issues

Gretna Racing

Mr. Weiss said there was a DBPR oral argument at the Supreme Court this morning, he attended and the attorneys did a great job on both sides, the judges asked tough questions, was clear they had given it a lot of thought and considered the different briefs submitted regarding the issue. He felt it would be a split decision and would take a while.

Chair Holt said she was there today and judges poignant questions and they needed to look at the powers of the County that was brought up, how they could govern the County and how it applied to this County under home rules.

Mr. Weiss said the County's involvement was limited to the ability that passed referendum and depending on the opinion, there was a lot of issues related to home rule and if the Justices decided to decide the case on the basis of the County not having the home rule authority to have caked this referendum, it would have a lot implications on home rule authority generally.

Chair Holt stated that was why it was important because Gadsden County's home rule was under statute not under charter and could they could not supersede what state statute said. She added if there was a problem with home rules, the Association needed to speak up on their behalf, not in favor of gaming or opposed gaming, but the fact there was a problem and we had the right to put it in the ballot for referendum and it specifically stated the Commission had to approve the item of gaming to go on the ballot and they did that unanimously and it passed with a majority vote. She added the County did what they were supposed to do but if they take the right back or challenge the right, there would be a problem with any statute.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

17. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

Succession Plan

Commissioner Viegbesie suggested the Administrator expedite a retreat to prepare a succession plan and calling on the Florida Association of Counties and work on the succession plan and a job performance evaluation document for the position of the County Administrator.

He said he wanted to also talk about the organizations that provided health services to the County. He added the local federally qualified health centers were the Jessie Furlow Center, the Neighborhood Medical Center, the Bond Community Health Center and a fourth one not named and said he was not sure as to exactly what services the Centers provided to the citizens. He said he was requesting the agencies that are using the demographics and indigent conditions for their health services grants to the federal government and receiving funding to come before the Board and give an account as to how they were using the monies to health services to the citizens. He further stated there were several social services groups in Quincy and Tallahassee that use Gadsden County numbers to write grants and he wanted to be able to get how and what they were providing to the citizens and not to deprive them of the services they received the grants on.

He asked the Administrator if the health department had an internship program with FSU College of Medicine and FAMU Allied Health so the County was taking advantage of the programs as a way to make health care assessable to the citizens and Mr. Presnell was not sure and would investigate that. He asked if the health department organize health education sessions in collaboration with the local churches to increase citizen access to healthy living education and Mr. Presnell said he was not sure about the churches but knew there were a lot of our-reach programs.

He then asked who was responsible for picking up discarded furniture and appliances left on the side of road in unincorporated areas and said there were a lot of couches and broken refrigerators on Post Plant Road and other places. Mr. Presnell said in the unincorporated areas of the County, there was a large item pick-up every year that is advertised and has been going on the for past ten years in the fall and anything put out like that was a Code violation.

He also asked how along they have gotten with the mural image they approved to be painted on the side of the building. Mr. Presnell said it was coming before them at the next meeting and that it had to be re-bid multiple times.

Chair Holt asked Pastor Morris to step forward (he had filled out a Speaker Request Form late). **Pastor Charles Morris, 23201 Blue Star Highway, Quincy, FL**, appeared before the Board and said he felt Mr. Presnell was efficient and effective. He said Commissioner Viegbesie brought up the question of the succession plan and he asked who was in charge of setting out a succession plan and believed in the succession plan part of what should take place was, a bid could be put out but wondered if they would share the same kind of values and if it should be made a part of the contract or expectations. He said if this was discussed in December and specifics had not been done, whose job was it to do. Chair Holt said once the Board agreed on any item, it was sent back to the Manager because he controlled the staff. Pastor Morris asked if there was a citizens committee that would be formed and Chair Holt said they could establish that after they

started everything, but they had to meet first and decide on what the perimeters would be. He said he was impressed with the County Commission and seemed they were moving forward with getting goals and purposes, mission statement and liked what was happening with the economic development and holding people accountable.

Commissioner Viegbesie said the expectation of the County Administrator should be a part of the job performance evaluation that went with the succession plan so when they interviewed potential administrators, the questions they would be asking would be questions that would come up regarding what they expected them to do and what they looked at them to accomplish on behalf of the County and how they would work with staff to get it accomplished.

Chair Holt said this could be discussed in the workshop at that time, but wanted to say they had a mission statement before and when they fired the Manager, the mission statement went with the Manager and they had this in place before. She said one thing very specific, they could hire an assistant administrator but the new Manager could say at any time they wanted to choose another one because the Administrator controlled the employees, not the Board.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said he had nothing to report.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Craig Clary wanted to speak to the Board and Commissioner Taylor said she would yield to him. Chair Holt said he could speak after the Commissioners were finished.

Commissioner Taylor said to the Manager, there had been questions in some of her meetings in the community regard to the Citizen Bill of Rights and apparently there was misdirection and said when it was brought up some time back, there were components she was interested in looking into and working with the Board to insert different language and asked to have the item agendaed for discussion.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO HAVE THE CITIZEN BILL OF RIGHTS PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, MR. WEISS HAD COMMENTS.

Mr. Weiss said it was his understanding this item would be before them in two weeks. Chair Holt stated if that was the case, there was no reason to vote on this.

Commissioner Morgan asked if she wanted to consider revising the language where residential individuals could do what they wanted to do on their property without going through the proper notification and communication to the neighbors. Commissioner Taylor said she wanted to make sure the residential component had no limitations that would restrict them from allowing them to will portions or follow whatever the land code was for the area and not restrict them from giving pieces of property to family.

She wanted to make sure this was shared, she had someone call about mosquitos and said the problem was being able to contact someone and getting an immediate response. She said after rainy weather, mosquitos became more of a problem and wanted to get information out and asked if she could work with Mr. Jenkins and said there was a lady in her community that had

water in the middle of her property and it was a draw. Mr. Presnell said they could help her with that tomorrow and there were treatments available.

She then said "we are time mindful around this dais, but, giving respect to each commissioner when they are speaking, I think we should have an opportunity to share our concerns and issues without feeling a time quantity put on. Sometimes I'll sit back and I had to get comfortable listening to you when you are passionate about something and you share your thoughts and feelings and sentiments until you have vetted that particular issue and I would like the same level of respect. Certainly I try to keep my comments limited, but there are times when one does become compassionate about an issue and you may, I may continue, but basically I try not to, I try not to utilize time in a manner that is useless."

Commissioner Morgan left the meeting.

She continued, "I try to have content when I speak. I try not to be redundant in things that I say, I try to stay on target, on point, but I do, I am requesting the level of respect that when I do have the floor, then I am given an opportunity to finish and come to a conclusion. I will be respectful of time, I will be mindful of time, but, I don't know if it's just me or if it's maybe something that I am saying. But I am asking for a level of respect and then I will in all respect to the proceeding of this process, be respectful of time, that I don't overstep, that I don't prolong or , you know, just monopolize the Board's time because I know we all have things we need to do, have concerns that we all need to make, have a ping that we need to stand on, but I do want the same level of respect when I am speaking and, again, to Mr. Presnell, I do want to say this to you Sir, one last half a second here. Youmans(sp) job young man, I'm looking at some of these roads that are being paved. I'm looking at some of these things that have been done in the community and looking at the morale of the county employees. I think you've done a youman's (sp) job and please, in my humble opinion, don't leave this board meeting tonight with any other opinion or feelings about what you've done and how much you've been productive with regard to your tenure as a Manager here. I don't think that (inaudible) look at terminating your contract. I think we all have the same intentions, it's just getting to that point is what's different between us all and the level of respect you will get around this Board I think will continue, Sir. But, please hold your head and thank you again for what you've done. Thank you, that's it."

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson echoed a majority of what Commissioner Taylor said and thanked the BOCC for being good stewards in the community and heard great things about the County Administrator and staff.

Craig Clary, 1004 Brumby Street, Quincy, FL-addressed the Board concerning government and religion and separation of same.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt asked if the Commissioners wanted the fracking issue brought back as an Ordinance and if they wanted the attorney to look at it. Commissioner Viegbesie felt since they had passed a Resolution in opposition of fracking, they should allow the County Administrator to explore the possibility of an Ordinance or if they should stay with the Resolution.

Mr. Weiss said he was happy to do whatever the Board wanted him to do and said his

recollection was the Resolution passed by this Board was to oppose any legislation that would permit fracking in Florida, but did not reflect an opposition of fracking in Gadsden County.

CHAIR HOLT MADE A MOTION TO HAVE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY LOOK AT WHAT OTHER COUNTIES WERE DOING AND BRING THIS BACK AT A LATER TIME. SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS.

She then said with concerning events at Courthouse, and looking at the second page of the written permit, nothing was said specifically about political activities and felt it needed to state that and she would like no political activities on the grounds and that would solve it.

Commissioner Taylor left the meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if it could be at the grounds of every county property, not just at the Courthouse.

Chair Holt said the public could use the sidewalks and that was different, but this just caught everyone off guard and unaware because she had the same question. She said she called the Manager and Mr. Collins because the event was not what was on paper.

Commissioner Hinson said he did not care one way or the other but it was all about fairness and maybe should wait until after the election because they gave one the permit.

Chair Holt said the event permitted was not what was listed on the application. She said if you robbed the bank, it was illegal and if you robbed it again, would it be any less illegal? She said they could not give permission to do something that was illegal.

Commissioner Hinson said according to the County Administrator, from his understanding, as long as it was around the corners and on the sidewalk, it was justified.

Mr. Presnell said there was a statute that if they rented the Courthouse for \$1.00, political events could be held there as long as public employees...

Chair Holt cut him off and said for him to not get into that.

Mr. Weiss said the statute was §106.15 and had to do with contributions, not necessarily events.

Commissioner Hinson said the building they were in was a government building and they had different people rent the building and asked how that worked. He said Donald Trump had his office in the IRS building on the ground floor in Tallahassee.

Commissioner Viegbesie said this was a government building and then there was Don's Hair Pair Solon, a private business and he could not accept campaign contributions in this building but could in the barbershop because it was a private business even though it was in the same building.

Mr. Robert Williams, 1029 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board

and said normal public administration protocol required that a manager bring his request for major issues to this Board and judging from the reaction of the Board members, that did not happen and secondary to that, if it did not happen, someone made a mistake that was not in keeping with what he heard tonight about the competency of the administration and manager. He said that was a violation. He said Commissioner Hinson raised a good point on how to now un-ring the bell and equalize the ones who were offended. regarding permit for event at Courthouse

Mr. Presnell said this Board had the authority to set policy and the policy they were going by was set by this Board years ago and it would be unfair, unethical and a violation for the commissioner to discuss or consider anything to do with any county facility because all county facilities were under the guise of the County Administrator. He added that Board sets policy and they carry out the Board's policy. He said obviously the form needed to be revised and the Chair agreed and he was awaiting direction.

Mr. Williams readdressed the Board and asked why was it compelling to take place without the Board being made aware.

Chair Holt said it could be added onto the policy, but felt they should look at things that could be corrected. She then added "see how the majority of the Board, even though two left, I don't have any idea why they left the meeting and they are doing that quite often, but let me say this. This was something that was done and it wasn't done, as I said, on paper, so the event was totally different from the paper and I think that is the corrective right there that put that advertisement out there that says we do not support this candidate. I think at this particular time that this Board, since it was done on County property, I think that we should have that done and I don't have any problems with doing it because it's not that we supported that candidate. We supported an event to be done on a community outreach cookout; it did not say anything about anything political. Commissioners, I need to know what you think about that idea. We can say that we don't support that candidate or any other candidate for that race. This Board cannot support any candidate. But, now, remember what was done was done on our property.

Commissioner Hinson said he wanted to be fair to everybody but maybe the attorney could come up with a way better way of saying it in the future for next time before we make this vote and that way there could be some thought put into it.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked who drafted the guidelines for utilization of county property-if the BOCC did or the facilities management and Chair Holt said this policy was done by the Board.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION THAT THEY AGENDA AN ITEM AT A FUTURE MEETING WHERE THEY ADDRESS A MODIFICATION TO THE POLICY AND ADOPT THE AMENDMENT TO THE POLICY. COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND.

Chair Holt said she agreed with the motion and second but here was a problem because there was a two week window where someone could ask to use the property and they had three votes there to change this. She asked them to re-evaluate their decision and solve this tonight.

Chair Holt suggested taking the vote for it to be agendaed. Mr. Presnell asked her if she was going to come back with a motion and she said her motion was to add that no political activities be on the properties and there was no two week window.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE WITHDREW HIS MOTION AND COMMISSIONER HINSON WITHDREW HIS SECOND.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE THAT NO POLITICAL ACTIVITY ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY BE ADDED TO GUIDELINES FOR PERMIT IMMEDIATELY AND TO AGENDA THIS ITEM AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON. THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ACTION.

Chair Holt said with what Commissioner Taylor brought up was time speaking and her job as the Chair was to move this meeting and keep order. She also stated she would be asking for a roll call at beginning and end of meeting because they served a public purpose. Commissioner Viegbesie said that was not a part of their policies and procedure for their meeting. She said she would conduct the roll call herself if need to. She said since she had been on the Board, one time they lost the majority and could not continue the meeting.

Receipt and File

18. a. Letter from the Town of Havana
- b. Letter from the City of Gretna
- c. FY 16 Non-Profit/Human Services Funding Agreement Quarterly Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS

16. June 9, 2016-BOCC/Town of Greensboro Joint Workshop-6:00 p.m.
- June 16, 2016-BOCC/City of Midway Joint Workshop-6:00 p.m.
- June 21, 2016-Regular Meeting-6:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:18 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

**Board of County Commissioners
Gadsden County, Florida
Regular Public Meeting
June 21, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1-phoned in
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5-arrived late
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., asked for moment of silence, then led in Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag. A silent roll call was taken by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell added Item 14A-Approval to Fund Three Individuals Who Are Members of Various Boards to Attend the Florida Association of Counties 2016 Annual Conference.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND SECOND WAS MADE BY CHAIR HOLT. THE BOARD VOTED 3-1 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED. MOTION PASSED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

Mr. Presnell said there was a Presentation by the Gadsden County Development Council but Ms. Kirkland was running late and asked if the Board chose to do so, it could be presented later in the meeting when she arrived.

1. Gadsden County Development Council, Inc. Update

Beth Kirkland appeared before the Board for an update of the GCDC and thanked the Board for understanding her tardiness.

She informed the Board that Antonio Jefferson was appointed as Chair to Opportunity Florida and Allara Gutcher was the Treasurer. She said Lee Garner, Antonio Jefferson and herself attended the Florida Economic Development Council's conference in May and there was a leadership discussion regarding the future of Enterprise Florida. She added that their organization was involved in a newly formed Rural Economic Development Association and they had put together a draft legislative agenda for 2017 specifically for rural counties and economic development. She added the focus was on increasing Staffing Grants from \$150,000 to \$250,000 and to waive the local and private match dollars.

She added they had partnered with Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin and Gulf counties in a DEO Technical Assistance Grant application to further leverage the transportation assets for our interstate, the A&N Railroad that connects everyone, the airport in Franklin County and the port in Gulf County and was to establish a freight logistics zone as described in the Florida Statutes and was implemented in the 2015 session and the grant was for \$70,000.

Business Retention and Expansion

Ms. Kirkland said this area of their work was taking on a new level of effort and they were leveraging their partnership with CareerSource Capital Region. She added they were continuing to provide service to Armada Ammunition and Capital Hydraulics. She said she had also met with BASF.

Commissioner Viegbesie stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

She added that by establishing an agribusiness roundtable and utilizing other tools in place and helping them to grow was the best way to help existing businesses here. She said an agribusiness roundtable meeting was held on May 31st and 9 people attended.

Commissioner Viegbesie returned at this juncture of the meeting.

She said they were working with CareerSource Capital Region on the Gadsden county Job fair that was scheduled for August 11th from 9:30 to 12:30 at the UF/IFAS center.

Project Activity

She said they were continuing to work with Project Breaker and that was the transportation company and because of the rural infrastructure grant, have been able to enter into contract negotiations with the landowner and hoped to have a signed contract. She said the good news was, had the feasibility analysis not been done and gone after the grant a lot of the due diligence time would be in front but instead, a lot had been done already and would shorten the time period. She added that the company should be in a position to do an announcement soon. She said they were also working with two rail served projects and working with a local company that had needs to expand and has some considerable financial considerations they had to make. She listed some of the companies that were located in the Midway 10/90 Commerce Park and in other areas of the county.

Commissioner Viegbesie commended her and the GCDC in their diligence and asked given the fact of the non-alignment of the land development code with the Comprehensive Plan, if she found it difficult to attract or sell the unincorporated areas of the county to potential businesses with the CBOR and if it was easier for GCDC to sell the municipalities to the businesses coming into the area because there were not hoops to go through.

She responded she was yet to work a project that came up against choosing between one or the other or had only been looking at an unincorporated parcel.

Commissioner Taylor said along same lines with Commissioner Viegbesie with regards to economic development, she wanted to note in the last three to five years, the list she showed with companies that had moved in hovered between 15-20 companies that had either expanded or relocated here and that meant jobs. She said she was pleased with the businesses she had

shown today and wanted people to know growth was happening in this county.

Commissioner Morgan thanked Ms. Kirkland and wanted to recognize Lee Garner that had been present the whole time.

Mr. Garner said they were in the process of getting six sites in the County vetted and some were in the unincorporated area.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas was present and had nothing to present.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- 2. Ratification to Pay County Bills**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. May 17, 2016-Regular Meeting**

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no citizens that requested to speak.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. PUBLIC HEARING (Legislative) Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2016-009 for an Amendment to Chapter 1 (Administration and Enforcement), and Chapter 7 (Development Permits and Development Agreements) of the Gadsden County Land Development Code**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for the adoption of Ordinance 2016-009 for an amendment to Chapter 1 (Administration and Enforcement) and Chapter 7 (Development Orders, Development Permits and Development Agreements) of the Gadsden County Land Development Code. He then asked Allara Gutcher to come forward.

Allara Mill Gutcher, Planning and Community Development Director, appeared before the Board to explain the amendment. She said Chapter 1 was primarily “housekeeping” and cleaning up the language to provide more understandability to what was required of public hearings and procedures. She added that at the end of that section was the Citizens Growth Management and Planning Bill of Rights and was being proposed to be moved at the end of the Chapter due to the fact that its meetings were not only pertaining to development orders and permits, it also applied to Comprehensive Plan amendments and variances and special exceptions and it was a better fit in Chapter 1. She said Chapter 7 was also clean-up and the

Citizen Bill of Rights was stricken from this Chapter. She said the major change was the Citizen Bill of Rights meeting requirements and Staff had proposed clean-up language to the section to better provide guidance regarding the meetings, when they should be advertised and how they were processed. She said the Planning Commissioner also made a recommendation to strike the super majority language in Part D.

Chair Holt asked what the vote was on the strike and Ms. Gutcher said it was 6-1 in favor.

Commissioner Taylor arrived at this juncture of the meeting (6:05 p.m.).

Commissioner Morgan said moving the Citizens Bill of Rights from Chapter 7 to Chapter 1 made sense to him and he understood that. He said the heartburn he had was the dramatic changes they were proposing because it limited communication to area neighbors about what was happening in their community and how the meetings were to be held. He said it also eliminated the second neighborhood meeting after the DCA review.

Ms. Gutcher responded the neighborhood participation meeting was required for any comprehensive plan amendment, major development order, variance or special exception. Commissioner Morgan asked about the second meeting following the submission to DCA for review and if it was eliminated. Ms. Gutcher said that was accurate. He asked if county staff was required to be present at the neighborhood meetings held to answer questions and she said it was not a requirement of the current section and was not included in the proposed. She added that the citizen participation meetings were for the applicant to propose what they were doing to the neighborhood and for feedback and if staff attended it would be to answer technical questions and not get involved in the merits of the application. Commissioner Morgan asked who was responsible for taking minutes and how they were forwarded to her Department. She said the applicant was required to keep meeting minutes and submits them and they were included in packets when there was a meeting. Commissioner Morgan asked who ensured the minutes were accurate and Ms. Gutcher said even if a staff person was there; they would not change the minutes provided by someone else. He then asked if the County had a reason to have a recording of the minutes so accurate information was forwarded to her Department and she said they could request that the applicant provide a recording and that could easily be done on the cell phone. He agreed and felt that was wise to ensure the information was gotten to her Department and to this Board. He asked her opinion of the changes and she said they were needed because some things in it did not make sense. She added she reviewed minutes from when this was heard by the Planning Commission in 2010 and there were changes made to the document that was proposed to the Planning Commission that was not originally proposed in the format in the current version. She added that the intent from the 1000 Friends of Florida that provided a model Ordinance at the time was not totally reflected in the proposal. Commissioner Morgan said the thought they were awarded by the State of Florida for adopting the Ordinance and Ms. Gutcher said they were recognized as one of two that adopted the Ordinance. She said she had spoken with them when she first came here and they never intended for the stringency of the 4-1 vote to be a part and was not in their model ordinance. Commissioner Morgan asked if the existing Bill of Rights ever prevented anything from moving forward and Ms. Gutcher said it had not been used that much since she had been here but no.

Chair Holt said she was asking questions first because the citizens did not have the document to

look at.

Commissioner Hinson seemed to have lost connection at this point of the meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie thanked the Planning Staff and the County Attorney for a job well done and believed the ordinance should do what it was meant to do and what they were doing was streamlining some of the regulations needed to attract potential investors for economic development and some of his questions were previously addressed by Commissioner Morgan. He then asked why did they not consider something less than one-half (½) mile of the nearest boundaries of the subject site. Ms. Gutcher said that was the current requirement and was not something they considered an amendment to, it was a policy decision.

Commissioner Taylor asked first that it be duly noted that she was present and had been for five minutes. She then said any business that had the intentions to open their doors in such a manner that it became both profitable and had longevity, needed to know what the community thought of their business and what they were going to do. She went on to say since the start, there has been a block of three that ran the county, but five people were elected to represent the County and she liked the fact that it took a super majority to make the major decisions. She added "was difficult when you have three that are blocked together that are moving this County, sometimes in a positive direction and sometimes in a negative direction. Not necessarily with the people around this Board, but it has happened. So, I'm in agreeance and will never change that super majority, just from sitting up here and observing some of the activities myself, that will never change under my watch." She said she would like to see the component changed regarding the residential property and would entertain changing that part.

Chair Holt said this was a public hearing and they had to opportunity to comment.

She then asked if anyone had any comments.

Gail Bridges-Bright, 195 Dawkins Loop Road, Chattahoochee, FL appeared before the Board with comments and said she was a Planning Commissioner and when they looked at the document, they recognized it was impedance and did not believe a super majority was needed because of the notifications that were already in place.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked that Ms. Gutcher be asked back up and asked out of the other counties that adopted this document, if they adopted a super majority vote. She said The 1001 Friends of Florida model did not have the super majority vote requirement that was added by the Planning Commission in 2010.

Commissioner Viegbesie said when he first came on board in 2014 this item came up shortly after. He said then and said it again, "If you are for economic development and you oppose anything that impedes economic development, one of my mentors told me that 'you cannot bark with the dogs and run with the rabbits. You are either the dog doing the barking or the rabbit being chased. You can't say you are for economic development and you're asking someone who wants to come create jobs to spend so much and jump so many hoops and you think they are going to come.'" He said they needed to work on the document if they were serious.

Commissioner Morgan said he felt it was good to have discussions on something as important as this. He felt it made sense to make the changes from Chapter 7 to Chapter 1, however with the 4-1 super majority vote, he agreed with Commissioner Taylor and felt she expressed it very eloquently and said he had no issue with having more stringent policies in place, not to impede anyone, but to ensure to everyone that the process was done correctly. He added that any company that wanted to come through here knowing what was in place and not willing to meet that, let them stay on the interstate and he did not want just any business to come to Gadsden County, but wanted quality growth that made sense to ensure that the values that are held dear as a strong rural county made sense and was not given up and did not think the Citizens Bill of Rights had impeded growth.

Commissioner Taylor asked them to be realistic and said when they went to the health symposium, the person had to admit that was three year old data and the CBOR had no impact with jobs. She added jobs were passing us by going on down the interstate before the CBOR was in place and Leon County and Tallahassee were are pushing businesses away and they were coming here. She asked why they would talk to one individual person and not contact the Chamber. She added jobs were coming and the CBOR had not hindered it. She said there were other reasons why the County was not prepared for big businesses to come, there were issues with health, issues with the job market and job labor and infrastructure and any business that wanted to come to the exits would have to start from scratch.

Chair Holt said hopefully later tonight a mural would be approved and she “had to write a dissertation to the Clerk” to attend the conference in St. Petersburg and Tampa to look at murals. She added the 1001 Friends of Florida did not recommend the super majority vote and that was not the intent that the intent was to let people know what was happening in their community.

Mr. Weiss mentioned the majority of the proposed revisions did not change much in terms of substance and felt it clarified what types of approval the CBOR applied to and a lot of changes were for clarification purposes and felt this would help bring certainty and clarify to what this applied to.

Commissioner Morgan said he agreed with the comments made by the attorney and felt the changes that warrant discussion and he supported but was not presented in the item that way at this meeting and he encouraged staff to approach him to sit down and work through the document for something he felt comfortable with along with the other commissioners. He said he had no doubt changes could be made to bring a 5-0 vote but not the way it was presented tonight and chose option 2 to not adopt the ordinance.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN TO ADOPT OPTION TWO AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, MR. WEISS ASKED TO MAKE A COMMENT BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.

Mr. Weiss said he would like to mention there are other revisions that were clean-up revisions to other sections and changes to the other sections could potentially be made without a super majority vote and would not affect this ordinance and they could take them item by item if they wanted to defer any consideration to the Citizens Growth Management Planning Bill of Rights Ordinance itself.

Chair Holt said in keeping with the recommendation of the changes from the Planning and Zoning Director, she was in favor of passing the item and if they wanted want to make changes, bring it back later.

Commissioner Viegbesie said if they appointed people to be on an advisory board and they had the same amount of sense that every human being had and had thought through and made the recommendation where they were 6-1 voting in favor of it and because they were elected, did they think they had more sense than people on the commission that had through and made recommendations? He felt they needed to respect them and their recommendation and said he was voting for the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission with the changes that were provided.

Commissioner Taylor said she asked for a chance to comment after the motion and second and said they needed to move the question.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED THE VOTE AND SAID COMMISSIONER MORGAN'S MOTION WAS TO NOT ADOPT. THE BOARD VOTED 2-2. COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR WAS AGAINST THE ADOPTION AND CHAIR HOLT AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE WAS FOR THE ADOPTION.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT OPTION 1 AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF AND CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND. CHAIR HOLT AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE VOTED YES AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED.

Commissioner Taylor asked the attorney if it took a super majority vote to change anything with regard to the Bill of Rights and he responded it required a super majority vote to change the Bill of Rights to that particular ordinance or to, as currently written, any developmental approvals related to the Comprehensive plan amendments, major land development reviews including but not limited to variances and special exceptions. Commissioner Taylor asked how they could adopt anything without a super majority vote and Mr. Weiss said they could change the Land Development Code language without a super majority vote but not the Citizens Bill of Rights portion of that.

Chair Holt said this was at a stalemate and they needed to move on to the next item.

Commissioner Morgan suggested this be brought back when there was a full board present in a manner in which it was laid out where it does not include the Citizen Bill of Rights and can move forward and be effective for staff. Chair Holt said she had no problem in bringing it back but she did not want to leave any part out.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE THAT IT BE BROUGHT BACK AND SECOND MADE BY CHAIR HOLT. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO BRING THE ITEM BACK.

Mr. Weiss said for clarification it would have to be advertised and would not be at the next meeting.

At this point in the Agenda, Mr. Presnell called Beth Kirkland with the Gadsden County Development Council forward for their presentation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

5. Appointment to the CareerSource Capital Region Board

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for an appointment to the CareerSource Capital Region Board.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1. COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE SAID HE WOULD MAKE THE SECOND BUT HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if Ms. Douglas expressed interest in continuing the position and Mr. Presnell said a letter was received and assumed it was her wish to get off the Board.

Chair Holt asked if this was advertised and Mr. Presnell said no, the way it was set up it comes from the business community.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION 1.

6. Request Direction on Legal Services for Gadsden County BOCC

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for direction concerning Legal Services for the Gadsden County BOCC.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MOVED THEY GO THROUGH THE PROCESS TO OPEN BID FOR LEGAL SERVICES IMMEDIATELY AND SECOND MADE BY CHAIR HOLT. THE BOARD VOTED 2-2 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY VOTE.

7. Request Board Direction Concerning the Engineering Services Contracts for Gadsden County

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was concerning the engineering consulting services contract.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked the Manager if the two firms were Dewberry and Preble-Rish and Mr. Presnell said no, it currently was DPB and Associates and Preble-Rish.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO IPEN BIDS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan asked for clarification and if it involved changes in the engineers and Mr. Presnell said Preble Rosh merged with Dewberry.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 2-2 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY VOTE.

8. Dewberry-Preble-Rish Re-Assignment Letter

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to reassign all Preble-Rish contracts and task orders to Dewberry Engineers d/b/a Dewberry/Preble-Rish.

UPON MOTION MY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

V/Morgan 4-0

9. Approval of Architectural Firm for Design of New County Extension Building

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to authorize staff to negotiate with the top ranked Architectural firm for the design of the new County Extension Building/Ag Center.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked why comparison tabulation review of each firm was not provided so they would know how Joel Sampson Architects, Inc. was the one suggested. Mr. Presnell said evaluation forms were provided.

Chair Holt said she would like to see samples of their work.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION 1, SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan asked if they should to include option 2 as well.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AMENDED MOTION FOR OPTION 1 AND 2 AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AMENDED SECOND.

After discussion, Commissioner Viegbesie withdrew his motion.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

10. Voting Credentials-2016 National Association of Counties (NACO) Annual Conference

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to designate a County Delegate and County Alternate to participate in the NACO annual election of officers and policy adoptions at the NACO Annual Conference.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he planned on being there the first day.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR CHAIR TO BE DELEGATE AND VICE CHAIR ALTERNATE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

11. Approval of Off System Project Agreement-County Road 159 Bridge Replacement

Mr. Presnell said this was for Board approval and execution of the Off System Project Agreement for County Road 159 Bridge Replacement and Resolution 2016-012 for acceptance of State of Florida funding.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

12. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement Between Gadsden County and City of Tallahassee c/o StarMetro to Utilize the City's Grant funds from Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) to Pay Big Bend Transit for the Gadsden Express Services for October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval if a memorandum of agreement to utilize the City of Tallahassee c/o StarMetro grant funds from Job Access Reverse Commute to pay Big Bend Transit for the Gadsden Express Service for October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 and for authorization for the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if there were any charges to the County and Mr. Presnell said no.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION 1.

13. Approval to Award RDP #16-08 (Re-Bid) to an Artist to Create a Public Mural in Downtown Quincy

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was a request to award RFP 16-08 re-bid to C5 Artworks of Winnipeg Manitoba Canada.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was amazed in the difference of costs and glad staff made the recommendation they did.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR OPTION 1 AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan asked what building this would go on and where the funds would come from. Mr. Presnell said the side of the State Attorney building and money was coming from contingency. Commissioner Morgan asked why money would not come from TDC that the contingency dollars were for emergencies and he would not vote for this to come from contingency. Chair Holt said they could move more money into contingency.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR WITHDREW HER SECOND.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he saw where Commissioner Morgan was coming from.

Chair Holt said Commissioner Taylor withdrew the second and she then made the second and explained the reason was because they had set aside the money, the contract had been bid twice and it should have been taken care of before and she was sure it was a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Morgan asked the attorney if there was a big deal where the money came from and he said there was no big deal, it would have to be considered by the TDC

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 2-2 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY VOTE.

14. Training for Criminal Investigators

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to pay training cost for

criminal investigators to attend training.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had read this and felt it was a very good move and vitally needed and asked where the provider of training was located.

Sgt. Brian Alexander, Gadsden County Sheriff's Department, appeared before the Board and this training was not provided locally.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Commissioner Morgan pointed out the funds were coming from the Sheriff's budget and Mr. Presnell said yes, but it required board approval to utilize the funds.

14a. Approval to Fund Three Individuals Who are Members of Various Boards to Attend the Florida Association of Counties 2016 Annual Conference

Chair Holt said she asked to have this placed on the Agenda and had Planning and Zoning members that had never had any training and had three different individuals asking about this that were on the boards.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if this was advisory board members and was glad to see the interest and hoped they attended the Ethics, Public Records and Sunshine law workshop and felt this was a wonderful idea and if appropriate would make motion.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR HAD A QUESTION.

Commissioner Taylor said this information was so vague and would like to see the various board members receive the training and asked who they were and what boards they were coming from.

Chair Holt said she talked with the Manager and knew one from the Planning and Zoning board asked to go and two from the Hospital board and advised them to contact the Manager. Chair Holt said if they do not apply then they would not get to go.

Commissioner Morgan asked who the three were and Mr. Presnell said the only one that had contacted him was Gail Bridges-Bright from the Planning Commission. Commissioner Morgan asked how many were attending the conference and Mr. Presnell said there were three commissioners, himself and a staff member. Commissioner Morgan pointed out the County could not afford to send all these people and was not a big enough county to do so. Chair Holt said money was set aside for him and Commissioner Taylor to go and they chose not to attend.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 2-2 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY VOTE.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

15. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell reminded the Commissioners of the joint workshop this Thursday with the City of Chattahoochee at 6:30 p.m. at the Arsenal in Chattahoochee.

He said the Retreat would be held at the Casino in Gretna Thursday, July 7th at 4:00.

Mr. Presnell said the health groups they asked to meet with would be scheduled and will appear one at a time. Commissioner Viegbesie said he was glad he addressed that and was going to ask for an update and asked if he planned to bring them all at once or one at a time. Mr. Presnell said it would be one at a time starting at the next meeting, but had a concern that they may need to workshop it.

Commissioner Viegbesie said if they were going to workshop it, to schedule them to come one after the other and deal with them all.

Mr. Presnell requested the commissioners to get their road list together and submit it to him for the next bid.

Dental Equipment

Mr. Presnell said they own equipment in three different locations, one under a lease for a minimal amount and was very expensive equipment. He said this had been discussed last year and there was resistance to sell it and he asked if they would be interested in to "test the water" with an online bidding service and they may could make sure they received a very good deal and could possibly put a substantial amount of money in the General Fund. He added that any sale would come back to the Board.

Chair Holt said she was in favor of getting a dentist and said they could use part of the ½ sales tax for the hospital they gave to Capital Regional and bring in a dentist and doctor for the Health Department.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked when it came to dentistry, is that one of the services that three or four HQSC should be providing to the citizens and whatever monies left they could use to bring other specialists to the location.

Mr. Presnell said he wanted to bring this up tonight because they were trying to bring in more services and were working with Dr. Cooksey concerning this.

Commissioner Morgan said it was a good idea to look at the different options and one key part of the needed information was the current value of the equipment.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

16. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss apologized for missing the last meeting but attended the Planning and Zoning meeting and would be out of town for the next one and was trying to find someone to fill in for him.

Upcoming Meeting

He asked before scheduling meetings other than the regular meeting, he would prefer them checking with him to see if he was available.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

17. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if in regard to the RFP for striping to be done with thermoplastic and not the paint, could that be done in the bid and Mr. Presnell said it could in Phase 3. He added it would be more expensive, that the asphalt sucks up paint. Mr. Presnell said it would come back before the board.

Commissioner Viegbesie said they had talked about the speed bump petition submitted by residents of Charlie Harris Loop and Mr. Presnell asked Curtis Young, Public Works Director to come forward.

Curtis Young appeared before the board and said they were putting a speed trailer there to collect data and it would come back to the board.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was concerned with the curve on Attapulcus Highway at Charlie Harris Loop there was a bad ditch. Mr. Presnell said he had submitted a work order to Debbie last week and it may be done already.

He said Bishop Marionette Bryant was having her 50th year Pastor anniversary.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION TO BE PRESENTED TO HER.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan asked the paving schedule and when it would be completed. Mr. Presnell said they were out of the County this week and would check with them when they come back and thought they should finish in three weeks.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor said she knew at the end of the meetings the Chair was exhausted from talking.

She asked about the bid process and said at one time they had discussed adding points to local owners so they could give better opportunities to keep dollars in the city or the county and asked where they were with that.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Weiss said it came before the board three or four different times and failed. Commissioner Taylor asked that it be revisited.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Taylor asked this to be brought back.

She said the July 4th holiday was coming up and asked that all the parks were clean; grass cut and make sure they were ready.

She asked the direction of GC Health Council and heard Mr. Martinez had been removed as director and the council played an intricate part to county. Mr. Presnell said he had been retained as health director for the board and no longer affiliated with the Health Department.

She said there was growth in the Cities and County that was heard tonight and asked everyone to please not walk away with thinking otherwise.

She asked the attorney and said she was a little perplexed with his answer and how could they adopt a piece without eliminating the 4-1 vote. Mr. Weiss said they were looking at amendments to Land Development code and CBOR was the only part that has to be amended with a super majority vote and the other parts could be done with a simple majority vote.

Striping

She said she had looked at some striping on some of the rebuilt roads and the quality not a good quality, that it looked new but did not have the reflective look that most did in the past and asked if she could use some of her money to look into redoing. Mr. Presnell said yes and on Joe Adams Road was paint and they did use thermoplastic in the past, was very reflective and was rubberized and a lot nicer stripe.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said they were going to look at several items coming back before them with the Comprehensive Plan and it was very important. She said the County had changed so much since it was developed in 1982. She asked for a workshop on the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Viegbesie said CRTPA also used their comp plan to determine road projects.

She said the commissioners did not pave roads, the Manager did not pave roads, the Board approved them.

Receipt and File

18. a. Child Welfare Professional Recognition Day Letter
- b. FDOT Letter

UPCOMING MEETINGS

16. July 7, 2016-Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
June 21, 2016-Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:54 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA




BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:



NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

**Board of County Commissioners
Gadsden County, Florida
Regular Public Meeting
July 5, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5-appeared by phone
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and asked everyone to please silence their phones. **Commissioner Taylor appeared by phone.** Chair Holt asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. A silent roll call was conducted by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell said he would like to add Item 4a-Approval of Resolution 2016-014 to Administer the Gretna City Sidewalk Project through the County's LAP Certificate.

Commissioner Viegbesie arrived at this juncture of the meeting.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO ADD ITEM 4A TO THE AGENDA.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Presentation on Fracking

Mr. Presnell said there was a brief presentation regarding Fracking.

Ulysses Jenkins, Special Projects Coordinator, made a presentation to the Board regarding opposition on fracking. He added that as of November 2015, 20 counties had banned fracking and by March 2016 the number had increased to 38 and as of November 2015 40 municipalities had banned fracking and by March 2016 the number had increased to 48. He also explained the State's position on local bans regarding fracking. He added that currently in Florida Cholla Petroleum and Dawson Geophysical were seeking permits from DEP to do seismic testing south of Calhoun County and immediately north of Gulf County.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO MOVE THAT THIS BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA TO BAN FRACKING IN GADSDEN COUNTY PENDING STATE LAWS AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON. BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan asked if there had been any interest by anyone to conduct seismic testing in Gadsden County or the area and Mr. Presnell said not to date. Commissioner Morgan then asked the Attorney with what they were putting in place, what would happen with what the State might do and Mr. Weiss said it was a policy procedure.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE THIS.

CLERK OF COURTS

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- 2. Ratification to Pay County Bills**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. May 16, 2015-Joint Workshop**
 - b. May 18, 2016-Community Health Rankings Action Symposium**
 - c. May 19, 2016-Joint Workshop**
 - d. June 7, 2016-Regular Meeting**
- 4. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Property and Equipment**

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 5. Appointment to the Circuit 2 Alliance Community Action Team (Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla)**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this item was for an appointment to the Circuit 2 Alliance Community Action Team.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR COMMISSIONER HINSON TO CONTINUE AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

- 6. Approval of Ethical Hacking Book Camp Training for IT Staff**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval for the County's IT staff to

attend an Ethical Hacking Boot Camp Training.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

7. Approval of Book Check and Detection Device Agreement with Bibliothecal/3M Library System

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of the annual service agreement for book check and detection devices to be provided by Bibliotheca/3M Library Systems for the William A. "Bill" McGill Library.

Commissioner Morgan asked if this was in the budget and Mr. Presnell said yes.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

8. Approval of Public Works Mosquito Control Budget FY 2016-2017

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and added that annually the Public Works Department must apply to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for matching funds according to Florida Statutes, Chapter 388 for the Public Works Mosquito Control Budget for 2016-2017.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

9. Approval of 2016 Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item. and said it was for approval of a funding agreement between the Gadsden County Board of County BOCC and The Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Solid Waste Program.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

10. Approval to Award Contract for Bid No. 16-14 Library Technical Services Support

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to award Bid 16-14 to Paul Clark, MLS in the amount of \$35.00 per hour at 30 hours a month and for authorization for the Chair to sign documents.

Chair Holt asked if this item was bid and Mr. Presnell stated it was and it was specialty work.

Commissioner Morgan asked if the agreement was similar to the one in place previously and Mr. Presnell said yes and it was budgeted.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

11. Request Board Direction and Approval of the Gadsden County Permit Application for the Courthouse Grounds and the Guidelines for the Utilization of the Grounds

Mr. Presnell said this item was for Board direction and approval from the Division of Facilities Management for the Gadsden County Courthouse grounds application and guidelines for the utilization of the grounds and was coming back for discussion and there had been a number of calls regarding it.

Commissioner Holt said when this was discussed previously; she wanted language in there stating **“No political events and/or campaign rallies will be approved”** and groups needed to “specifically say what they wanted to do on the grounds”. She further stated that people passing out hand-outs were fine as far as she was concerned but did not think they should cater to an individual because it was public property.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if any reason why they did not specifically state the statute on the application that restricts use of the Courthouse grounds. Mr. Presnell said the application had been in use a long time and the attorney said he also had other suggestions for changes regarding the application.

Commissioner Taylor said she was glad this was brought back up and she had no problem with a candidate using the grounds to inform the public of their platform.

Commissioner Morgan said he strongly suggested language on the application that was to be no alcohol and no fundraisers. He also asked that they not overlook the person needed to be a legal adult that was 21 years of age or older and a refundable deposit to cover damage.

Commissioner Hinson said he would follow what Commissioner Taylor said and would like to look at what other counties was doing.

Chair Holt said she felt the State Statute should be on one side and the application on the other side but did not want it so restricted so the public would not use it.

Commissioner Viegbesie said anything that would restrict education of citizens should be considered and agreed with what Commissioner Hinson said with looking at what other counties were doing.

Commissioner Taylor said at the proper time she would like to make a motion go back to the original application they had in place until they had an opportunity to look into what other counties with similar demographics as this was doing.

Chair Holt said she agreed with her on part and did not want anything to happen like what happened before and there be no campaign rally for an individual.

Commissioner Viegbesie said the last time this item was up for discussion, they created a document that currently did not include these items and asked for clarity and hoped Commissioner Taylor’s reversion to the existing document would be what was last created before it went to staff to come up with a new policy.

Chair Holt asked Commissioner Taylor if she wanted the “red-line” on the application and Commissioner Taylor said she did not.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND LET STAFF ADD CHANGES AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THAT MOTION.

12. Approval to Award RFP #16-18 (Re-Bid) to an Artist to Create a Public Mural in Downtown Quincy

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to request approval to award RFP #16-08 re-bid to C5 Artwork of Winnipeg Manitoba Canada.

Commissioner Taylor said she wanted it publically known that she did not disagree with the mural but she did disagree with the funding source and felt they did not need to use emergency money to fund this. She also said she was thinking about another position and said she thought others should be considered for the mural and honor people of the County.

Chair Holt said she worked with Dr. Woodward for years and a committee looked at the mural and the choices and it was not because of the physician, it was because chosen because of the side of the building being on "colored" street and was not intended to leave anyone out but to include the culture of that section of what was going on during that time.

Commissioner Viegbesie said the mural was to depict three historic African-Americans of Gadsden County and said the County had never been only African-American and suggested this mural represent more of the history of Gadsden County and not only one ethnicity.

Commissioner Morgan said the item was asking to approve funds for a mural and looked to be no dead-set mural chosen yet and there were suggestions in the packet. Chair Holt said no, they chose one and asked Mr. Jenkins to bring it up on the television screen and showed the mural. Commissioner Morgan asked the Administrator about the money for the mural and said the way it was written, up to \$25,000 was to come from contingency funds. Mr. Presnell said the Board voted previously for up to \$25,000 and it was identified to come from the contingency fund. He further stated the way the bid was done, \$18,500 was the cost and it was before them now to award the bid if they chose to do so and as written would come from contingency funds. Commissioner Morgan asked the purpose of the contingency fund and Mr. Presnell said it was \$50,000 they set aside each year for unforeseen contingencies. He said there was no fire on this issue and suggested they use the appropriate dollars from the Tourist Development Council to fund this project and then may be able to receive more input. He added that a public mural would be very attractive and a good thing for the City and County but foolish to take funds from the contingency fund when there was bed tax collected through the TDC from people traveling through and was made to use for that reason. He added he would support this type of project but felt it was wrong to take the money from the contingency fund.

Commissioner Holt said vote at that time was a 5-0 vote from the Board and Commissioner Morgan said he did not realize that was what they were doing. She then said if they wanted to add Dr. Woodward in, it would have to be approved by him because he was still living.

Commissioner Hinson asked what the vote was on the contingency fund and Mr. Presnell said he would have to go back and look if it was a 5-0 vote or not. Commissioner Viegbesie said he thought it was a unanimous vote by those present, but could not remember if it was a 3-0 or 4-0

vote. Chair Holt said Commissioner Morgan may not have been present. Commissioner Morgan asked Commissioner Viegbesie with him being an Economics gut if he felt it made sense and he said the way he looked at it from a professional point of view, he understood the fact there was a particular entity that generated funds for things related to tourism and since the vote had been approved from contingency, was there a different way to handle it and Chair Holt said no.

Commissioner Hinson said everybody loved Dr. Woodward and there was the same argument about his wife when they did the roads naming them for a white and black person and he was corrected that that particular person was his Mother and he had to "stand up a be a grown person in the room and say let's go with his Mother and move forward on this situation". He added he thought with what Commissioner Morgan said he had a problem with it coming from the contingency fund, move forward and focus on this another day and his vote would be to go ahead and approve this.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED.

Chair Holt said she agreed with the opinions of Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner Taylor regarding the contingency and said they were coming up on the budget season and if more money was needed in the contingency, they would move more money over into contingency and would not be a problem.

13. Request Direction on Legal Services for Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board direction regarding legal services for the Gadsden County BOCC.

Commissioner Viegbesie said this item was presented at the last meeting and the vote was 2-2 and had to come back again. He added for procedural reasons, this item should be treated like something that is a service and the process of getting who provided the service should be through bids and RFP's should be issued and a bid should be gotten. He further stated if they were unable to do this in a timely manner, then they could go on a month-by-month base with the current provider until the process was determined who would get the contract annually.

Commissioner Hinson said he felt based on the situation and everything that was going to be happening needed to be consistent and felt they should entertain this in January because they had other things going on that needed to be dealt with first.

Chair Holt asked him what he meant, if they should bid it now...

He said he felt they should start the process but since they were going through the County Administrator situation, they should wait until that process was over.

Chair Holt said she was in favor of the RFP and even if they decided to do a bid process, they should have looked at this back around May/June because it would take a while and if they kept pushing it back too far is when trouble would come.

Commissioner Morgan said that the Assistant Administrator was retiring in September this year

and the Administrator's contract expires on October 30th this year and have an existing attorney firm with the option of the agreement to extend for one more year. He said he was hearing from Commissioner Viegbesie and Commissioner Hinson that they should put out bids for the County Attorney while they were also going through losing the top two leadership spots with the County. He added he felt Commissioner Hinson was looking for stability from a short-term prospective as they moved through the process and they had a twelve month extension in the existing agreement. He further stated he would not mind going through the RFP process once they were through with the County Administrator and Assistant County Administrator process.

Commissioner Viegbesie said the way he looked at this was the contract expires on September 1st and if they needed to go to a month-by-month until they were able to go through the process of selecting the replacement. He said legal issues were the law and the law did not change no matter who interpreted it and he was a stickler for process and the process was the contract ended September 1st and if they needed legal services while going through the RFP, it could be done on a month by month with the existing legal service provider and when the process was complete and if they were the ones that won it again, then they would continue with a new contract. He added he failed to see how having a different law firm would interfere with the administration of the County.

Commissioner Taylor said she felt a little different with regards to Commissioner Viegbesie and said right now County was handling sensitive cases in Court and who would handle and know the history of the cases. She said heard him when he said one did not impact the other but it did and felt the two complement each other. She added she was in favor of going through October and then going month to month until the transition was complete.

Chair Holt said they had twelve months to do this and this was something they needed to do and they needed to go out for bid to see what was out there and other people had the right to apply.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT UNTIL FEBRUARY 7, 2017 AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR.

Chair Holt asked Commissioner Hinson if by chance there was a board change in November, would he not want them to have the opportunity to make that decision. He said that was why he suggested they start the process and if and when new person came on, by February they could help in the decision making. ...

Commissioner Morgan said he heard comments about attorneys and taxpayer dollars and added when he came on board, they were paying 60-70% more on legal fees and was very important to consider and did make a difference on who the attorney was. He further stated as far as the contract went, there was a current agreement in place that allowed for a second twelve month extension and was following the process.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if Commissioner Hinson was willing to accept a friendly amendment for the contract to be extended another three months after maturity of the current contract and if the process was not complete at that time, to go month to month until the process was complete. He said competition may drive fees down.

COMMISSIONER HINSON AMENDED HIS MOTION TO SEND OUT THE RFP BY OCTOBER 15 AND

EXTEND THE CONTRACT UNTIL FEBRUARY 7, 2017 AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AMENDED HER MOTION. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

14. Request Board Direction Concerning the Engineering Services Contracts for Gadsden

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board direction concerning the Engineering services for the Board.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was going back to his belief in the process and had no problem with DBP and Associates and Preble-Rish and added that in reading the Agenda Request, it said that DBP and Preble-Rish were the current firms under contract with the County and he thought they added DBP at the last meeting and thought the contract was with Preble-Rish, not DBP and Preble-Rish. Mr. Presnell explained they added them last year and had been under contract for two years. Commissioner Viegbesie asked what they voted on last meeting and it was explained they voted on the merger of Dewberry and Preble-Rish.

Commissioner Hinson said he had no issues with the firm and was ready to make motion to state his position when they were ready.

Commissioner Morgan said there was also the option to extend the contract another year and Mr. Presnell said that was correct. Commissioner Morgan said that was his motion.

Chair Holt said she was interested in bidding.

Commissioner Taylor said she seconded Commissioner Morgan's motion.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO EXTEND THE EXISTING AGREEMENT ONE YEAR AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR. COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE HAD COMMENTS BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was back to the process and was not comfortable in assuming the extension of an existing contract without going through the entire process of soliciting an RFP. He further stated he had no problem with the firm but want to go back to the process.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 2-3 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER HINSON, CHAIR HOLT AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE OPPOSED THE MOTION.

Commissioner Hinson said he would like to go through the process and felt they were doing an extraordinary job, but was great to go through the process.

Commissioner Viegbesie started to speak and Commissioner Hinson said he thought he had made a motion already.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO GO THROUGH THE BID PROCESS IMMEDIATELY WITH THE ENGINEERING FIRM AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND AND HAD A COMMENT.

Commissioner Viegbesie said the contract would expire on October 2nd and if Commissioner

Hinson did not mind, he asked to amend the motion for the RFP to start immediately so hopefully by October the process would be complete.

COMMISSIONER HINSON AMENDED HIS MOTION AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AMENDED HIS SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

15. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said the Library had asked for a couple of announcements to be made.

- Havana Library will host a Zumba class on Friday, July 22nd at 6:30 p.m.;
- Ice Cream social at the Quincy Library on July 13th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. sponsored by the Friends of the Library
- Received a seed program and he explained it was garden seeds that could be checked out to get people interested in gardening. He said it started on a trial basis this Spring was something new. Chair Holt said they could not be planted and Mr. Presnell explained they were to grow and did not have to be returned.

He reminded them this Thursday, July 14th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. of the Succession Planning retreat to be held at the Gretna casino.

He also reminded them of the Budget planning workshop on July 14th at 4:00 at the Commissioner Meeting Room.

He said he would be bringing a proposal to them regarding additional savings on refinancing the Hospital Bond and the Library Bond and it could save a half million dollars and approximately save annually \$70,000-\$80,000 savings to the Board.

He said a Grant was awarded to North Florida Medical Services for additional dollars for a dental program and said he had mentioned earlier about dental equipment and a portion would be put up for bid and hopefully the ones interested in the equipment would have a chance to bid. Commissioner Morgan asked if an appropriate value had been gotten on the equipment and Mr. Presnell said that was in the works now and it would come back before them.

Chair Holt said there were concerns from people with services at that site and Mr. Presnell said he had heard concerns as well and he met with the President in waiting and it was discussed. He said they were aware of it and according to them, the only people they refuse to see are ones with behavior issues, they go on a list and will no longer will be seen there and some are on the list for financial reasons, but they would work with them and it would have to be someone that totally refused to pay any of the required co-pay under Medicaid. Chair Holt said they needed to be able to talk with them and Mr. Presnell said they would be coming before them in near future.

Mr. Presnell said they discussed meeting with the health service providers and was changing from one on one to a workshop. Commissioner Viegbesie said he felt a workshop would be the best setting to meet with the service providers to see what they are providing and address the issues they were hearing.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

16. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss said he had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

14. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan asked Mr. Presnell about the Budget workshop he previously mentioned and confirmed it was on July 14th at 4:00 p.m. and Mr. Presnell stated yes and the Retreat was on July 7th at 4:00 at the Gretna Casino.

Commissioner Morgan then congratulated the Chattahoochee Mainstreet Organization and the Greensboro Kiwanis Club for a very successful July 4th fireworks show celebration.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor had nothing to report.

Commissioner Anthony “Dr. V” Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie commended the Public Works Department for expeditiously responding to the road repairs with the ditch on the side of Charlie Harris Loop.

He then recommended they invite Mike Grissom, Senior Vice President, External Affairs with Enterprise Florida and Carl Blischke, Director of Strategic Business Development with Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to present their workshop at a future meeting and asked that GCDC be present also.

Chair Holt felt the Industrial Board, Tourism and Planning and Zoning should also be invited.

She said several of them attended a workshop on Safety and they talked with some counties that used a process and she hoped we could do it here. She further explained they looked at what other counties were doing regarding if a person had lost their driver's license for reasons other than child support, they were offering them an opportunity to help get their licenses back. She stated what they did was allow them to pay a few cents on the dollar if they were suspended for reasons other than child support. She said they had judges present and it was worked out that they paid a few cents on the dollar and it was allowed during a short period of time, i.e., one day, to pay the fine and have their licenses returned.

She said on the re-financing of the hospital bond, if they did that, they needed to be cautious and Mr. Presnell said none were extensions of the term and they never had extended the length of the term.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson commended the Board for being so nice today and respecting each other's opinions and moving on.

He said someone's house in his community burned down and said they had tried to get in touch with Community Action and asked how a meeting could be set up and asked if they were funded. Mr. Presnell said no but the Executive Director was a very nice man and was sure he would be happy to talk with them. Commissioner Viegbesie said they were located next to "The Greenery" and was a very nice staff. Mr. Presnell said Red Cross was available for immediate assistance. He also thanked the Gadsden County School Board for their assistance as well.

Concord Stoplight

He said it had been a few months since they made the vote to have a traffic light placed there and not sure why the light was not up yet.

Mr. Presnell asked Justin Ford to come forward.

Justin Ford, Dewberry/Preble-Rish, appeared before the Board and said they had to have completed plans for it to be bid out and in an effort to save the County money, they tried to research as much of it as they could and was under the understanding it was recently upgraded five-six years ago. He said they went through the Road Department and it took approximately two months to track everything down and probably saved \$75,000 and should be able to bid out very shortly. Commissioner Hinson asked what "shortly" was and Mr. Ford said 30 days. Mr. Presnell asked if it saved on the engineering costs and Mr. Ford explained it would save on the actual construction because if they could utilize the existing string poles, it would save on having to auger new holes, would help with the utility relocates and on the existing control cabinet on that signal.

Paving Project

Commissioner Hinson said he was told two-three months ago the paving should be in Havana and the roads have yet to be paved. He said he "wanted put on record that, ah, why this subject deliberate, deliberate speed because once y'all give your word they gonna be in that area, then I assume that your word is bond, so I deliberately tell my constituents exactly what you guys tell me and for some reason they pass by my spot, there's only one section away from my place and pass by Fountain Road, pass by Hinson Circle, pass by these other areas in my district and just goes somewhere else and every week 'We gonna get you next week', every week "We gonna get you next week" and so, I'm not sure, when are you guys planning on coming into District 1 and paving those roads or all y'all, that's just a process y'all just gonna extend. Madam Chair, could you have the County Manager answer that question, cause I know he is the Administrator. He know the daily operations. I don't think no Commission understands the daily operations but the County Administrator so I would love for the County Administrator answer that question. Cause my constituents, Madam Chair, would like to know because they had a meeting one day and said Commissioner Hinson must be lying and I don't use the work lie, I'm from (inaudible) Church and so, you know, and so, you know, I just want to know because of the great strategy, super strategy, so I would like to know why those roads at Hinson Circle, Fountain Road, James Road right across from Fountain Road on the Glade, matter of fact the lady called Mother Perry called me today about her road. She said she just wondered, they put a topping on it and that was it. Around Havana Heights, all around that area, those roads supposed to be paved and honestly we got a deliberate process that really and truly doesn't make any sense, and so, I'd like for the County Administrator to answer that question now."

Mr. Presnell said those roads were bid out and Curtis Young was the Public Works Director and dealt with the contractor on a day-to-day basis, but once the roads were bid out and they go to the

low bidder that won the contract, they schedule the work and found it surprising because the plant was in that district and asked if they had paved any roads. Commissioner Hinson said he did not think they had paved a road in his district unless it was done today.

Commissioner Viegbesie piggybacked on Commissioner Hinson's concerns and said there were some roads not prepped yet for paving.

Curtis Young, Public Works Director, came forward and there was only one paving crew and the equipment was on the Greensboro side finishing up Commissioner Morgan's district and as of today, they were finishing up there and then would be in district 1 and understood they would be getting some dirt roads in District 4 and then move to district 1. He explained when his crew prepped the dirt roads, they did not want to "babysit" the roads and asked the Contractor as soon as they were ready, they wanted to get some asphalt on them. Chair Holt said that was why bids were put out and if they (contractor) were not doing a good job, then the County did not need to look at them bidding on contracts and needed to be documented so when they come back up for bid on those roads, they would know.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked the Administrator when the County prepped the road for paving and the paving was not done, the road would break down and become "raggedy" again, if that meant the county had to spend time and money to prepare them again. Mr. Presnell said it was not the exact same process but they would have to go over some things.

Chair Holt asked if they put out another bid would it reduce the amount that the contractor received and Mr. Presnell said no, he would still have those roads. Chair Holt asked if he was on schedule and Mr. Presnell said he was within his allowable time, that he had a number of days to complete all the roads. Mr. Presnell said he had met with the contractor on two occasions and said he was not making money on this contract with the way he was moving around and had logistical concerns and Mr. Presnell offered to let him do a change order or opt out and he chose not to do that.

Chair Holt said the Board needed to know about these things and if the contract was going bad, they needed to know. She said if they needed to look at going out for another bid and they needed to not to be at the contractor's beck and call either.

Mr. Presnell said he had been within the realm of the contract and there had been nothing to bring to the Board.

Chair Holt said she would like to see a schedule from the Contractor.

Commissioner Hinson said the reason he was talking about a change order was because in his District there were a lot of roads in the area and if they re-bid again and in going through the process, there was a bad road because the City had cut the road and that one needed to be done first.

Chair Holt suggested he bring this to Manager and added if they did decide to put out another bid, everyone should bring their concerns to the Manager.

Transportation

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Commissioner Hinson said he was talking with some people and the issue was there would be a few more pick-up spots in the area but some of the seniors could not get to the pick-up spot. He said something was said about the \$1 ride and was wondering if the \$1 ride could pick them up and deliver them to places. Mr. Presnell said there was one, if they were on Medicaid going for doctor visits and there were some things that Big Bend did under grants but a person had to qualify.

He said he was talking to another senior and they said there were certain places where in Chattahoochee they would bring food to seniors "Meals on Wheels" and asked if services were provided on the east side of town in Havana and Midway. Commissioner Viegbesie said the Gadsden County Senior Citizens did. Commissioner Hinson asked if it was offered in Havana and Midway. Mr. Presnell said he wanted to check before answering. Mr. Presnell said there was a waiting list and only a number of meals available.

He thanked the Board for reappointing him to the Circuit 2 Alliance Community Action Team.

He said he also received his recertification as a County Commissioner as well as Florida Association of Counties Presidential Advocacy Award along with Commissioner Holt.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said she was hoping at the next Association meeting, they could get more people in there for training, especially for economic development.

Receipt and File

15. a. Letter from FDLE
- b. USDA Letter
- c. Letter from Nicholas Thomas

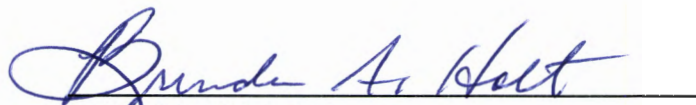
UPCOMING MEETINGS

16. July 19, 2016-Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:11 P.M.

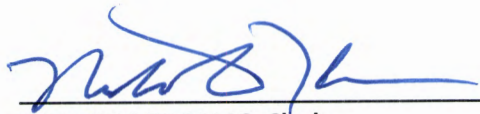
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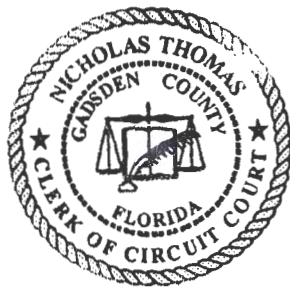
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Board of County Commissioners

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ATTEST:



NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk



**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JULY 19, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M., THE
FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge to the U. S. Flag. A silent roll call was conducted by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell said he would like to pull Item 9 to be brought back at a later date.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Proposal to Expand Health Care Opportunities

Mr. Presnell said there was one presentation tonight and introduced Dr. Adrian Cooksey, Director of Gadsden County Health Department.

Commissioner Morgan appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Taylor appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

Dr. Adrian Cooksey, Health Director, Florida Department of Health in Gadsden County, appeared before the board to speak on expanding Health Care Opportunities in the county. She said nearing her first year in service she felt it was her responsibility to champion projects that would increase the success of high quality services for residents of Gadsden County. She said they were aware that diabetes impacted everyone and Gadsden residents were being diagnosed younger. She said Gadsden County had one of the highest preventable hospitalization rates and had an opportunity where North Florida Regional Thyroid Center, which was a full service endocrinology clinic, was willing to offer their services to Gadsden residents in the County. She further explained they would like to offer a four or five hour block on Saturdays would not only offer medical intervention, they would also offer behavioral intervention to teach people how to manage their diabetes. Dr. Cooksey then gave a little background about Dr. Hart. She said she had also had been doing work the past five years as a medical Director for Health For Hearts United and was interested in expanding services and was able to provide quality healthcare for

Gadsden County. She would start with an in-kind contribution with a physical facility with wi-fi connections and would be for 4-5 hours a week.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if the sessions Dr. Hart was proposing would consist of regular patient check-ins, triage, clinic visits with a physician and follow-up and help to educate citizens with regard to their diets and eating habits. Dr. Cooksey said yes plus she was offering more.

Commissioner Taylor said there was a vast difference when someone was running a place like a network and the initiative shown showed that. She said this was a proposal to expand and there had to be a cost and something from the Board they were requesting.

Dr. Cooksey said they were looking for a physical facility on temporary basis and wi-fi connection.

Commissioner Taylor said she knew the Administrator was looking to expand at the Health Department and asked if that was an option.

Mr. Presnell said that was an option and he, Dr. Hart and Dr. Cooksey had identified some unused space at the hospital that they would prefer because Dr. Cooksey and he had plans for the space at the health department for some additional services.

Commissioner Viegbesie thanked Dr. Cooksey for taking the initiative in bringing in services to the County.

Commissioner Morgan asked if Dr. Hart was affiliated with either hospital in Tallahassee and Dr. Cooksey was not sure and said she had her own practice.

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas asked to take a moment to refer back to something in the audit report dealing with the fund balance. He said in the Audit Report, the financial statement showed the Unrestricted Fund Balance at \$4.5 Million and there may have been some questions as to how it got there. He explained at the end of the fiscal year, there was approximately \$6.8 Million in cash but they had to take into account that at the end of September last year they appropriated \$2.3 Million in this year's budget. He said the \$4.5 was the \$6.8 Million minus the \$2.3 Million. He added he was sure they would not spend \$2.3 Million and \$700,000 of it made up the money designated for grants to corporations. He added the budget was built on 95% of revenue and would give them approximately a \$600,000 cushion.

He went on to say at the end of this fiscal year after all the revenues and expenditures were in, they would take into account what to appropriate in September for the next fiscal year's budget and that would determine the ultimate unrestricted fund balance was.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

4. Ratification to Pay County Bills

5. Approval of Minutes
a. June 21, 2016-Regular Meeting

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Holt said there were several requests and they were mostly for Agenda Item 5 and would be called up at that time.

Isabella Dubose 673 Woodberry Road, Quincy, FL & Patricia Harrison, 1016 Morningside Drive, Quincy, FL- paving of Woodberry Road

Ms. Dubose and Ms. Harrison appeared before the Board to represent the Woodberry Road project and said the citizens had raised funds to hire an attorney for their privately owned road and said it was difficult to travel in inclement weather and they asked to be placed on the agenda at a later date and for the County to consider retaining this road. She said the citizens had been responsible for the scraping of the road and money was taken from the citizens for the continued maintenance.

Mr. Presnell asked if the survey had been done and they said they were in the process of getting that done. Mr. Presnell said the only thing left would be the road standard prior to the County taking it and then the attorney could prepare the deeds.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Public Hearing-Legislative-Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2016-009 for an Amendment to Chapter 1 (Administration and Enforcement) and Chapter 7 (Development Orders, Development Permits, and Development Agreements) of the Gadsden County Land Development Code

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for adoption of Ordinance 2016-009 for an amendment to Chapter 1 and Chapter 7 of the Land Development Code.

Mr. Presnell asked Allara Gutcher to come forward.

Allara Gutcher, Planning and Community Development Director, appeared before the Board and explained the above item. She explained it was adding clean-up to some language that was amended in the past; proposing to move the Citizens Bill of Rights hearing from Chapter 7 to Chapter 1 under "Administration and Enforcement"; proposing changes to the Citizens Bill of Rights hearings including a change the Planning Commission recommended to abolish the 4-1 vote for those types of hearings, including special exceptions, variances and amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. She said part of this did need to occur for clean-up and clarity and the implementation of regulations they had in place but was at the discretion of the County Commissioners to leave the Citizens Bill of Rights section as it currently stood, it would be helpful to move the rest of it forward.

Chair Holt said there were 34 pages before them and asked the commissioners to look through it and said the 4-1 vote was where they were always stuck. She asked that they look at everything else and then look at that.

Commissioner Hinson said he felt they needed a workshop to go through this line by line.

Commissioner Morgan said when this was discussed at a prior meeting, he had no heartburn regarding the recommended changes and did not understand why some was put into one item and why they were addressing the super majority vote with the Citizens Bill of Rights on what they wanted to accomplish by updating some of the language and discovered when the item was originally agendaed for Planning and Zoning, that was not a factor and one particular commissioner asked for that to be added and they voted on it. He said he would stick with his original assessment and knew there needed to be some language cleaned up and was willing to approve the changes if they could look at it with no changes made to the super majority vote with the Citizens Bill of Rights.

Chair Holt said she was willing to look at this in two parts, clean up the verbiage and vote on that and then vote on the super majority. She then said this was a public hearing and wanted the public to get an understanding of the amendment. She said she was willing to clean up the language on the super majority vote and would like for that to be separate, clean up the language and come back to the super majority vote.

Commissioner Viegbesie had a question for the attorney. He asked if part of Chapter 1 could be adopted or if they had to adopt the entire chapter. Mr. Weiss said it was already existed and adopted and they were modifying it. He said they could make any revisions they would like and asked them to bear in mind that any amendments that was made to the Citizens Bill of Rights portion would require a super majority vote.

Commissioner Taylor said she agreed with Commissioner Hinson in that the document they had was a document that was sent to them by the Planning and Zoning Commission and they needed to be able to digest why the changes were being made what effect it would have going forward. She said she had requested as far as the residential portion of the CBOR went, from her position, that she no longer wanted to see that part of the CBOR and a citizen had the right to determine what they wanted to do with their land and the Board only entertain commercial though the CBOR.

Commissioner Morgan said it sounded like Commissioner Taylor was willing to consider changing the super majority vote for residential property and keeping the super majority vote for commercial and she said yes. He said if someone had 10 acres, had one house and wanted to put 5 houses there or had 50 acres and wanted to put 15 houses, it could have a dramatic change to a residential neighborhood and did not see the argument between residential versus commercial and felt the need to maintain the super majority vote because of the dramatic effect it could have in a residential area.

Chair Holt said she was of the opinion they only needed a majority vote and should not be required to have a super majority and said that was what the government was based on and said there were other things in place that would slow them down from getting the approval. She said people would still have to appear before Planning and Zoning and before the Board for approval.

Chair Holt asked if there were any comments from the public.

Thomas Stratton, 350 Middle Creek Road, Quincy, FL appeared before the Board and said he understood that people could have extra dwellings on their property if they were relatives and asked if that was correct. Chair Holt said somewhat, it depended on the situation. He said even with that in mind, he had seen a great impact in his neighborhood with people doing that as far as noise pollution, burning things that they did not want burned, and traffic, etc. and encouraged the strongest regulation to maintain the atmosphere that has been developed in their rural communities and the reason people generally moved there was for the peace and quiet, scenery and nature.

Connie Hostetter, 7185 Sycamore Road, Quincy FL appeared before the Board and said she felt with the super majority vote it should stay at three and did not feel the system needed to be harder than what it already was. She said with changing the language in the Code, she agreed there were changes that needed to be made and added in going through the process they were now, some of the language was confusing and agreed there needed to be some cleaned up and made easier to understand.

Patricia Scott, 288 Winding Creek Road, Quincy, FL appeared before the Board and said she had a problem with changing the law because she owned 22 acres of land and her daughter owned 10 and was an area where they could see wildlife. She said she bought the land 30 years ago and bought land to keep people from moving in on her. She said people across the road was a one house on ten acres and they passed "the thing" allowing him to move mobile homes there and a gentleman every weekend would shoot guns; another one moved in with pit bulls and broke in her cattle fence and attacked her dog and it resulted in \$1200 vet bills and it was because of the way "they" zoned it and was no way she could protest it. She said every time she turned around, there was someone moving in. She said with cases like that, she would like for them to check with the neighborhood because they had no idea it was going on until they started moving the trailers in. She felt the zoning laws should be a little stiffer because she moved there where she could have peace and quiet, sit out and watch the birds, deer, the snakes and have a "country" place. She added before they change the law, they should let surrounding people know when changes happen like that.

Mary Dixon, 207 Winding Creek Road, Quincy, FL appeared before the Board and said she inherited 10 acres across the road from her Mom and Dad (Patricia Scott). She said people came in next door, put in 2 mobile homes and 1 in the back and it all came about because the zoning changed. No-one knew about it and it was not changed for residential purposes to allow other family members move on the property, it was changed for commercial purposes and the man was collecting rent off the property. Chair Holt said stipulations were in place and the CBOR was in place at that time and was not sure what happened in this case.

Commissioner Hinson talked about the growth in the State of Florida over the years.

Chair Holt said she has been asking for a revision of the Comprehensive Plan and the document itself needed public input.

Commissioner Morgan said when they were talking about the future land use map and the Comprehensive Plan, they needed to address those as a living document that worked together and commended Ms. Gutcher and her department and said since she had been here, she had

brought different items before them through Planning and Zoning with revisions and he had tried the past several years to get the Board to adopt a policy where the representatives on Planning and Zoning needed to be from each district to be able to address items. He said he was in favor of good growth that made sense and all growth was not good growth and he wanted to retain the rural character of the county. He added they may want to look back and see when the super majority vote was adopted. He further stated he had not been presented one case where the CBOR did not work perfectly and had not impeded any growth whatever, whether residential or commercial, industrial and all they were talking about doing was communicating with and providing notification and information to those within a certain radius and did not know of anyone that would be opposed to that.

Commissioner Taylor said all she knew was they were not making more land, that Commissioner Hinson talked about population growth in the State and people had to have a place to stay. She said with regard to mobile homes near the 22 acres, she was sure the Administrator could concur that probably needed to be looked into. She said it had been in the position that communities mirror each other and was in support of two things-she would like for the residential piece to be taken away from the CBOR and said there was still mechanisms in place to make sure there was not urban sprawl and would still be a provision in the Planning and Zoning laws that would regulate that. She said she agreed with Commissioner Hinson regarding the strikethroughs and there was quite a few of them and did not understand all of the changes.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked the status of inviting the Director of Enterprise FL and the Department of Economic Opportunity to come put on their presentation & echoed what Commissioner Hinson said regarding Florida growing and was now the third largest state and had acquired two additional congressional house seats. He continued to say growth was coming and changes were imperative and felt a workshop would be beneficial.

Chair Holt said the comprehensive plan fit the entire County the same way and that was a problem because some wanted three votes, some wanted four; some same their families have been here for 100 years and want jobs and new people come saying they wanted to get away from populated areas and there was no right or wrong.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO SET THIS ITEM FOR A WORKSHOP.

5. Public Hearing –Legislative-Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2016-011 for amendment to the Future Land Use Map for a Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Map amendment (SSA-2016-03) for Rising Suns

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this item was for an amendment of one acre of land from Rural Residential to Commercial land for a parcel located at 5414 Sycamore Road. He said the site previously contained a convenience/grocery store as neighborhood commercial use. This was allowable by right until the 2015 update to the Future Land Use Element. In 2014 the applicant was informed he could use the site as an office but the storage of vehicles was not allowable in Neighborhood Commercial. He began storing vehicles on site and was subsequently cited by Code Enforcement for the storage of vehicles.

Chair Holt said this was also a public hearing and asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor to come forward.

Connie and Homer Hostetter, 7185 Sycamore Road, Quincy, Florida appeared before the board and was sworn in by Marcella Blocker. Mrs. Hostetter said their family was a fourth and fifth generation family and had served the community as firefighters, first responders, search and rescue and Red Cross volunteers and were members of a local church and Greensboro Kiwanis Club. She said their business "Rising Sons and Company" was established in 2006 and started as an auto repair shop and in 2008 they added the wrecker and towing service; were family owned and operated and provided five to six jobs depending on how busy they were; provided towing and road side assistance in and around the County; specialized in auto, truck and motorcycle towing and services included flatbed towing, truck towing, trailer towing, both out of town and locally. She explained other services offered. She further stated they were on a rotation list for the law enforcement agencies, there were laws and guidelines that govern various aspects of the wrecker business and included the holding lot and was inspected periodically by the Florida Highway Patrol. She said the vehicles were held as directed by Florida State laws and guidelines and the described property has been used as a commercial property for at least 90 years and wanted to continue to use the property as a commercial property and asked about commercial use before they agreed to purchase it. She said the Department of Environmental Protection identified the property as contaminated and had been involved in clean-up and monitoring of the contaminants since 1983; gasoline tanks were removed in 1994; and after a salvage company crushed cars on site an inspection was done on March 31, 2016 and no hazardous waste or used oil violations were found.

Chair Holt asked if anyone else wished to speak in favor of this and there was no-one. She then suggested they move forward regarding this item.

Patricia Scott, 288 Winding Creek Road, Quincy, FL, appeared before the board and said where they lived there were fresh springs all around and water runs all the time all under the area. She said the oil, brake fluid, transmission fluid would seep into the ground and rain would make it go and they do not want the water messed up and did not want to live across from or next to a junk yard. She said this was not right for this area of woods.

John Wilson, 5559 Sycamore Road, Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board and said he was in proximity of this business and the area is a historic area and this was an unsightly business.

Thomas Stratton, 350 Middle Creek Road, Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board and said he was present the day they crushed cars, photographed it and smelt and saw leaking fluids. He said there had been no regard for regulation and no-one was here to support this other than the Hostetters. He further said there was clay that runs underground in the area, sometimes 25 feet, sometimes closer and sometimes deeper and there were hundreds of springs in the area and water from the surface, hits, the clay, runs to the ravines and dumps into the creeks and ponds and there were many in the area. He said he called Planning and Zoning and was told at the time there was a cease and desist and now understand a different order was given where they were to halt bringing in cars or something of the sort and was encouraged to come today. He felt they would care on and it would dramatically affect the community, the people and the environment.

AJ. Parrott, 100 Winding Creek Road, Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board and Homer stated he and Dee started this and said the entire community was involved. He said he had 57

signatures from actual landowners that live around the building that oppose this. When they decided to rent the building the neighbors were told they would be opening a bait & tackle store and that did not happen. He said that he owned eleven acres and there were two springs that came out of the ground and his well was 486 feet deep to an artisan well. He passed around pictures before cars were crushed at the site. He added that everyone was concerned about the health and welfare of their family, community and no-one wanted a junk yard there. He said they made the comment they were inspected by FHP and he was unsure if FHP was qualified to inspect for contamination and thought DEP were the ones that should inspect the property. They also said some of the vehicles there were supposed to be turned over in a certain amount of time and some of the vehicles have been there for months and months. He stated he worked in the automotive industry, knew how it worked when a vehicle was wrecked and how everything was contaminated and how fluid would leak from cars; when it rained, it would wash the grease, oil and transmission fluid, etc. into the ground.

He then submitted two letters into evidence from Diane and David Arnold.

Debra Patronis Chatham, 6277 Flat Creek Road, Chattahoochee, FL appeared before the Board and said she owned property that bordered with the property; has a small fish pond on her property and she purchased the property as an investment. -has done research and gave definition of "junkyard"

Commissioner Viegbesie stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Ms. Chatham went on to say she bought the property as an investment and has long-term investment ideas about it and wondered how she could sub-divide into nice size lots and attract good clientele with a junkyard on the driveway.

Thomas Penna, 195 Middle Creek Road, Quincy, FL appeared before the Board and said he did not understand why the property was still being used as a commercial enterprise when they were told not to.

Commissioner Viegbesie returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Mark McClellan, 109 Old church Road, Quincy, FL appeared before the Board and said it was pretty clear the community did not want to go in this direction. He said it was the Planning and Zoning's unanimous decision to deny the land change amendment, he humbly asked that the Board stay with their decision.

Chair Holt said to Commissioner Morgan this was his district and asked for his comments. He said communication, information and notification was very important. He commented that he appreciated the Hostetters' going to the process with the CBOR meetings like they did and said one thing he had questioned in the past was the County having a staff person from Ms. Gutcher's department present at the meetings. He said the Hostetters' took time to take minutes, but there were questions asked that it seemed the County had dropped the ball and if someone had been there, there might have been the opportunity to answer questions. He said regarding this item, he had heard from the Hostetters and this was in no way a personal issue, just that this property was unsuited for what was trying to be developed here.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if he understood the property was zoned commercial for over 90 years and Mr. Presnell said yes.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked what the Code Enforcement Department done to ensure the property was being properly in accordance with the type of business that it was proposed to be used for and said it had grown from what it was to what had become the problem they were having now.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie continued and said citizens felt threatened with this in their neighborhood.

Chair Holt said it was stated the property had been zoned commercial for 90 years and she asked what type commercial.

Connie Hostetter reappeared before the Board and said it was 90 years and was neighborhood commercial and they did not know the difference between neighborhood commercial and commercial until they started this process. She added through this whole process they had become educated.

Chair Holt said that has happened with two major businesses that she knew of, they bought property that said commercial, they tried to put there what they thought was commercial and it fit within the category. She said she was not stating theirs did because if their commercial was a grocery store and then became salvage or what they said their business was, then it might be two different types of businesses. She said the property owner on the other property owned several businesses, bout about 10 acres that was zoned commercial, tried to bring in commercial and the community was in an uproar and the Board ended up having to turn them down. She said it did not necessarily apply with the law because no matter how upset they get, they had to go by what was on paper and what the law stated with their Ordinances that were in place. She said with zoning issues, she had been told to let them say what they needed to say and that way if it does become a problem later on, they had everything that they were supposed to have and had an opportunity to speak.

Melanie McClellan, 109 Old Church Road, Quincy, FL appeared before the Board and said Commissioner Morgan questioned how it got to this point and it was her because whether they or they Hostetters knew it was zoned commercial, neighborhood, when they started calling Code Enforcement years ago, they came out and at that point someone with the County, an Enforcement Officer, would have recognized they had a wrecker service or a junk yard at what used to be a grocery store in the middle of a neighborhood. She said someone with the County dropped the ball long ago and the neighborhood has been calling and calling and the County had a responsibility in this as well.

Chair Holt said the way it was previously zoned, it was commercial and they tried to say if you were in a community, a neighborhood, it was made "neighborhood commercial" and with the country grocery store, they wanted them to be able to keep that country grocery store or what

was there. Mrs. McClellan said the County kept coming out from Code Enforcement and no-one picked up on it.

Commissioner Hinson asked Mrs. McClellan when they started calling and she said they started calling three to four years ago when they notice the junked cars being hauled in and before the privacy fence went up.

AJ Parrott reappeared and asked if the Hostetters owned or rented the property. Chair Holt said she had no idea and he asked if that was something the Commission should find out. He said he spoke with the landowners and found out they were renting and how could they get permits with them renting.

Thomas Stratton reappeared before the Board and said at the Planning and Zoning meeting he attended, the ordinance was referenced that a business had to suit the community they were wanting to locate in and one of the reasons they were denied was because in their opinion what they had heard this business in no way suited to the community.

Scott and Homer Hostetter re-appeared before the Board and said they have been there for four years and knew what it was like to live in that community. Scott Hostetter said there were certain people in the neighborhood that did not want the business there due to the fact they were trying to sweep their own dirt under the table and they did not care. He added they have done their business for a long time and have no problems with DEP and every time they have called, someone would come and the County told them what they needed to do to be in compliance and they have done everything asked of them. Scott went on to say he worked with DEP for two years and knew exactly what they had to do in order to put the business there. He said in order for the community to grow, businesses had to come in, whether it was them, a convenience store or a shop. Homer asked if they understood what they do for a living. He said they deal with grieving parents that just lost a son or daughter in a wreck, deal with insurance companies and all the neighbors see were the cars coming in and there was a process they go through. He added that none of the neighbors have seen them getting a body out of a car, cleaning up a scene with different body parts lying around and said he did not tow just to be towing, they worked for law enforcement. Scott stated they knew when they moved their business to its present location; they would not be a "salvage yard" and could not sell parts off the vehicles. Homer also informed the Board he had an opportunity to buy the property instead of renting.

Debra Chatham reappeared before the Board and asked the County Attorney once a business had been vacated for a particular period of time, did they lose commercial value and Mr. Weiss said there was a non-conformity use provision in place which stated if you were of non-conforming use, which meant if you did not conform to what was supposed to be in that land-use category, if it were discontinued the use for two years, then they would lose the legal non-conforming status. Ms. Chatham stated the building was vacant with no store, no tow yard, nothing for several years.

Patricia Scott re-appeared before the Board and said she did not know the Hostetters, she only knew the store was called Don & Peggy's when she moved there and she would go there and buy milk, etc. She said she did know what a junkyard was and was worried about the water table.

Commissioner Hinson stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Tracy Wilson, 5559 Sycamore Road, Quincy, appeared before the Board and said she moved here from New Orleans and worked at Capital Regional Medical Center and appreciated Mr. Hostetter's view of people getting hurt in accidents and asked in all fairness if any of the Board members want a junkyard next to their house. She said she just built \$400,000 house and now had a junkyard across the street.

Mary Dixon, 207 Winding Creek Road, Quincy, FL-reappeared before the Board and said she had the pleasure of attending the last meeting and several points were brought up: 1) there was approximately 40 cars there at one time; 2) Many years ago her parents had two old cars and was going to use a motor out of one to go into the other and Code Enforcement told them they had to get rid of the cars because it was unsightly; 3) They did not get a privacy fence up until this started and was there for four years. She said she appreciated what Mr. Hostetter had done for the community but it made her question how much they valued the immediate community. She also said at the last meeting, it was brought up by one of the people there that maybe this business was located in the wrong area; they were not against the business but it was in the wrong area.

Commissioner Hinson reappeared at this juncture of the meeting.

Mark McClellan reappeared before the Board and said he had copies of minutes from April 24, 2014 Code Enforcement Hearing. He said his understanding was Mr. Hostetter was not present at this hearing but had a conversation with Judge Parsons regarding what procedures were in place to operate a business in this County. He said that was over two years ago and Rising Sons had chosen to operate a business without the proper paperwork in place.

Chair Holt said there had been public input and then recognized Mrs. Hostetter.

Connie Hostetter reappeared before the Board and asked to address some of the comments made. She said they were not aware of the problem in 2014, they did not own the property at that time and were now in the process of buying it, but the notifications went to the owner at that time and was not passed on to them; they added a privacy fence on their own; the property was not vacant for more than two years as a commercial property before they moved in it; with water contaminations, they have had no violations, DEP, EPA and their agency have found no contamination created by them and have been there continuously over the four years.

Chair Holt asked Ms. Gutcher if there was any documentation of the property being closed for more than two years. Ms. Gutcher said the non-conformity and grandfathering issue Mr. Weiss explained earlier, there was criteria in the Land Development Regulations that listed some of the things that could be shown to show they property was in use and includes cable or electrical bills and Chair Holt asked if that was provided. Ms. Gutcher said she was not sure if that was shown because they applied for a plan amendment. Mr. Presnell said that was not part of the case.

Commissioner Morgan said every Friday for the past four years he has asked the Administrator for a code enforcement report for District 3 and asked if everyone received that. Mr. Presnell

said he has been the only one that has asked for it. He said with the report, they could watch and see how things progressed and when something had occurred, there needed to be communication on how it progressed on a regular basis and the first report he had regarding this property was dated March 15, 2016 and nothing prior.

Commissioner Taylor said that the community should mirror itself and as Scott Hostetter said, she did know him and had known the family for years and what could help would be if the Chamber of Commerce could get involved and help this business and maybe because of their resources could have funding for retention and expansion and could be an avenue to look at. She continued that when there was a conflict such as this, there had to be a resolution and maybe they could bring in an arbitrator and felt they needed to have an opportunity to have dialogue with the Chamber to see if help was available there and then be able to move forward.

Chair Holt asked if that business was allowed in neighborhood commercial and Mr. Weiss' understanding was no.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of meeting.

Chair Holt said bringing in an arbitrator would not change the law.

Commissioner Viegbesie said this was one reason why he had pushed for professional development and was unsure how knowledgeable the employees were of what each of their requirements entailed to know what to tell citizens when they come in for an application or for their services.

Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie added that he felt educating their staff was one thing they needed to do and did not know how that property or issue would affect other zoning requirements in the area.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MOVED FOR ADOPTION OF OPTION 2 AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Taylor asked if that was to not adopt the change so they could stay or do not adopt...

Chair Holt said it would be to not adopt the ordinance or zoning change.

Commissioner Morgan said he was agreeing with Planning and Zoning.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Hinson asked if denied, would the business be shut down tonight. Mr. Presnell said the Judge ordered this and this would go back before the Magistrate. Commissioner Hinson asked if they could be given a chance to clean up the area. Chair Holt asked Ms. Gutcher what was permitted there under neighborhood commercial and Ms. Gutcher said when she first spoke with Mr. Hostetter in 2014, he approached her about an office he wanted to have in that

structure, which was an allowable use and his personal truck would be parked there while he conducted business and that was allowed.

Mr. Hostetter reappeared and said he went before the board in 2012 and asked about it being zoned commercial for his tow company and was told no problem, in 2014 they were going into the process of opening the store and was batted down on every corner and he was told he could have an office there but was unable to store cars and he said he had been storing cars off and on there for two years.

Chair Holt said they had to move on, there was a motion and second. Commissioner Taylor said she was withdrawing her second.

Chair Holt said if a person bought property that sat where the Courthouse was, and it happens in other states where public property can come up for action, what rules and regulations go with it, go with it. Chair Holt asked the will of the Board and without a second, Commissioner Morgan's motion would die.

Commissioner Viegbesie suggested giving this item back to staff and seeing if a resolution could be worked out and meanwhile, they needed to work on an expeditious revision of the comprehensive plan. He added if they were to accept the recommendation of Planning and Zoning, they needed to respect their recommendation on all the items for all their recommendations and not be selective.

Commissioner Morgan asked if Commissioner Viegbesie worried about setting precedence for following the current comprehensive plan and land use in the area. Commissioner Morgan added the current land use said this was not allowed there.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF OPTION 2 TO NOT ADOPT THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND.

Mr. Presnell said the Judge ordered this to give them a shot to change the land use if the Board wanted to make it a commercial use and he anticipated if they chose to not change it, he would give them time to move.

Mr. Weiss said they either needed to approve or deny this item.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF OPTION 2 TO NOT ADOPT THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND.

Commissioner Hinson said when he sees a young man trying to do right and work, it was touching but at the same time there was a community trying to keep the community intact as well.

Commissioner Taylor asked if he would amend his motion to allow them time.

Commissioner Morgan said this was not anything about the business itself, they were good folks, but it was not zoned properly for the area and was not the right place to have it and the community did not want it there.

Mr. Weiss said they were making a decision about an application regarding a future land use and currently it was designated as rural residential and had a neighborhood commercial overlay with a historical overlay and they were deciding to change the future land use designation from rural residential to commercial and if not, the business currently operating on the property was not authorized to operate on the property and they could not give an extension of time.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO NOT ADOPT THE ORDINANCE.

Mrs. Hostetter reappeared before Board and asked if that meant the property could still be used as neighborhood commercial and Chair Holt said yes. She then asked if this would have to go back to the Judge and Mr. Presnell said yes, a final order would be issued and a time frame would be on the Order.

6. Public Hearing-Legislative- Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2016-010 for amendment to the Future Land Use Map for a Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Map amendment (SSA-2016-02) for the Pat Thomas Park extension

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to adopt Ordinance 2016-010 for the amendment of 13 acres of land on the Future Land Use Map from Conservation to Recreation land use category.

Chair Holt asked if anyone wished to speak and there was no-one.

Commissioner Hinson said he gave Mr. Presnell information about a piece of property in Havana a month or so ago and had not received any information about that for it to be used for a park. Mr. Presnell said this went back two years and the State donated the land, it was not a purchase.

Commissioner Morgan said this was 13 acres they approved the purchase of and the primary reason was to expand additional camping spots because they were at capacity most of the time and he was concerned about losing the character and conservation areas of the park.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

7. Public Hearing-Legislative-(LDR-2016-06) Adoption of Ordinance 2016-012 of amendments to Chapter 2, Subsection 2102, Definitions, Specifically, and Chapter 5, Subsection 5609 of the Gadsden County Land Development Code

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for adoption of Ordinance 2016-012 for amendments to Chapter 2, Subsection 2102, Definitions, Specifically and 5609, Clear View of intersection public rights-of-way and driveway (clear vision zone) of the Gadsden County Land Development Code.

Chair Holt announced it was a public hearing and asked if there was anyone that wished to speak and there was no-one.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE

BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

GENERAL BUSINESS

8. Direction Regarding Potential amendments to the Gadsden County BOCC Procurement Policy to provide for a local preference in bid awards and to permit awards to the next lowest bidder after rescission of the low bid without a new solicitation

Mr. Presnell introduced above item and deferred it to Mr. Weiss to explain.

Mr. Weiss said they had considered adding a local preference provision to the Procurement Policy and the initial consideration was to add a "Price Discount" to allow a local business who was not the lowest bidder but was the lowest local business bidder to be awarded a contract if they were within a certain percentage of the low bidder. He said that could have financial implications for the County because they could potentially award a contract for a higher price than could have otherwise gotten the services or goods for. He said another option was a price match option and said if a local bidder was within a certain percentage of the low bid, they could allow the local bidder the opportunity to match the low bid within 5 business days to say they would match the bid. He also mentioned other things they may want to consider.

Commissioner Taylor said she was more interested in having points awarded to a local business automatically to a local business.

Commissioner Hinson mentioned he had been contacted regarding minority businesses as well and would like that to be looked into and what other counties were doing.

Commissioner Morgan asked if currently they had issues with local businesses responding to bids and not being awarded. Mr. Presnell said he thought they did pretty well on local bids and asked Mr. Lawson to come forward. Commissioner Morgan continued and said if they had a local preference in place how would it limit them and did not want to adopt an ordinance they did not need and if this was adopted, it may deter potential companies from responding at all.

Arthur Lawson, Assistant County Administrator, appeared before the Board and said his experience had was they had not had a problem awarding bids to local businesses but have had problems with not getting competitive bids. He further stated his concern was and he had discussed this with other procurement professionals at the State level, was there were a lot of entities that had a local preference ordinance. He further stated the concern was for smaller municipalities such as this County, it could limit the competitiveness of what was received. He said "Personally I don't think a local preference ordinance from a procurement standpoint is a very good option to put in place, especially if you have difficulties sometimes, particularly depending on what you are trying to procure getting competitive bids. You know, there are sometimes you all have beat me up about coming up here with only one bid, or coming up here with a couple of bids and it, sometimes when you do that, entities just will tell you 'Well, it takes a lot to put together a bid or RFP and then if there was a local preference, then it makes it even more difficult for someone to be competitive.'" He went on to say for most of the projects, they did receive good local participation and most times the local person was granted the bid. He added it was a policy issue if they wanted to change the current policy to address that but he thought they had done fairly well over the years, but it was the Board's decision.

Chair Holt said she had a concern that with businesses, whether local or not, but the start-up businesses not getting an opportunity, that they could bid but know they are not going to get the job because of lack of experience.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he appreciated hearing the concerns of Commissioner Morgan and almost listed every concern he had. He asked them to consider what if the two top bidders were non-local and the third one was local, would they skip the two top and go to the third because they were local and lowest or give them the option.

Commissioner Taylor said one thing said that she agreed with was there were many municipalities and counties that had a procedure for minorities as well as local businesses and one of the local businesses that came to her attention was Peavy and Sons. They put the first contract out for the first paving and they did not get it, it went to a bigger conglomerate. She added that was why she thought about the points system.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO GIVE STAFF DIRECTION TO COME UP WITH A PROCUREMENT POLICY TO INCLUDE ADOPTION OF SUBCONTRACTING TO MINORITY, LOCAL AND SMALL BUSINESSES AND SECOND MADE BY CHAIR HOLT. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan asked if the Attorney had concerns and he said no.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

9. ~~Board Approval to Refinance the 2013 Hospital Loan and the 2006B Library Loan~~
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10. Write-Off of EMS Bad Debt Accounts

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was seeking write-off of bad EMS debts that totaled \$574,994.18.

Commissioner Morgan asked if this reflected a trend of bad debt accounts or if it stayed the same as last year.

Roy Pippen, EMS Director, appeared before board and said they wrote off approximately \$540,000 last April and some of this debt went back two years they found that had not been collected and had not been written off.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

11. Approval of Millage Rate for TRIM Notification and Set the Date, Time and Place for the Public Hearings to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Gadsden County Budget

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the Millage rate for Truth in Millage.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND AND HAD A QUESTION.

Commissioner Morgan asked that it be read aloud for the public to understand what they were doing.

Chair Holt read it aloud for the benefit of the public.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

12. Approval of Participation in the Application Process for the FFY-2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to participate in the application process for the JAG Grant.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

13. Approval to Reimburse Hodges Heating, A/C and Refrigeration for the purchase of Two (2) Chiller Compressors for the Capital Regional Medical Center-Gadsden Campus

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to reimburse Hodges Heating, A/C and Refrigeration for \$14,702.64 for the purchase of two (2) chiller compressors for Capital Regional Medical Center-Gadsden Campus.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

14. Approval of Off System Project Agreement-County Road 65A Bridge Replacement

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval and execution of the attached Off Road System Project Agreement for the County Road 65A Bridge Replacement and Resolution for acceptance of State of Florida funding.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

15. Approval to Award the Bid to Replace the Chiller #2 at the Capital Regional Medical Center-Gadsden Campus

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to award the bid to replace the second chiller at the Capital Regional Medical Center-Gadsden Campus.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, BEFORE THE VOTE, COMMISSIONER TAYLOR HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Taylor asked if items 13 and 15 were related and Mr. Presnell said there were two chillers at the hospital and one had been down for a while and while they were going through the bid process, two of the compressors in the other chiller failed and it was an emergency situation.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS

ITEM.

16. Approval of Amended Contract #21831 for William M. Inman Agriculture Center Funding for New Gadsden County Extension Office

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of an amendment of the original contract #21831 signed on January 26, 2015 between the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the BOCC. He added this would change the scope of work from building repairs to new building construction.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

17. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said the second budget workshop had been scheduled for August 2nd for the non-profits for presentations and questions.

Commissioner Morgan asked for clarification or an update on the second paving initiative and Mr. Presnell said it was progressing and Curtis Young, Public Works Director, had been giving him updates and they should be wrapping this phase up quickly. He added that a change order was coming back before them at the next meeting for clean-ups and roads to be added.

Commissioner Hinson said he asked approximately six to eight weeks ago about his change orders and had yet to see them added to the list.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Hinson said citizens from Fountain Road called and felt they were being passed by. Mr. Presnell said he saw the change order and the only information he received was around the middle of last week. Commissioner Hinson said Mr. Presnell's staff needed to make sure they talk with him about the conversation because "it's been about eight to ten weeks ago when I brought the information up and it just, you know, like my word's all I got to the community and I want to tell the community something and something else come up, some change order next week, change order coming the next week. If I understand it, the change order supposed to come up this board meeting here and, you know, the folks want to know whether or not the road gonna get paved, and you know, I want to be (inaudible) in front of a meeting, you know?"

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Curtis Young, Director of Public Works, appeared before the Board and said with Fountain Road he was referring to, if he recalled, they had discussed that road and was one of the roads they went after a grant for and when they talked Commissioner Hinson agreed to pull that one and wait to see if the grant money came through.

Commissioner Hinson said he was right and apologized but then asked about the other roads that were on the list at first and said they had made a mistake like last time and used Bell Road

as an example and said they thought Bell Road was in another community and went back to Hampton Heights and straightened the road out but Williams Road was on the list at one point and must have gotten lost in the shuffle. Mr. Young said there was a Williams Road on the list and Mr. Young said there was a Williams Road on the list and it was behind L & J and that was the one they did. Commissioner Hinson said he was under the impression they would be voting on this tonight and asked if he had the money in the bank, why they could not just do it and then he pay it back. Mr. Presnell said there had to be board approval and Commissioner Hinson interrupted and said that was what he was asking, why they could not get board approval tonight. Mr. Presnell said it involved money it needed to be advertised and Commissioner Hinson said he was talking about the change order. Mr. Weiss said it needed to come back before the Board and had to be advertised for a change order. Commissioner Hinson started to talk and Mr. Presnell said he had not seen it, if it had been brought to him and Commissioner Hinson said he had talked with the Administrator three to four weeks ago and the roads still were not on the list. He said he was curious why the roads were not there. Mr. Presnell said they had a long list in the change order and Mr. Young said the change order would be on the next meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked since Mr. Presnell said the second phase was moving and would be over with soon, when would he be asking for the third phase and Mr. Presnell said if they were ready, they could start sending. He added that some of the money, they would like to know exactly how much money each commissioners had left to put the list together.

Commissioner Hinson said he understood what Commissioner Viegbesie was saying and had roads and said "I have roads like for instance, you look at Williams Road, that the reason why I think that Peavy is kinda holding out on that particular road project there, you got too many roads you got to skip and it doesn't make sense to go down and pave this road and then forget that road, then go down the street and pave that road then forget that road, then you gonna forget, you gonna pave that road, then you forget that road, then go on down the street and pave that road. Instead of just paving the whole thing, it's like Hampton Heights, paving one or two roads in Hampton. It's on a hill, the project is on the hill, the middle projects, and so, ah, you gonna be paving, they supposed to pave the entire hill, I mean, we call it the hill in Havana. But, you gonna pave the entire area near the projects, but you gonna skip about two or three roads. You know, it look real bad to skip a couple of roads."

Mr. Presnell said in this case the county would save money on moving costs by doing a change order.

Chair Holt asked that they bring things from Planning and Zoning, they usually put a map up and she asked that they start putting a map up with the roads so everyone knows where they are talking about.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

18. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss said he had nothing to report and was available for questions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

19. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said one of the items they talked tonight at length on was a code enforcement matter and everyone saw how it unfolded because of lack of communication and understanding and a good argument why they needed to have quality communication to help the public understand why something was in a certain spot within the process. Mr. Presnell said this was a very unusual matter and went to Magistrate over two years ago, it came back and had gotten worse. Commissioner Morgan said that was why he asked for the report, it showed everything and was very important to consider.

Chair Holt said they have had issues like that but there was another concern that was brought up. She said when someone bought property, it (deed) was filed at the Courthouse and they have no knowledge that this person bought the property and they may not realize how it was zones.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor started to say to Commissioner Morgan her reason she withdrew the second but Mr. Weiss cut her off and advised them not to revisit the item.

Commissioner Taylor then made general statements and did not want to put liability on the county and asked Mr. Presnell his knowledge of other pieces of property that would fall in the same category in the County. Mr. Presnell said on a commercial basis as this, there were not very many.

She said they have talked about streamlining the comprehensive plan process for commercial property for developers and asked if they had thought about bringing in developers and getting their input and looking at the process. Mr. Presnell said there was not a formal board but he had met with some of the developers and the BOCC had slowly been making changes to the comp plan.

Commissioner Taylor said if Board would consider, she was interested in forming a group to see what more could be done.

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie said his first comment was a question for the Administrator and asked who the stakeholder representative was with Enterprise Florida and Mr. Presnell said it was Allara Gutcher. He asked if there was a list of certified industrial sites provided to Enterprise Florida to help them market the available sites. Mr. Presnell said they were working currently on four sites, there was nothing certified as of yet.

Commissioner Taylor left the meeting at this juncture.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO EDDIE YORK, JR.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson asked if Flying J was in the County and Mr. Presnell said yes, everything

surrounding it was in the City. Commissioner Hinson asked how many roads in the city was county owned. Mr. Presnell said they got rid of the dirt road that was the subject of a lawsuit and there were some main roads; Dover Road, Brickyard Road, a portion of Mine Road, but very few left. Mr. Presnell said they recently had discussion with the City of Midway concerning joint property on Mine Road.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said before they invite companies in they need to look at the comp plan and need to get a plan in place.

She said they need to go after grant money, market better and need a positive image out there.

Commissioner Hinson asked if there was a natural disaster plan in the County and Mr. Presnell said yes, there was a disaster plan in place. Commissioner Hinson asked for a copy and Mr. Presnell said those duties had been delegated to the Sheriff's Office and the State requires it to be updated.

Chair Holt said they did not want to give the citizens the impression they were not reading the agenda items and they need to make sure when they said they have it and then say they do not know, it looks like they are not prepared and they need to be overly prepared.

Commissioner Hinson said for him it was not that he did not read the agenda and he could not say the same about Commissioner Taylor, but he felt it was good when they had something detailed that would affect people's lives, it was good to go through things in detail and sometimes it might take two or three workshops.

Commissioner Morgan left at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Hinson said there was a rumor that the City of Midway said that the County was responsible for the cameras in Midway. Mr. Presnell said that was not so, the City of Midway contracted with a private company and they appeared before the Board before it was approved because they originally requested to use County's poles and it was denied. They have their own stand-alone system.

Receipt and File

15. a. Gadsden County Small Business Services Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 16. August 2, 2016-Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
August 16, 2016-Budget Special Meeting at 4:00 p.m.
August 16, 2016-Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

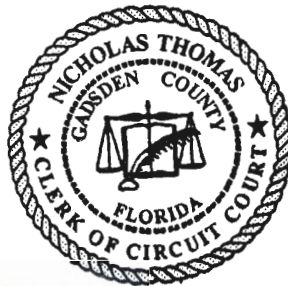
MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
July 19, 2016-Regular Meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA



ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON AUGUST 2, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.,
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
Elizabeth Barron, Assistant County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., asked for moment of silence and led in the Pledge to US Flag. A silent roll call was conducted by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

Commissioner Hinson appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell said there were no amendments to the Agenda.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

There were no presentations.

CLERK OF COURTS

Clerk Thomas was present and asked for a few minutes and spoke about intergovernmental relations. He said the County was a subdivision of the State and there were a lot of State rules and regulations they had to follow and in turn the State shared revenue with the County. He added that the Legislature and Governor had been good to counties and especially to small counties. He further stated it had been a different story when it came to Clerks, especially since 2009 during a recession. He said the Legislature raided a bunch of trust funds, and eventually had to pay most of that back because the law required, but they also seized the revenue of the Clerk and declared it as State revenue and put the Clerk in the State budget. The Governor slashed the budgets and in 2009 it was cut \$225,000 during course of fiscal year and the Clerk had to lay-off four people with furloughs. He further stated they later took the Clerk out of the State budget and were now ultimately approved by LDC (Legislative Budget Commission). He went on to say the past two years in a row, last year he was cut \$96,000 and additional \$55,000 this fiscal year. He said last year there were two people retired that he never replaced and he had to lay off people the day before and was now down eight people since 2009, the budget was roughly \$375,000 a year short, roughly little over \$2 Million that would have gone to payroll in Gadsden County. He told them the Clerks go to the Legislature every year and will be back next year with an agenda and will push it.

Commissioner Viegbesie stepped in at this juncture of the meeting.

Clerk Thomas told the BOCC he had great people and they would continue to work hard. He said when they think of intergovernmental relations it is governments working together. He said a lot of people do not realize it was the Clerk that sent mental health records and criminal conviction records to FDLE so they could do state-wide background checks for gun purchases. The Clerk sent commitment papers to Department of Corrections, sent DUI information to DHSMV, sent information to Department of Vital Statistics and collected money, documentary stamps tax and sent it to the Department of Revenue and lots of other money that was collected, approximately \$435,000 out of civil fines and fees paid by the citizens of Gadsden County that goes to State general revenue that they use for what they choose to use it for, another \$630,000 goes to 45 various state trust funds. He said a lot of State agencies that could not do their work without the Clerk, not to mention the judiciary, the Judges, the State Attorney's Office, the Public Defender, Probation and Parole, but none of them were cut. He said it was a matter of understanding and having a legislature that understood the important role of the Clerk. He said the cut he mentioned, his portion was \$55,000 but State wide it was \$25 Million and if this was a regular State employees, the Tallahassee Democrat would be jumping up and down. He said they would continue to pursue an agenda with the legislature and would see how the lawsuit goes, but felt it was important that people knew that the Clerk's office would continue to work efficiently; he had very dedicated people with no raise since 2008. He said some of their people had received raises several times, and said he so appreciated his staff, even though the Legislature did not seem to. He further stated even the Governor made disparaging statements regarding efficiency. He said the late 90's, the Federal Government passed a Welfare Reform Act, and one of the things they did, they said every state had to create a Central Child Support Disbursement unit and the Florida Clerks created it; once it was developed the software, it was given to DOR and they then subcontracted it out. He said the Clerks created a state-wide database, CCIS that allowed Judges and law enforcement to look at court records and the Clerks developed the current E-filing that was approved by the Supreme Court. He added that many Clerks were in the process of making certain records available for on-line for public to view. He publicly thanked his staff for their efforts. He added that he would make a budget request to them that was separate from what he talked about tonight.

Chair Holt asked why the Clerks' Association was not using the media to their advantage in the lawsuit. Mr. Thomas said some Clerks decided not to join the lawsuit and they were concerned about constitutional revisions, legislative retributions, and they were promised in the last session that this issue would be resolved, had great support in the Senate but no House support with effort; basically only received money for juries and there was a caveat to that. They basically said when it ran out; it would be paid for out of the Clerk's budget. He said they would continue to pursue on multiple fronts. Chair Holt said their Association put lobbyist out and used the media.

Mr. Thomas said the Clerks of Court were a little different in that they just wanted to do their job and not be in Tallahassee.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS WRITTEN.

1. Ratification to Pay County Bills

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. June 9, 2016-Joint Workshop
- b. July 5, 2016-Regular Meeting

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. PUBLIC HEARING-(Legislative) Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2016-013 for a Text Amendment to Allow Solar Power Generation Facilities (Solar Farms) (LPS-2016-002)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to adopt Ordinance 2016-013 for the amendment of the Future Land Use Element of the Gadsden County Comprehensive Plan to allow solar generation facilities in the Agriculture 2 and Agriculture 3 Future Land Use Categories.

Chair Holt asked about if there was a way to get them closer to the power lines because they had to feed into the power lines.

Mr. Presnell said a lot of the land use categories in the Ag 2 & 3 category were along the generation lines and had to be the larger transmission lines.

Chair Holt announced that this was a public hearing and asked if anyone present wished to speak and there was no-one.

Commissioner Taylor asked if there were any fallout, damages or effects from the panels and Mr. Presnell said only thing he heard was about was reflectivity and glare from the panels.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

4. Public Hearing-Approval to Refinance the 2016 Hospital Loan and the 2006B Library Loan

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was approval of BB&T bank loan proposals and ordinances to refinance the 2013 Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bond currently with BB&T Bank for the hospital and to refinance the 2006B Revenue Bonds currently with Florida Municipal Loan Council for the library and to authorize the Gollahon Financial Services, Inc. and Bryant, Miller, Olive P.A. to work with staff to close these loans timely.

Jim Gollahon, Gollahon Financial Services, Inc. appeared before the Board and explained the loans before them and the savings to the County regarding the refinancing of the loans.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the County signed off tonight on these loans if there other options if the rate lowered and Mr. Gollahon said yes, it could be refunded later.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Hinson said there seemed to be a lot of questions and this was a serious situation and maybe they should start having workshops regarding these items.

Commissioner Morgan said Commissioner Taylor may have alluded to this earlier but there was one public hearing and one vote regarding two items.

JoLinda Herring, Esquire, Bryant, Miller, Olive appeared before the Board and said they recommended the Board do two separate votes, one for each order.

Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR THE LOAN FOR THE HOSPITAL AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE. BEFORE THE BOARD VOTED, CHAIR HOLT ASKED IF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WISHED TO SPEAK AND THERE WAS NO-ONE. CHAIR TAYLOR THEN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR THE BB&T BANK LOAN AND ORDINANCE TO REFINANCE THE 2013 SALES TAX REVENUE FOR THE HOSPITAL AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON. COMMISSIONER MORGAN ASKED THAT IT BE NOTED THAT HOPEFULLY THE BOARD WOULD PURSUE AN AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE TO SEE IF ADDITIONAL SAVINGS COULD BE MADE IF ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL WAS PAID. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE ITEM.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MOVED APPROVAL FOR THE REFINANCING OF THE 2006B LIBRARY BOND WITH FLORIDA MUNICIPAL LOAN COUNCIL AND TO AUTHORIZE GOLLAHON FINANCIAL SERVICES AND BRYANT MILLER OLIVE, P.A. TO WORK WITH STAFF TO CLOSE LOAN. SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN ASKED HIS SAME REMARK MADE PREVIOUSLY REGARDING ADDITIONAL SAVINGS BE NOTED. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

5. 2016 Paving Project Phase II-Change Order #2

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of Change Order number 2 for the 2016 Paving Project Phase II to Peavy and Son Construction for the amount of \$447,134.00.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MOVED FOR APPROVAL.

Chair Holt asked why there was a change order and Mr. Presnell said roads were added in certain districts.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he understood why for the change order but this was for \$447,000 was a tremendous amount of money just to roll over to the current contractor; that he would vote for it but felt there was still another phase of road projects.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Chair Holt said Commissioner Viegbesie was right and asked the reason they were rolling this over.

Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Presnell explained it was an interest of time mainly and some roads in one commissioner's

district that the Commissioner decided to spend more of his payment allocation in the same area and handling it this way cut down on some of the mobilization costs. There were roads added in a certain neighborhood that were close to roads already selected. Chair Holt stated they had talked about that and also discussed bringing maps in to they could see the areas on Phase III.

Commissioner Morgan asked if price per ton was the same and Mr. Presnell said yes.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

6. Approval to Apply for the State Funded Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Grant 17-BG-83-02-30-01-026 and the Federal Funded Emergency Management Performance Grant 17-FG-02-03-01-093

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to apply for the State Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Grant and the Federal Emergency Performance Assistance Grant and for authorization for the Chair to sign.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, COMMISSIONER TAYLOR HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Taylor said she understood at one of the community meetings, information about the about the Emergency Management Preparedness as a whole may want to do more with sending information out to the community about some of what they do.

Tashonda Whaley, Emergency Management, Sheriff's Office appeared before the Board. She said this was their big grant for emergency management and they try to get out as much information as possible.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

7. Consideration of Resolution 2016-017 to Adopt the Highway 90 Corridor Plan

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was presented to the Board to adopt the Highway 90 Corridor Plan as developed through a Technical Assistance Grant from the Department of Economic Opportunity. He said this would create stops along Highway 90 in Walton, Holmes, Washington and Jackson Counties and would outline strategies to attract travelers through North Florida.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN.

Chair Holt said if anyone wanted stops on Highway 90 for historical information or wanted to show cultural history along U. S. 90, they had to bring the information forward.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

8. Approval of Health Insurance Rates/Options

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this item provided the Board with proposed health care information as it related to the County's current health care coverage and was for Board approval to accept the Insurance Committee's recommendation of remaining with the current healthcare plan (Capital Selection) under Capital Health Plan and to share the premium increase between the employee and the employer at the current percentage contribution. He reminded them they developed a few years back a distribution where the County picks up part and the employee picked up part and this year there was an increase of 8.5% and there was much discussion with the health insurance committee regarding the cost and was rather expensive for the County to pick up at the current split. He explained the options before them.

Commissioner Taylor asked the Administrator which he budgeted for this year and he said they currently had budgeted the 8.5%.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan said he heard in the budget workshop they were \$1.1 Million short and there was a viable option to cut the increase in half. He said he understood the concerns mentioned earlier about the increase and recommended the alternate option be selected to cut down the overage they currently had in the budget and would also be allowing the employees to keep their existing insurance and out-of-pocket co-pays. He said healthcare was rising every year and affected everyone.

Chair Holt said she was in favor of option 1 because if a person was making minimum wage they would not be able to afford the increase in insurance.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE. MORGAN OPPOSED. MOTION PASSED.

9. Approval of the Services Contract with Deer Oaks EAP

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it sought Board approval for a services contract with Deer Oaks EAP to provide employee assistance program services for the upcoming fiscal year and for approval for the Chair to execute the contract.

Commissioner Hinson asked the purpose of bidding this item out when it was only \$4,000 and thought the threshold was over \$5,000 and Mr. Presnell said anything over \$5,000 had to be a formal bid and because this was a contract, it had to come before the Board.

Lonyell Black, HR Analyst, appeared before the Board and said the previous contractor was no longer in business and was another reason why it was bid out. She also said this provider would provide six

Ms. Black explained there was a difference and this provider provided six (6) paid visits instead of three, have 26 local providers in the area and once the 6 visits were exhausted, they could continue with their healthcare provider.

Commissioner Viegbesie said in looking at the Bid Tabulation form, the bid from New Directions

Behavioral Health was lower and was concerned because the contract was being offered to Deer Oak EAP that was higher. He asked if there was a difference in the services provided.

Ms. Black said there was a difference because this provider provided 6 paid covered visits, allowed services to immediate family members and to anyone living in the household as well as providing services 6 months from separation from employment to the employee and had contract providers in the area and the lower bidder did not.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

10. Selection and Appointment of a Member to the Gadsden County Tourist Development Council

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said there was a resignation, Mr. Clarence Jackson, from the Gadsden County Tourist Development Council and there was currently a vacancy.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if the listed names had been vetted and Mr. Presnell said any one of the listed persons were in compliance with the By-laws.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF. CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER MORGAN AS FOR MORE DISCUSSION.

Commissioner Morgan said in looked at the existing members and one's term expires December 31, 2015. Mr. Presnell said as each one resigns, they had to bring a different list because of the seats they hold. Commissioner Morgan asked if Mr. Patel was currently serving and Chair Holt said yes, he was currently the Chair. Commissioner Morgan said that may be a typo.

Commissioner Taylor asked if one name from the list provided was to be selected and Mr. Presnell said yes.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he intended to select the City Representative to represent the elected officials of the city and Chair Holt asked him to withdraw his motion and restate it and he withdrew his motion and she withdrew her second.

Commissioner Hinson interrupted and said Matt Thro was a City Commissioner and Commissioner Viegbesie said Matt Thro was already on there, Commissioner Jackson was an elected official and he suggested an elected official replace him to keep the composition as was. Commissioner Hinson asked how many elected officials were supposed to be on the Board and Commissioner Viegbesie said currently there were two. Chair Holt said she wanted to clarify something and Commissioner Hinson interrupted. She asked him to let her finish. She said Matt Thro was not on the Board as an elected official, he was there as a merchant.

Commissioner Hinson said "Trust me, every dog has his day but I'm just saying, I would like to know, it's a question real quick. How many elected officials need to be on the Board? How many..."

Mr. Presnell said for them to look on page 34.

Commissioner Hinson said if there were two then they needed to go with the other guy, but if not,

they needed to at least talk about it.

The attorney said they needed to replace Mr. Jackson with an elected official. Commissioner Hinson said Mr. Thro was an elected official and Chair Holt pointed out he was not serving in the capacity as an elected official, he was a business owner.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Ms. Barron pointed out each was serving in a certain capacity. Commissioner Hinson said he had no problem, but wanted to make sure they went the right way and he said he “understand y’all’s strong concern though”.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he understood where Commissioner Hinson was coming from.

Commissioner Hinson started to make a motion to accept and Chair Holt said a motion had not been made yet. Chair Hinson said he seconded it. Commissioner Viegbesie said he made a motion and Commissioner Hinson said he made the second and they could move on.

Commissioner Taylor asked that the motion be restated so it was clear.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT THE ELECTED OFFICIAL FROM MIDWAY, JERROD HOLTON, TO REPLACE THE ELECTED OFFICIAL FROM GRETN. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD COMMENTS.

Commissioner Hinson said there was already an elected official on Board and asked if the person already on board satisfied the policy even though he served in another capacity. He said Matt Thro was already on Board and if they wanted to put in someone else that was not an elected official, if it would satisfy the policy. Ms. Barron said she had not read the By-laws but in looking at the Agenda Request, it showed that Matt Thro was serving on the Board as a Merchant, not as an elected official.

CHAIR HOLT SAID SHE WOULD MAKE THE SECOND AND CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR CHANGED HER VOTE TO OPPOSE THIS ITEM AND THEN COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED IT. VOTE CHANGED TO 3-2. MOTION PASSED.

11. Approval of Resolution 2016-016 Piggybacking the Leon County Agreement for Bond Counsel

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval for Resolution 2016-016 to approve piggybacking the Leon County agreement for professional services with Bryant Miller Olive, P.A. for Bond Counsel to complete the transaction on refinancing the two loans.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

12. Approval of the County Administrator’s Position Description

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of a new County Administrator

position description and for authorization from the Board on a date to advertise the position.

Commissioner Viegbesie said this was a very good ad for the position but wondered if could insert the objectives or missions the County Administrator should be striving for and to include health, safety, welfare of the County and wanted to add an objective performance evaluation to have some quantifiable measure of productivity.

Commissioner Taylor asked if there was a stipulation of residency and Mr. Presnell said that was a State statute.

Commissioner Morgan said it was important to remember they were discussing a job description and not necessarily how the employee was evaluated and recommended adding some sort of proficiency in computer and related technology skills.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MOVED FOR ADOPTION OF THIS ITEM WITH THE SUGGESTED CHANGES. COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND WITH A QUESTION.

Commissioner Morgan said he would like to see the document with the suggested changes before it being approved and Commissioner Taylor agreed. Chair Holt said she did not, the changes were not that much.

Commissioner Viegbesie said one of the suggestions he made was the objective criteria should be included either under the Summary or could be included in the Performance evaluation part working toward the achievement of County objectives to be added in the performance evaluation or the in the summary and that would take care of the suggestion he made.

Commissioner Morgan said they were defining responsibilities within a role and Commissioner Viegbesie was discussing how they would evaluate how the Administrator was carrying out the responsibilities. Chair Holt asked if they would go together and Commissioner Morgan said he did not think so. Commissioner Morgan said that would come under the Duties and Responsibilities in which they were defining the role and how the person was evaluated should be in a separate document and this was his opinion. Commissioner Viegbesie said if this said all the Administrator would be evaluated on was a subjective evaluation and then end up with an objective evaluation, would if come out as false advertising the position.

The attorney said if they were going to amend this or have a motion to approve with amendments, they needed to be able to make the amendments clear or else this needed to go back for more work and the motion and second should be withdrawn.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN WITHDREW HIS SECOND. COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR.

Chair Holt asked if there was more discussion and Commissioner Morgan recommended they talk with Mr. Long's group and he might have a suggestion on how to specifically lay this out. Chair Holt said she would like this in the document so the person knew before they applied exactly what

they were responsible for doing.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO TABLE THIS ITEM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

13. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said the Bike event has been scheduled for October 27th and October 28th in downtown Quincy and a huge crowd was expected.

He said he had his first meeting after being appointed to the Area Agency on Aging and found out they helped with utility bills during the cooling season and the heating season and would purchase an air conditioner or heater or repair them if the person met the guidelines. He added that anyone that wished to apply could do so at the Senior Center locally.

He said the next Budget workshop was scheduled for August 16th prior to the meeting and Commissioner Taylor asked if that was with the Constitutional Officers. Mr. Presnell said they would have them at the front but didn't anticipate spending a lot of time with them. Commissioner Taylor said the Clerk had just made a great plea for more money and she wanted to support him.

Mr. Presnell said Friday night, August 5th, they were having a banquet for the summer youth workers at Carter Parramore.

He said at their Retreat they identified seven items they agreed upon and there was still one outstanding and was the marketing plan for the County and he wanted some direction regarding that. Chair Holt said she wanted to sit down with the School Board

Commissioner Taylor said with regards to the School Board, she did not think they had formally reached out and asked them to come and maybe reach out in form of a letter.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

14. Update on Various Legal Issues

Ms. Barron said she had nothing to report for Mr. Weiss and asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if she knew the status with the closing of the property for the Dogtown fire station. She said she did not know and Mr. Weiss did not inform her of anything.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

15. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan reflected on the Clerk's comments and said they needed to seriously consider finding the dollars and said while not earth-shattering to their budget; it was to his and would prioritize that as a need over a want. He said they were in a position where they were going

to have to make some tough decisions: 1) With healthcare costs for the employees and felt that would have funded the request from the Clerk by selecting the separate option ; and 2) they were going to have to look at other cuts because he felt the Clerk had gotten past the bone in his office and it was a critical service to not only the citizens but to a number of other people that depend on the information that comes from his office. He urged them to look at the request and find a way to help.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor said she understood there was a meeting with the Senior Services and addressed some of the concerns that were shared earlier with regard to the By-laws being followed appropriately. She said the services and participation was decreasing and there were some issues and concerns. She did not feel they were taking the position and the By-laws seriously and there were complaints and felt they needed to let them know they expected compliance and the rules to be followed. She asked if they could give direction that they wanted them to comply with the By-laws and asked that they give the Manager the latitude to ensure that was done.

Chair Holt asked if they could get a copy of the complaints and the By-laws together ahead of time. Mr. Presnell said he was there today when they made a motion to get in compliance with the By-laws.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if this was the By-laws that governed the Board members and Commissioner Taylor said yes.

Commissioner Anthony “Dr. V” Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie asked where they stood on the speed bump for Charlie Harris loop. Mr. Presnell said the machine was there to calculate the speed of the vehicles to get the data to the engineers to review.

He said he saw there was an inscription on the entrance door identifying it as the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and asked if they could look into having it written on the big window so people driving by would know where the meetings were held at and where to enter.

He asked if the GCDC knew of the “E3B” program of Economic Development and if not, suggested they explore that. He said he came to understand how vital this program was during the NACO conference.

He requested a list of all bridges in the county, the age, sufficiency rating and structural rating to take to CRPTA to prioritize their projects.

He requested they take action on Dr. Cooksey’s presentation for the proposal for an endocrinology service and would like it placed on the agenda in the immediate future.

He then said he was glad to hear Commissioner Taylor mention something regarding parks and recreation and would like to see in the future of this County a whole scale park and recreation facilities all over the County. He then asked for a creation of another Board to form the Park and Recreation Improvement Authority for the County and said the Authority would aggressively assist the Board with the building of park recreation facilities and other related projects in the County. He said the Authority should be made up of seven (7) members that would consist of one Board

member, the Director of Parks and Recreation for the County and five citizens who have demonstrated an interest and involvement in sports and recreational activities in the County, coming from each district and selected by BOCC members.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR THE PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE FAMILY OF BEN BROWN THAT PASSED AWAY AND WAS FUNERALIZED LAST WEEK. COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson thanked Commissioner Viegbesie for saying what he did and said last year he brought up a proposal to bring in a community center in Havana and Commissioner Viegbesie said he wanted to be conservative and was glad to see the change of heart and mind.

He said when talking earlier, he made the motion to give the position to Mary Brock and said he had to stand firm when he gave his word.

He then thanked the BOCC for approving some roads in his district and named some of the roads and said they needed to figure how to get the word out for the private public roads, there were people that wanted to get it done but did not understand the process and was difficult for some.

He then asked about the road in Midway that was by the store, if it was a county road or city road. Mr. Presnell asked if he meant Brickyard Road or High Bridge Road. Commissioner Hinson said it was the one in a circle going directly to the store; store was on the right and City Hall on the left. Mr. Presnell said the State maintained it back 100 feet and then was a County maintained road and tied into High Bridge Road. Commissioner Hinson asked if the majority of the road was a county road and Mr. Presnell said yes. He said his daughter's best friend lives there and the road was in terrible shape and needed lights. He said there was too much traffic coming from the store and needed to have lights there. He asked how quickly lights could be put there. Mr. Presnell said if it was on the FDOT right-of-way it was a process that would take years-would have to come through CRPTA, then into a five year program and would be six years minimum. Commissioner Hinson asked if he paid for it, it would not need to go through DOT. Mr. Presnell said if it was on the county road, they could look into doing something with Talquin Electric. Mr. Presnell said they could look into options and see what might be available.

He asked if they could cut the grass in District 1 every once in a while also.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said regarding the Health committees and different groups providing healthcare, she set in on a workshop and would be bringing information back to the Manager of who was providing what service.

She said she looked at a mapping program that you could click on your county and get information needed for grant writing.

She said she agreed with the grass cutting, she had to run a young boy out of the grass on Uptain Road, afraid he was going to get on a snake. Mr. Presnell said they had been working overtime on mowing and would send everyone the mowing schedule.

She said the Gulf County Director called and said they had received \$65,000 for logistics grant on the Railroad coming from the gulf when they do the port for phase 1 and said their phase 2 connected to the line.

She also said Commissioner Hinson was on the Safety committee and they needed to look at the Safety program for people that had penalties and tickets for minor offenses to set up a day where they could pay pennies on the dollar to get their licenses back. Mr. Presnell said they have had a meeting with the Tax Collector that did the drivers licenses and they were looking into it.

Receipt and File

16. a. Florida Department of Health-Gadsden Quarterly Progress Report for ½ Cent Sale Tax Prevention and Education Program

UPCOMING MEETINGS

16. August 16, 2016-Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:58 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA




BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair

ATTEST:


NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON AUGUST 16, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.,
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1-arrived late
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and then led in Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag. A silent roll call was taken by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell had no amendments to the agenda.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

Commissioner Hinson appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Recognition Honoring the Life of Benjamin Franklin Brown

2. Update on Opportunity Florida Activities

Antonio Jefferson, Chairperson, Opportunity Florida, appeared before the Board to give an update regarding Opportunity Florida.

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas was present and said he had no report but was available if they Board members had any questions.

Commissioner Taylor said they spoke briefly and she wanted to make a public statement about the banking. She said she had spoken with the Manager regarding one of the banks and they were interested in talking with the County about more deposits and was under the Clerk's privilege. She said they wanted to be mindful that they do not find themselves with one bank in the County and said per State statutes; deposits have to be with local banking institutions first and foremost. She added if the County was with just one banking institution it could monopolize that industry and knew at one time they had issues with fees that was being charged.

Mr. Thomas said he gave a write-up last summer that talked about banking and investing and there were two qualified depositories in the County and had money in both. He said the statutes required that they have a public depository in the County that was approved by the State of Florida, they have two and after that, any excess money could be invested outside of those two depositories. He said that Capital City Bank was the primary depository and the Clerk had to determine how much money the County would spend in a relatively short time and currently there was \$7.6 Million in Capital City Bank. He said they also invested at the State Investment Pool (SBA) and there was \$7 Million there, but the majority of that was road bond money and have been drawing that down as they pave roads. He said there was also \$2.2 Million in Centennial Bank and was the other local bank that was a qualified public depository and they put money there when SBA froze and they looked for an alternative. He added the return was not as good but was money they could get to quickly and was a part of their fund balance that they talk about so much. He then said they went out for bid a couple of years ago to receive proposals to invest a little more of the fund balance and received proposals from six institutions and the highest bidder was Prime Meridian in Tallahassee. He said that overall they had about \$19 Million and was diversely spread out, a primary depository with Capital City Bank and will be looking to go out for bids for proposals in the near future. He said they had been advised against going out for proposals in the low interest rate environment. He said there was a problem with fees and was successful in getting them reduced significantly. He said there were only two banks in the County that was qualified depositories. He said they had to look at not only the rates but the bank's ability to handle all the transactions the County made; direct deposits, wire transfers in and out and a local depository had to demonstrate their capacity to handle all of that.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked for clarity and asked if he recalled correctly was the institution supposed to be local or regional. Mr. Thomas said local depository was defined as their primary bank for all transactions, where the checks were written from; the other institutions no checks were being written and were primarily for investments. He said the accounts at Centennial, SBA, and Prime Meridian were invested funds and the primary depository had to be in the County

Chair Holt asked if the main depository had to be in the county and Mr. Thomas said yes, the local depository was in the county and there were two institutions that qualified and they were using both banks, they used the other bank to invest excess funds. Chair Holt asked if there were any way to make an equal split. Mr. Thomas said to look at the General Fund, what they have in Centennial Bank and Prime Meridian was money they did not anticipate using any time soon and was considered excess money; money that they were looking at using over the course of the budget year, because the revenue would fluctuate, they had to determine how much money could be invested. He said for instance, they had \$4.3 Million in SBA that was invested and if they put in the local bank and need a large amount, it would hurt the bank to pull it out at one time.

Commissioner Taylor said he mentioned several ways money goes in and comes out; wire transfers, direct deposits, and understand when he said a bank of that magnitude it was better the money stay in their coffer so they could utilize it, but was wondering if they could find a similar type of fund that would bring in revenue into the entity that it could generate from and said she appreciated the points he made but wanted to be mindful too much daily activity may hinder the bank.

Mr. Thomas said his job was not to prop up Centennial or any one bank, decisions were made based on the law and the situation and they were mindful they were another qualified institution, and was important to have money in the local institution and next year would go out for proposals and each institution would have an equal opportunity to present their case.

Taylor said was his job to ensure they have more than one lending institution in the County and make sure on a daily basis the County was doing their due diligence with County funds and was his responsibility to make sure it was being competitively done. She said they had to invest in order to invest in their future.

Mr. Thomas said he respected what she said and felt she was failing to see that he already had taken into account there was only two institutions and took into account when there was a problem with SBA and that was the reason there was \$2.1 Million at Centennial. They will have an opportunity to make their case to be the County's primary depository and when they were Premier, their interest rates was good, he tried to put more money in there but they could not accept any more and there was a cap on how much they could take. He said with government funds, they have to put forth additional collateral to secure having governmental funds and have to put up additional securities to accept same. He said he had taken everything into account that has been said.

Commissioner Morgan said first of all he had complete and full confidence in his ability to carry out the duties at the Clerk's office as their Chief financial officer and they needed to remember as a Board it was critical they have someone overseeing not only the day-to-day operations and business of the County, but to also minimizing any disruption of cash flow. He asked whether or not credit unions met the criteria to be deemed a qualified local depository. Mr. Thomas said when he checked last summer they were not, he gave them a list of all qualified depositories and there were only two in the County.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked why couldn't there be shared depositories, was it for safety, solvency or simply reducing the bookkeeping complexity for having one primary depository and not have shared depositories. Mr. Thomas said his interpretation was there was so much activity that went on so they had one and because of the amount of activity it worked and they used the other bank for investment of excess funds.

Chair Holt said she was sure the subject would come back up again.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

3. Ratification to Pay County Bills

4. Approval of Minutes

a. July 14, 2016-Budget Workshop

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mary Smith, 3137 Atwater Road, Chattahoochee, Florida, appeared before the Board. She came today with a Tampa Bay paper that her son discovered that had an article regarding racism in the County and she talked about the racism.

Alfonso Figgers, 215 N. Chalk Street, Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board to speak about

concerns regarding economic growth. He said economic growth was at a stalemate and there were stumbling blocks in the way and one was the Citizens Bill of Rights ordinance that was not needed. He said he did not feel they needed to have a super majority vote.

He felt the County should revisit billboards along the interstate. He said TCC wanted to put a billboard on I-10 and was denied. He added there were billboards on Highway 27 and Highway 90 and how could they let people know of businesses if they did not advertise.

He then spoke about the health ranking with the County being 67 out of 67 and said some health clinics had been closed; Chattahoochee had one along with a dental facility and was closed, Gretna had one that's been closed and the Gadsden County Health Department had a dental clinic that had been recently closed and everything was directed to Neighborhood Health group in Havana.

He said the Hospital was not actively open, Calhoun and Liberty county had a hospital along with Madison and all that was here was an emergency facility. He said he was grateful for that because they saved his life. He said maybe they could open a pediatric wing at hospital and honor Dr. Pat Woodward by naming it after him.

Economic Growth he said there was a large confederate flag on Highway 27 and felt it caused problems and discouraged economic growth. He said he felt the County should declare that a nuisance and have them relocate it. He said there was an ordinance that dealt with nuisance-08-033 and he read aloud a portion of it. He suggested maybe the Board, the GCDC, the Tourist Development Council and the Chamber of Commerce could meet with the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy and bring this to their attention that it affected the economic growth. He also felt the County should consider an ordinance prohibiting flags flying at parks on recreational vehicles that have the flags flying.

He also thought the County should consider re-hiring Robert Presnell as the County Administrator.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING-CDBG

Mr. Presnell said there were two public hearings and were CDBG grants and were a little different in that they needed a motion to adjourn the meeting and open the public hearing.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Mr. Presnell said the purpose was to obtain public comments regarding the FFY 2015 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant, explained the public hearing and said public comments were welcomed.

Alfonso Figgers appeared before the Board and said he was a committee member of the CATF Advisory committee and spoke as a proponent of the draft application.

Mr. Presnell advised a draft copy of the application was kept in the office and made available for review at the Grants Department located in the same building until August 26th and written comments could be submitted by email to djackson@gadsdencountyfl.gov or by calling 850-662-

3331. He then turned the meeting back to the Chair to entertain a motion to reconvene the meeting and the public hearing was concluded.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO RECONVENE THE MEETING.

Commissioner Morgan said he had no issue with the grant itself but wanted the public to know that 15% of the grant was in administrative fees.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION.

6. Second Public Hearing-Economic Development CDBG

Mr. Presnell asked them to adjourn the meeting for the second public hearing.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Mr. Presnell said the purpose was to obtain public comment regarding the submission of FFY 2015 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant economic development application.

Chair Holt said this was a draft application and asked for public input.

Alfonso Figgers appeared before the Board and said he was a CATF committee member and spoke as a proponent to this grant.

Mr. Presnell advised a draft copy of the application was kept in the office and made available for review at the Grants Department located in the same building until August 26th and written comments could be submitted by email to djackson@gadsdencountyfl.gov or by calling 850-662-3331. He then turned the meeting back to the Chair to entertain a motion to reconvene the meeting and the public hearing was concluded.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO RECONVENE THE MEETING.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION.

GENERAL BUSINESS

7. Purchase of Dash Mount Radar Units for Patrol Vehicles

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to purchase twelve dash mount radar units for marked and unmarked patrol vehicles within the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office Fleet. He said the costs of the units were \$23,820.00.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE THE SECOND WITH A QUESTION.

Commissioner Taylor said she noticed the funding source for the radar was coming from confiscated funds and said it might be a Clerk of Court question and asked what the restrictions were for the funding source.

Mr. Thomas said the equipment was the perfect and primary use for the funds, the balance was \$101,594.000 and the funds were not in the Sheriff's budget. He explained this was money the Clerk retains in a fund that the Board had authority over and was money collected over a period of time and most was old money.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

8. Training for Criminal Investigators and Deputies

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to pay for training costs for criminal investigators to attend the training that was sponsored by the Institute of Police Technology and Management and Southern Police Institute.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

9. Proclamation Honoring Dr. Camara Phyllis Jones

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for a Proclamation honoring Dr. Camara Phyllis Jones and said she was the 2016 keynote speaker for the Maternal Child Health Equity Conference that would be kicking off in Gadsden County at her request. He said the event would be taking place at the Gadsden Arts Center on September 30, 2016.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

10. Approval of 2016 Small County Consolidated Waste Grant Agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for the annual approval of a funding agreement between the Gadsden County BOCC and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the grant amount was \$90,909.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

11. Approval of County Administrator's Position Description

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of a new County Administrator job description and authorization from the Board for a date to advertise the position.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE

BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

12. Approval and Acceptance of the Temporary Construction Easement from Community & Economic Development Organization of Gadsden County for the Construction and Repair of a Stormwater Conveyance and the Completion of Improvements Associated with the Alleviation of Traffic on County Roads, and Instruction for the Clerk to Record the Easement with a Copy of the minutes Showing Approval and Acceptance

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for temporary construction easement from Community and Development Organization of Gadsden County for the construction and repair of a Stormwater conveyance and the completion of improvements associated with the alleviation of traffic on County roads and instruction for the Clerk to record the easement with a copy of the minutes showing approval and acceptance.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

13. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said after speaking with the Attorney, regarding the CDBG grants, there was another public hearing process that was done at a community meeting level that would avoid them going through it at this level if they were interested in making the change. Mr. Weiss said it would require citizen participation and a couple of public hearings.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

He went on to state there was a F.A.C. rule that set out the obligations were for the public hearings and said either the Commission could hold the public hearing or a duly authorized employee of the County. He further explained there was no requirement that the CDBG public hearings occur at the BOCC meeting and conducted by the County Commission. He said he also had a discussion with the Department of Economic Opportunity and they advised that most counties and municipalities do not hold them at their commission meetings and was consistent with the policy of the CDBG grants and was supposed to be citizen driven. He then added, if they were interested in, his preference would be to bring an agenda item before them and have it on record that authorized the County Administrator to conduct the CDBG public hearings.

Chair Holt said she had no problem with it but would like to see something in writing and wanted to have the State Statutes in writing that he used to make his opinion.

Mr. Weiss said he would contact DEO to see if they could provide documentation because it was based on a conversation.

Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie had a couple of questions for the Administrator. He asked about the issue with Senior Center members whose terms had expired and was still making policies and

asked what was being done to revamp or replace the composition of the Senior Citizens Center. Mr. Presnell said he had met with the entire board and had a heated discussion; a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adhere to the By-laws. He acknowledged there were board members serving that were not in compliance with the By-laws as far as the length or term or the number of terms that could be served. He said they had a meeting today at 2:00, he had not heard from them yet, and will have a report tomorrow to see if the issues were addressed. He said he also met with two of the Board members since that meeting in his office. He said the BOCC did not have any authority over them or the By-laws, even though the County did write them when they assisted the organization some years ago. He said they did fund them and if not corrected by next the public hearing, he recommended they could instruct him to not release funds until they were in compliance with their own By-laws.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had thought about that recommendation but was unsure how the other Commissioners felt because he was hearing from seniors he had talked with, the relationship very cantankerous and he wanted thing to run smoothly.

Mr. Presnell asked if they wanted to consider giving him the authority to consider continuing the funding of the organization in an attempt to resolving this matter.

Chair Holt said she wanted to see first, they had no control over the board members and whether they followed the By-laws or not. She said the Department of Aging was over the other part; Mr. Presnell said the majority of their funding came from AAA and she suggested then to contact AAA about the Center not abiding by the By-laws and it needed to be in writing and after that do an agenda item.

Commissioner Taylor said it was really great when there was collaboration and thought maybe they could get someone from there to appear before this Board and thought one time they would hear from the Executive Director to give them an update. She said she wanted to make sure proper process was followed. She did feel they needed to do something, but she was concerned about holding up funding and felt there was other ways to handle it.

Chair Holt said she wanted something in writing and sent to them and discussion was better when emails were sent and something received back. She added they were on the Non-Profits list for years and they took them off and put them into the regular budget once they complied.

Commissioner Morgan asked if each member of that board understood their roles or the fact there was no role from the BOCC and Mr. Presnell said they made it very clear because that discussion was as the Board meeting as well. He said he got an affirmative vote and the \$60,000 the BOCC funded them was the only money the Board had available to spend for whatever they wanted. The other funding was direct service money, went to Meals on Wheels, etc.

Commissioner Morgan recommended there be no communication until they get it worked out there and then come here and let this Board know it was worked out.

Mr. Presnell said he felt if they held their money for a short period of time felt someone would appear before them in the very near future.

Commissioner Morgan said he felt nothing good would come if they appeared before the Board

and had not worked things out for themselves.

Commissioner Viegbesie said Commissioner Morgan addressed his concerns.

Mr. Presnell said the Executive Director was in a precarious situation because the issue at hand because of some of the board members' who hire and supervise that position and their term and felt the written notification should be directed to the Chair.

Commissioner Taylor said the Chair was one of ones that had termed out and refused to leave, along with three or four other board members. She said the By-laws would clearly document the terms and they were not following them and not in compliance.

Chair Holt said the documentation she was talking about was documentation of what they were discussing going to the board requesting they take care of these concerns.

Commissioner Taylor said to add a time they were to respond back so it was not open-ended. Mr. Presnell asked how long they wanted to give them to respond back and Commissioner Viegbesie suggested two weeks. Commissioner Taylor pointed out they only meet once a month and Chair Holt said if their funding was in jeopardy, they would meet.

Commissioner Viegbesie then asked about the paving. He said he had noticed and received calls where roads were prepped for asphalt and after the asphalt had been laid, the contractors have not gone back to push the dirt back to the edges of the asphalt. He said that now with the rain, the dirt was washing over the asphalt. He said he was only receiving complaints from the second batch of roads, not the first.

Commissioner Morgan said there was a Department Head that chose to leave after the last meeting and he never received notification of it and asked what the protocol was regarding that. He added that he was unaware of it until a citizen told him and asked that it be corrected in the future.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

14. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss said he had nothing to report and was available for questions.

Chair Holt said she had a concern and said Mr. Figgers brought up the nuisance law and would like him to look into it. Mr. Weiss said when the Administrator follows up with Mr. Figgers, he would follow up with the Administrator and added that his initial reaction was you could not govern what private citizens do on their own private property and they had First Amendment rights, but he would follow up on it.

Chair Holt said she understood what he was saying about what could or could not be done on a person's own property, but she had a phone call from a lady that someone was shooting next to them and it was a nuisance.

Mr. Presnell said the ordinance kicks in after 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Taylor asked the attorney about Ms. Smith that appeared before the Board earlier. She's been before them several times and asked if the Board was liable if something did happen.

Mr. Weiss said unfortunately, there was nothing that could be done and from what he understood, this was a private property dispute between two private parties and there was nothing the County could do regarding it.

Commissioner Hinson said he had calls about abandoned cars/trucks on other peoples' property and asked if something could be done about it. Mr. Presnell said the County had a process and explained it. Commissioner Hinson said they had talked with Code Enforcement and there had been no response back. Mr. Presnell asked if it had a tag or was it abandoned and said if it had a tag, there was nothing they could do about it. Commissioner Hinson said he would have them contact Mr. Presnell.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

15. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said he had no items tonight.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor said he had nothing as well.

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if Mr. Presnell could find a way to notify the citizens along the corridor that on Wednesday, August 24th, CRPTA will be having a public hearing in the Commission Meeting Room for a PD&E public hearing regarding the Madison Street to Dover Road bike trail from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson said he wanted to notify the Board the traffic signal would be coming soon to the Concord area and was funded through the Board.

He then said Fountain Road had been taken off the road paving list and asked if a grant had been received yet. Mr. Presnell said he would try to pin down the date.

He asked if Lake Yvette East could get a grant for paving and Mr. Presnell said there was one it would qualify for and they could apply for it.

He said he had talked with Big Bend Transit and Mr. Presnell said they had started the new route and there would be a kick-off on August 25th. Mr. Presnell said they had to install signage, benches, and stripe out one of the spaces in Greensboro at the City Hall. Commissioner Hinson said part of the problem was with communication and information and a lot of folks don't know what was going on in the community.

He thanked the County Manager and staff for their help with the City of Midway and was able to have dialogue.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said the Historical Corridor was coming on US 90 from Chattahoochee they needed to come up with a way to let the citizens know that they could put/add artifacts there. Mr. Presnell said they had done social media and the only other way he knew to get word out was through the churches. She said they needed to run a campaign to let the citizens know that US 90 was the historical corridor and the citizens could bring their historical artifacts to add there. Commissioner Taylor said she felt they needed to workshop it. Commissioner Hinson asked if they could use radio stations for some of this, he thought they would run public service announcements and Commissioner Viegbesie said that had changed, they no longer did that. Commissioner Hinson said that could be put in the budget to have funds to do this.

Chair Holt said to Mr. Presnell she wanted sidewalks on Atlanta Street and wanted to look into putting in an application for it.

She mentioned the Rural Conference in Orlando on September 18th and said in order to trade from these rural projects they had to have input.

Receipt and File

16. Mediacom

UPCOMING MEETINGS

17. August 23, 2016-Special Budget Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
August 16, 2016 – Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA




BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair

ATTEST:



NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 AT 6:00
P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HELD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1-arrived late
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5-arrived late
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to U. S. Flag. A silent roll call was conducted by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell said there were no amendments to the Agenda.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Wealth Watcher

Carrie Davis, President, Wealth Watchers, Jacksonville, FL, appeared before the Board and gave a presentation. She said there would be a Landowner and Producer Workshop that would be held at the IFAS Center on September 12, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Sherrie Taylor appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

She said there would be information available there concerning the Strikeforce Initiative, financial assistance and loan opportunities, rural co-op business development, EQIP and cost share opportunities.

Commissioner Hinson appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

Chair Holt asked Ms. Davis if they had done anything with agri-tourism. She said they had information regarding that and also recommended they look at conservation efforts such as long leaf pine.

Commissioner Viegbesie said one reason he was very interested in this program, he hoped Ms. Davis could be connected with GCDC to look at how they could incorporate agricultural development in economic development efforts.

2. Scope of Work for the Four-County DEO TA Grant

Beth Kirkland, CEcd, Gadsden County Development Council, appeared before the Board and was here to speak regarding the Four-County DEO TA Grant and the Gulf to Gadsden project. She said over the course of her monthly updates, she had mentioned to them they had made an application to the Department of Economic Opportunity in conjunction with three other counties for a technical assistance grant to continue their site work as well as to develop a strategic plan for a great logistics zone. She said last year the Development Council convened the Gulf to Gadsden forum held in Gulf County and there were a number of stakeholders from both counties at that meeting to discuss the commonalities with the regional transportation assets that connect the CSX mainline through the Apalachicola Northern Railroad and the interchanges in Gadsden County along the interstate. She said they had completed phase two of their process where they had taken six of the twenty sites through a desktop engineering and environmental analysis to give them an idea of the develop ability of the six sites. Of the six, three of the sites have interstate access and three could have potential rail access. She said they had asked for \$70,000 initially and the award came in at \$65,000 and they had decided to contract with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council to serve as the grant administrator. She said they would be creating a stakeholders group that would consist of stakeholders from the railroad, from the port, from DOT, from economic development in each of the involved counties, including the regional EDO, Opportunity Florida. She added that Gulf County had completed phase one and may take a look at phase two, which had just been completed with the six sites and they would like to move forward with phase three called “Landowner Engagement” and properly position the land.

Chair Holt asked Mr. Chris Holley to come forward and said he was the former Executive Director for the Florida Association of Counties. He had a few words to say.

Chair Holt explained to people in the audience the port they were talking about was in the Gulf and had been closed, and they were talking about getting it back up with deep water dredging so ships could come in.

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas was not present and there was nothing to report.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS WRITTEN.

3. Ratification to Pay County Bills

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. May 17, 2016-Regular Meeting
- b. July 19, 2016-Regular Meeting

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Alfonso Figgers, 215 N. Chalk Street, Quincy, FL, appeared before the board and spoke regarding economic development and CBOR. He said they have given the Gadsden County Development Council \$160,000 and the Chamber of Commerce \$80,000 and when they come back before the Board they need to ask for results. He felt the BOCC should eliminate the Bill of Rights and the super majority and in doing so it would help bring jobs to the community.

He said he brought up at the last commission meeting about the Confederate Flag on Highway 27 affecting the economic growth and felt the Commission should declare it a nuisance because it was a deterrent for businesses to come to the area.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 5. PUBLIC HEARING-(Legislative) Adoption of Ordinance 2016-014 to Amend Subsection 2012, Definitions, Specifically, and Section 5700, Signs, of the Gadsden County Land Development Code**
Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for the consideration of Ordinance 2016-014 for an amendment to Subsection 2102, Definitions, Specifically, and Section 5700, Signs, of the Gadsden County Land Development Code.

Chair Holt said this was a public hearing and said they would give them the opportunity to speak for or against this matter.

Jill Jeglie, Interim Planning & Community Development Director, appeared before the Board and said this would allow the electronic message centers in commercial districts and for non-residential uses in agriculture and rural residential and would limit the height of them.

Alfonso Figgers, 215 N. Chalk Street, Quincy, FL appeared before the Board again to speak in favor of this Ordinance.

Pastor Randy Ross, 2660 Frank Smith Road Tallavana Christian School and Church, thanked the Commission for taking this under consideration, and said he was grateful for the contact and them listening to them.

Idus Spooner, Route 4, Box 402, Havana, FL, appeared before the Board and said sign at Tallavana good thing

Betty Dotson, Post Office Box 1252, Havana, FL, member of Tallavana Church, can see benefit of sign and are backing it.

Pastor Charles Morris, 23201 Blue Star Highway, Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board and said next year their church would be celebrating 125 years in the Gadsden County area. He commended the Commission for their yeoman's effort regarding the aftermath of the storm.

Commissioner Viegbesie said since they were talking about the unincorporated area of the County where the speed limit was approximately 55 miles an hour, to ensure visibility, ability as well as comprehension of the displayed message, he suggested that dimensions of the sign should not exceed 8.3 feet long and 3.5 feet wide in the messaging area and clarified he was not talking about the entire sign.

Commissioner Taylor asked Mr. Presnell if she could address Ms. Jeglie and she returned to the podium. She asked what the proposed sign measurement was as it stood today. Ms. Jeglie said the sign measurements changed depending on the type of use and there was a calculation that that allowed a certain amount of feet of sign per the area of the building frontage with a maximum of 200 square feet and there were also limitations depending on the type of commercial center. Commissioner Taylor asked how the ordinance compared to the cities because they could only regulate in unincorporated areas of the county. Commissioner Taylor said she was in favor of what they needed to do to encourage economic development and asked if they were erring in the side of safety. Ms. Jeglie said she did not look at studies regarding safety but did look at aesthetics.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was recommending it not exceed 8.3 feet long and 3.5 feet wide and anything bigger would obstruct vision, motorcyclists and pedestrians.

Chair Holt said they did not know what standard size signs were. Ms. Jeglie said she had dimensions of some signs and listed them.

Commissioner Morgan thanked Jill for bringing the info to them. He said they were updating an Ordinance that needed attention and was important for the county because they want to maintain the integrity of the county. He said language on electronic boards made sense and suggested they have up to a certain percentage instead of a flat percentage. He asked if there was any limitation on how close the signs could be together and if the ordinance was enforceable, if it was not, he was not in favor of it.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Weiss explained the calculation and said it would vary based on the size of the building.

Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Chair Holt asked them to consider that there were developments coming to the I-10 exchanges and they were making decisions now that might limit them coming if they could not put up signs.

The attorney pointed out couple of scriveners errors.

Commissioner Hinson said he thought this was a great thing and would benefit pastors and schools.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON TO ADOPT OPTION 3 AND FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIR TO SIGN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

6. Public Hearing-(Legislative) Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2016-019 to address Solar Power Generating Facilities and Solar Energy Systems in the Gadsden County Land Development Code (LDC-2015-04)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for adoption of Ordinance 2016-019 to amend the Land Development Code to reflect the additions of Solar Power Generating Facilities as allowable uses in the Agriculture 1 & 2 Future Land Use Districts.

Chair Holt announced this was a public hearing and asked if anyone had any public input.

Jill Jeglie, Interim Director, appeared before the board to explain the amendments to the LDC.

Chair Holt said if solar companies came, they would need to go next to the power lines.

She then announced it was a public hearing and asked if there were any comments and there were none.

Commissioner Taylor said she was not an authority on solar panels and how was it they would get power lines in Ag 1 and 2; and secondly, there was an amendment on the last ballot and felt it had to do more with incentive than anything.

Chair Holt said power lines already cross a lot of the areas and solar companies normally locate where they would feed into the lines. Commissioner Taylor said wanted to see designated areas they could build on.

Mr. Presnell said they would not buy property or sites, and explained they were typically located more in Ag areas. Commissioner Taylor wanted to make sure it did not become an eyesore and would be isolated. Mr. Presnell said they were ahead of the curve by adopting these regulations.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the County had been looked at and Mr. Presnell said yes, on numerous occasions. Commissioner Taylor asked if what they adopted tonight was comparative to other counties of our magnitude and same demographics were doing and Mr. Presnell nothing in approving this would put the County at a disadvantage from a regulatory standpoint.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION 1 AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Taylor approval option 1/V 5-0

7. Public Hearing-USDA Letter of Conditions for Gadsden County Community Facilities Loan for New Multi-Purpose Ag Facility

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of the USDA Forms relative to the project at the Ag Center and said they had \$1.2 Million and have been told the costs may come in a little higher and was anticipating being short on funds. He said Mary Gavin was present from the USDA and they had rural loan funds. He explained they were not obligating themselves tonight; they were getting the Board to approve this for \$700,000. He further explained this was more than they would need, but once they bid the project and ran short of funds this option would be there if needed. He also said they were not borrowing money tonight, it would come back before them.

Mary J. Gavin, Area Director, USDA, appeared before the Board and said the County was eligible for the project and as soon as the funds became available, then the letters of conditions could be adopted. She said they were required to conduct a public meeting tonight to make the public aware of the project.

Joel Sampson, Architect, 212 North Adams Street, Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board and said the general idea of the building was less than 10,000 square feet and 2400 square feet or so was

for the Farmers Market on the end of the building; the office space would move into the new building in front and existing office space in the old building would be used for overflow, storage, etc.

Commissioner Hinson said this was a good idea but he was curious if this was the only place this site could go, and added he hated to take business away from another business nearby like Piggly Wiggly and Midway or Havana could benefit from having this.

Ms. Gavin said County needed new Ag complex; her suggestion was to apply for a business development grant and to utilize part as a farmers' market to get grant for that amount of money and then had \$1 Million from the State to go towards the construction. She said if the City of Midway wanted a farmers' market, she would love to get an application for Midway or a Farmers' Market. Commissioner Hinson said he would talk with her about that. She said she had fought to get the \$200,000 for the farmers' market for the ag complex and was successful in getting the grant to match with the state grant. She said the shortfall was \$707,000 based on the preliminary architectural report and until the bids came in, they did not know if they would be in under or over or right at where they would need to be.

Commissioner Morgan asked what the costs to the taxpayers would be. Ms. Gavin said it was at 2.75% for 30 years currently but she received an email last week, and passed it on to the County that if they wait until next quarter, October 1st, the interest rate could drop to 2.375% for 30 years. Commissioner Morgan asked the cost of the application and Ms. Gavin said nothing.

Chair Holt said they had to say they had set aside the money to go to the Legislature to request the funding from them.

Ms. Gavin said every two years they would look at the financials and if it looks like there was a lot of money to set aside of unrestricted cash, (Commissioner Morgan said they don't), the County may be asked to refinance or pay it off but there was no prepayment penalty.

Commissioner Taylor said based on the architect drawings, she heard what they said about the fresh market, she said wanted to keep people working and make sure commerce was disbursed equally over the County.

Shep Eubanks, County Extension Director, appeared before the Board to explain and said they would start out with one day a week and as the business flow would grow, it would grow. Commissioner Taylor asked about the grant.

Ms. Gavin said the Letter of Conditions had been presented already and they were asking tonight specifically for the multi-purpose facility in conjunction with the farmers market.

Chair Holt asked if there were any more comments from the audience and there were none.

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Meeting on September 6, 2016 to give the citizenry an opportunity to become acquainted with the proposed new Multi-Purpose Facility for the Gadsden County Cooperative Extension Service and to comment on such economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternative to the project and other matters of concern. The meeting included discussion of the application process and the Gadsden County

Board of County Commissioners action relative to approving, executing and submitting a formal application to USDA Rural Development for funding. A Loan Resolution was passed with a 5-0 vote in favor of obligating a Community Facilities Loan in the amount of \$707,000.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if the motion tonight was just to approve project and forms and authorizing the Chair to sign and Chair Holt said yes.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1.

Ms. Gavin explained there were some forms she wanted to remove tonight to wait until October 1st in case they were able to get a cheaper interest rate.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the motion was to exclude those forms because the motion was for the related forms and asked if the motion was to exclude the forms. Mr. Presnell said they would not send those forms in and Ms. Gavin said that would be OK.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

8. Request Space for a Diabetes Specialty Clinic in the Gadsden Memorial Hospital Building

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board guidance regarding a request by North Florida Regional Thyroid Center (NFRTC) to locate a diabetes specialty clinic in the area previously referred to as the urgent care center of the Gadsden Memorial Hospital Building.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND.

Mr. Weiss said this was not on the Agenda for approval; they needed input from the Board and explained.

Commissioner Holt asked why CRMC was negotiating with Dr. Hart without the attorney. She said the County still owned the building and said someone representing the County needed to be involved in the conversation and Mr. Glazer was being paid to be the attorney for the County and he needed to give a report.

Commissioner Morgan asked how this was placed on the Agenda for tonight's meeting and Chair Holt said she approved it and Mr. Presnell had met with Dr. Hart. Commissioner Morgan felt they needed to have an initial conversation and this was prematurely placed on the agenda.

Commissioner Viegbesie said in looking at the item, Dr. Hart was requesting space and the conditions surrounding provisions of service that she was looking at providing was not a part of what was before the Board tonight; it was a request for space. He said if they agreed on the recommendation of the Advisory Board that the space should be granted, that was where they would start discussing all the other ramifications related to the use of the space. He then said if

they were paying an attorney to represent the county in regards to hospital and health revisions, it was a conversation that the attorney should be present for to begin to tell how it would fit into the contract between the County and CRMC. He added that he was not pleased that the attorney that represented the County regarding hospital matters was not present tonight.

Chair Holt said she agreed with him.

CHAIR HOLT MADE A MOTION THEY PROVIDE SPACE FOR DR. HART AND HAVE THE MANAGER START THE NEGOTIATION. COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Taylor said based on what the attorney mentioned with regard to the request for the space and the dialogue that CRMC had with Dr. Hart and the reason for the Administrator putting it on the Agenda tonight and the Attorney on record for the hospital not being present with some of the dialogue felt it was not enough to move forward with to vote tonight. She felt they needed to make sure CRMC, both attorneys, or at least the one with the Hospital Board, and wanted to make sure there was no conflict because there was a contract in place and were not in violation of the contract approving space whereas CRMC had that authority to approve space per the contract.

Mr. Presnell said this was placed on the Agenda prior to CRMC making contact with Dr. Hart and Staff was simply trying to see if the Board was interested in providing space for a doctor and then CRMC made the contact. Things happened after the Agenda Item was done.

Chair Holt said she had no problem in providing space and then let the Manager get started with the conversation.

Commissioner Morgan said based on what Mr. Presnell said; he asked if he would recommend this be tabled for a future date. Mr. Presnell said if the Board wished for the services to be offered, at some point CRMC, GHI and the County would need to hold a conversation and discuss this. Commissioner Morgan asked if it was his opinion this was on the Agenda at the proper time and based on his remarks, that was not what he heard.

Commissioner Morgan said he would advise to bring this back after all the parties has had that conversation. He added he did not think there was anyone on the Board that did not want to consider providing space to Dr. Hart, but there was a right way and a wrong way to do this. He felt Mr. Glazer would want to handle this the right way and the parties need to come together and then bring this before the Board.

Chair Holt said there was no right way in politics, only a win or loss. She said the doctor was willing to bring the service here, they vote for them to have a conversation, which still would not give her a place here; all they were saying was to give them an opportunity to talk with her about it.

Chair Holt then called for the vote.

Commissioner Taylor asked what the motion was for. Chair Holt said for the Manager to let her look at and offer her space. She then clarified that the motion was to allow the Manager to talk with Dr. Hart and CRMC about space at the hospital. Commissioner Viegbesie said his second

stands. He added said there was leased space and non-leased space at the hospital and CRMC had no control over the non-leased space, only the right of first refusal.

Craig McMillan, Chair of GHI, appeared before the Board and said to accommodate the agenda item, they held a meeting last week and supported them giving space to Dr. Hart in the facility, but their recommendation was they try to utilize the facility that CRMC has built out as a cost saving measure for Dr. Hart and the County. He added that a fully built out area with wi-fi, utilities, etc. would run around \$80.00 a month and the costs of the utilities only in the Urgent Care facility would be high and was why they suggested utilizing that space first. He added if that did not work out, they were still behind the item.

Commissioner Hinson said the only thing he had heartburn on was because why worry about a place that was not ready versus a place that was ready.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

9. Request Approval to Renew the Lease Agreement with Neighborhood Medical Center to Lease the Havana Health Clinic

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to renew the lease agreement with Neighborhood Medical Center to lease the Havana Health Clinic.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

10. Approval and Execution of State Aid Agreement

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval and execution of the State Aid Grant Agreement for the Library.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECIND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

11. Approval of Medical Director Contract

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the renewal of the Medical Director Service Agreement.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

12. Purchase of Adult Defibrillators for use in the Patrol Cars

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to purchase twenty adult defibrillators for use in some patrol vehicles within the Gadsden County Sheriff's Fleet and to authorize staff to process this item according to State and Federal guidelines.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

13. Request Board Approval to Accept Bid from the Carpet Studio, Inc. to Install Carpet and Vinyl in the State's Attorney Office, Edward J. Butler Governmental Complex

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to accept the bid from The Carpet Studio, Inc. to replace and install carpet and vinyl in the State's Attorney Office.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON WITH A QUESTION.

Commissioner Hinson said he needed to get into the carpet business, he thought it was a little much.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

14. Approval of Volunteer Fire Department Interlocal Fire and Rescue Service Agreements

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval for the Interlocal Fire and Rescue Service Agreements between Gadsden County and Concord, Chattahoochee, Greensboro, Gretna, Havana, Mt. Pleasant, Robertsville/St. Johns, Sycamore, Midway and Wetumpka Fire Departments.

Mr. Weiss said there was a recent statutory amendment that required insertion of specific language regarding record retention and it was not in these agreements because it happened recently on July 1st and he did not know about it at time. Chair Holt said if they were sent out to be signed, they needed to be corrected before they were sent. He said they had been sent out, signed and the way he proposed to correct this was having an addendum with specific language added to go to the different entities.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN FOR APPROVAL WITH THE ADDENDUM AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

15. Approval of the Inter-Local Agreement with the City of Gretna for Animal Control Services

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Gretna and Gadsden County, FL for the provision of animal control services within the city limits of Gretna, FL.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON.

Mr. Weiss they had the same issue with this contract and in their packets were the original agreement but the one in the signature folder was the correct one.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE SAID HIS MOTION WOULD INCLUDE THE REVISED AGREEMENT AND SECOND WAS AMENDED BY COMMISSIONER HINSON. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

16. Approval of the Inter-Local Agreement with Town of Greensboro for Animal Control Services

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this was another Animal Agreement and would

need to include the same wording.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR WITH THE ADDENDUM AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

17. Interlocal Agreement with Gadsden Soil and Water Conservation District for BMP Technician for Gadsden County

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said Florida Department of Agriculture through the Office of Agricultural Water Policy has funds available to assist with water quality, quantity and best management practices and technical assistance was needed to help producers implement these statutorily required BMP's.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND. BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, CHAIR HOLT ASKED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FDACS TO SOME FORWARD.

Daniel Stanley, Department of Agriculture, appeared before the Board and explained the program.

Shep Eubanks, County Extension Director, appeared before the Board and said this was a great opportunity to help the local producers and the cost share program was a tremendous opportunity to help them purchase equipment to comply with state mandates on water quality and conservation issues.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

18. Approval of Interlocal Agreements with Local Municipalities and the Gadsden County School Board

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval for an Interlocal Agreement with six municipalities and the Gadsden County School Board for road maintenance and special project activities.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL WITH THE ADDENDUM PARAGRAPH ADDED AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan asked Mr. Presnell if the local rates for the municipalities were the same as last year and Mr. Presnell said they were.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

19. Approval of Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement Amendment with the State of Florida Department of Transportation

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement Amendment with the State of Florida Department of Transportation.

**COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL WITH A COMMENT.
COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND.**

Commissioner Taylor asked how the amount of money was calculated and Mr. Presnell said it was a formula that DFOT had and the County had no input on it whatsoever.

Commissioner Hinson asked how long before the traffic signal would go up in the Concord area and Mr. Presnell said it would be under his comments if they could wait.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

20. Approval for the Extension of the Contract for Marketing Consulting services with 78 Madison Marketing Group for TDC

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the extension of the 78 Madison Marketing Group contract for marketing services with the Tourist Development Council. Mr. Presnell added that the TDC met and recommended that the contract be extended for a three year period.

Mr. Weiss said this was the same firm and was not an extension of the contract, an RFP was solicited it was a new contract with a proposed three year term with two potential one year extensions.

Commissioner Morgan asked if there was a particular reason they chose a five year agreement.

Chair Holt, who sits on the Board, said it was the agreement of the Board and said they felt if this was short term, they would not get as much impact.

Commissioner Morgan said they were paying them \$30,000 a year for six hours of service per week.

Joe Bouch, 78 Madison Marketing Group appeared before the Board. He said he get paid \$2,500 a month at \$90.00 an hour; over the last two years they built a new website and it has been up for less than a year; there have been over 30,000 people that had visited it and they believe it has had an impact with the people that were learning about the county; they have taken all the photography; they maintain it; they have created and built a new app “Discover Gadsden” that will show places to eat and visit and history regarding the County; they created a new logo “Do Something Original”; they have been doing on-line advertising touching Georgia, Alabama and most of the State of Florida; they have had 4-5 million impressions and on Facebook alone have had conversations with people; and the Facebook posts were shared by people in the three state area.

Commissioner Morgan said he was interested in from a fiscal standpoint to go back two years since his company has been involved and asked what they had been paid over the two years. Mr. Bouch said they had been paid \$2500 a month and 15% commission on the media. Commissioner Morgan asked what that meant and how much money in the last two years had the County spent. Mr. Bouch said the first year they built a foundational program for the County and there was no

media and the second year the County spent \$89,000 in media and he had a 15% commission on that.

Commissioner Morgan said Mr. Bouch and his company had done a really good job for the County, but they were talking about a five year agreement and his opinion was it was too long and they were committing a lot of dollars to it without reviewing the agreement. He said he had no problem with the company but would keep the contract the same and just shorten the term.

Mr. Bouch said he was the one who pushed the County to make it a longer term, even if they were not the agency. He explained it was almost like a political campaign, you get to know and learn the foundation of the County. He further stated he had been all over the county the last two years. He added if they hired someone new, they would essentially start over and if they approved this, the contract had a thirty to sixty day out and if approved, did not mean they were locked in.

Commissioner Taylor said when Commissioner Morgan asked about costs, over the 5 year period of the contract, would the amount fluctuate like it did from the first year of \$30,000 to the second year of \$89,000 and if so, had the TDC board considered that it might be something that they could not afford one year because of the 15% and it could fluctuate. He said it was based on the budget, the County tells him what to spend and they do a marketing plan. He said if approved, he would have to present again to the TDC next year's plan. Commissioner Taylor asked if this was within the procurement policy corridors to extend a contract such as this and it not be bid annually because of the amount that was being requested. Mr. Presnell said yes, technically it went back out for an RFP so it was a new contract with new terms.

Commissioner Morgan said there was 30 day opt out to end the contract and the contract was with the BOCC and his company, not the TDC Board.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED. MOTION PASSED.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

21. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said he had a few items tonight:

He said there was a request for them to consider doing a Proclamation finding September 17-23 as Constitution Week and said they had a group wanting to use the Proclamation on a display at their September 10th meeting.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. SECOND WAS INAUDIBLE. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD A QUESTION.

Commissioner Hinson asked what group asked for the Proclamation.

Mr. Presnell said it was the Ft. San Luis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and they will have a display and asked for a Proclamation from each of the counties.

Commissioner Morgan said this was not an agendaed item and they were not voting to approve this and Mr. Presnell said being a Proclamation he would need Board approval or he could not do it. Commissioner Morgan said he thought it should be an agendaed item if they were going to vote. Mr. Weiss said typically they should only take action on agendaed items but they have taken the opportunity for emergency type items in the past that would not impact revenue.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED.

Mr. Presnell said they need direction from the Board regarding the lobbying contracts and said one of the lobbyist was just elected to congress and the contract ends on September 30th and committee meetings would be starting in November. Commissioner Morgan pointed out they still have a lobbyist in place and Mr. Presnell explained both contracts expire on September 30th and asked if they wanted him to bring one or both. Commissioner Morgan said don't need both, Chair Holt asked if it could go on the October Agenda and Commissioner Morgan said he would not be able to provide the services. Chair Holt asked to put it on the next agenda and give them an opportunity to look at it and talk with Mr. Lawson and Mr. Doolin. Commissioner Hinson said in all fairness, it was not the Senator that is the business, it is the business and Senator Lawson works for the business, he may not have ownership, might be his wife or someone else.

Mr. Presnell said he would bring the contracts to Board.

He reminded them of the Budget meeting scheduled for Thursday and the final budget packet was in the mailbox upstairs.

He said they were ready to move with the Parks and Recreation Improvement Authority and each commissioner will select a person of their choice and one of them needs to serve as chairman.

He said regarding the red light in Concord, they have received the bid package on Thursday from the engineering firm and the bid is going out and the bids will be opened and they will bring it to Board for instruction. Commissioner Hinson asked why it took more than 5-6 months to come to this point-almost a year for one light. Mr. Presnell said they could set up a meeting with engineering firm and it could be discussed because it was an assignment for them and he could not answer that. Commissioner Hinson said he was just curious about that.

Mr. Presnell said tomorrow at 3:00 will be senior officials from Elder Affairs and Children & Families at the Emergency Management Office to continue the discussion about providing more long-term assistance to older citizens in county.

The Deputy Clerk said there had been a Value Adjustment Board meeting scheduled last week for tomorrow at 3:00 and an e-mail sent out last week & Chair Holt and Commissioner Hinson serves on the VAB.

He then said as the storm Hermine approached, Public Works was out manning fallen trees and as a result there were no road closures; EMS people were awesome and came through; Emergency Management was activated and shut down Friday around 9:00; the power outages became an issue; those that participated in the distribution of items to be commended from Churches that participated to the inmates that assisted in loading vehicles.

Chair Holt said it worked out really well and they need to do table-top meetings to see if there were any improvements, etc.

Commissioner Morgan asked if all utility outages had been taken care of and Mr. Presnell said currently there were 167 accounts out/ Commissioner Morgan asked what the projection was and Mr. Presnell said he assumed by the next day.

Commissioner Taylor said the public might want to know more information, there was a loss of lots of food; families that rely on subsidized food; Chair Holt said she met with Senator Montford this morning and was working on it from that level and food stamp was a federal program and they would meet again. Commissioner Taylor asked if there was a timeline she could inform the public of.

Mr. Presnell said they could keep meals coming indefinitely if it was a need and was helping.

Commissioner Taylor said Commissioner Holt mentioned organizing a meeting regarding emergency management and had areas of concerns that needed to be addressed because there were storms brewing now that was headed this way and hoped they could get something going in the near future.

Commissioner Taylor wanted to address the Senior Citizen Board and said they needed to replace those that were termed out. Mr. Presnell said to email names to him and it did not need to be a formal action from the Board and needed suggestions and said their By-laws required there be one from each district on the Board.

She asked if they had started the turn-around at Crossroads.

Curtis Young, Public Works Director appeared before the Board and said the engineers were scheduling a meeting with him and Crossroads to discuss that.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

22. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss mentioned that Mr. Glazer apologized for not being at the meeting tonight, that he was preparing for a trial and he has been participating in hospital discussions and actions.

Chair Holt said she received a call on how the airport was funded was asked how the airport could be used for emergencies. Mr. Presnell said the County did not fund the airport, they were fully self-sufficient and the County did fund them in the past.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

23. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said he was proud of the employees and how they responded the past few days with the storm, weather and working around the clock and expressed his thanks. He also said

there were a lot of folks helping out other people and lot to be proud of. He called out Major Wood with Emergency Management, said he knew he worked long and hard and appreciated his efforts

He said he had a Planning and Zoning member that he needed to appoint to the Board and asked for it to be agendaed as soon as possible. He said Mr. Frank Rowan has asked to step down and asked that they approve the potential replacement.

He said he would also like to recognize him for his service at the earliest possible time.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN THAT THEY PUT AN ITEM AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME ON NEXT AGENDA AND TO RECOGNIZE MR. FRANK ROWAN AND SECOND MADE BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Commissioner Morgan said the last item he had, they were in a spot with the County Administrator and they were coming up on his contract ending and hoped to avoid being in that situation without it being worked out. He asked where they were with it and if it would be agendaed. He added he wanted to avoid an opening in that position and the Assistant Administrator's last day was the end of this month.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor echoed the sentiments with regard to Emergency Management.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Chair Holt said she mentioned to the Manager for them to get shelter signs up.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

He said in response to that request, they requested and hopefully would have before the next storm blinking signs with an arrow that says "Shelter" so if a person was not familiar with the area, they would know where to go.

Commissioner Taylor left the meeting.

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie said he would be remiss if he did not echo the sentiments of Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner Taylor of the efforts of staff, citizens as well as EMS's help during the storm. He said he was out of the area during the storm and was very impressed with the continuous updates of the progress.

He said he had two parents ask him about Juvenile Justice Referral and Diversion Program such as Teen Court and asked if there was one in the County. Mr. Presnell said money was used for Teen court through the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Viegbesie asked if they could appear before the Board because he had questions and would like a better understanding to be able to provide answers and directions to the citizens that had questions.

He then suggested they, as a body, consider some form of a litter control initiative campaign for

the unincorporated areas of the County since that was what their jurisdiction covered so people would become more aware of what litter did; i.e., dumping trash on the side of the road, furniture, etc. and felt maybe a campaign would make people more aware.

He then asked for a Proclamation John Conyers, Sr., the Pastor of Celebration Church.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBSIE AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE FOR A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND JOHN CONYERS, SR., PASTOR OF SECOND ELIZABETH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

He also expressed his thanks to the BOCC, the Administration team, and Emergency Management Department, Shawn Wood and Old Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. He said they took initiative and they went after the problem on Saturday and invited the entire community to come eat and served full-course meals and Sunday around 12-1 they cooked another full-course meal, as well as the Concord Fire Department that fed over 400 citizens and Emergency Management donated water. He added that citizens took initiative and he was humbled by it.

Commissioner Viegbesie stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Hinson then mentioned a few areas that were still without power and he mentioned a tree off Highway 27 headed toward Tallahassee that had fallen and was still there. He added that everybody had put in a lot of hours and had worked very hard.

Commissioner Viegbesie returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Presnell said they had two EMS trucks the night of the storm and the closer the storm got the called increased and no-one had to wait. He said when folks woke up Friday morning, thanks the Public Works; no roads were closed because they worked through the night keeping the roads cleared.

He said a lot of folks lost medicine because of loss of power and they needed to look at assistance in helping to replace that. Mr. Presnell said they had not considered that.

Mr. Presnell said EMS and Emergency Management was beneficial in providing assistance in Leon County to ones that were cut-off.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said they needed to look at other areas for retrofit with buildings for emergencies.

Call System

Mr. Presnell said the new Ag Center would be built to shelter strength.

Chair Holt said there were no comfort zones for us. She said people with respiratory problems have to have air conditioning. She said she heard complaints about not being on the radio with reports and she said they could not confuse hundreds of people in Tallahassee without electricity by putting ours on a radio station in Tallahassee; it would be giving out contradictory information.

She thanked Arrie Battle and Sherri Vanlandingham for delivering food and they got around \$5,000 in donations. She said there was a Resolution she signed as Chairman when the storm was coming and there are times the Board cannot come together and the Chair has to sign it. She said the purpose of having the Emergency Proclamation early was to get relief early and they were able to get the request in the portal on Saturday and Leon County did not have a request. She said Gadsden County beat everybody in.

She also said she would like to publically thank everybody and wanted to put it out on Facebook, public announcements, and put it on the radio, Good Morning Show or something to let everyone know their appreciation.

She then asked about the nursery in Friendship that closed (Imperial) and said there was still a lot of metal, cloth, etc. that was still there. Mr. Presnell said the parent company filed for bankruptcy.

Receipt and File

24. Mediacom

UPCOMING MEETINGS

25. August 23, 2016-Special Budget Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
September 6, 2016 – Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:16 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA



SHERRIE D. TAYLOR, Chair
Board of County Commissioners



ATTEST:



NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 AT 6:00
P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5-arrived late
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. A silent roll call was conducted by the Deputy Clerk, Marcella Blocker.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell said he had a couple of items to add to the Agenda:

A presentation by the Board under Presentations; remove Item 6 from General Business; and add 13A-Discussion of County Administrator's Contract.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

Mr. Presnell asked Mr. Lawson to step forward. They presented him with a plaque to honor his upcoming retirement.

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas was present and reminded the Commissioners there needed to be a few budget amendments to close out the books for the end of the year.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- 1. Ratification to Pay County Bills**
- 2. Approval to Accept the FY 2016 3rd Quarter Report**
- 3. Request Approval to Dispose of Surplus Property and Equipment**

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Kendra Snipe, 17 E. Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board and introduced herself and her office, Florida Campaign Office, was next door and introduced herself as a neighbor and said they were registering voters and trying to get the community more involved in the process.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

GENERAL BUSINESS

4. Approval and Signature on the Fall 2016 E911 Rural County Grant Application for E911 System and MapSAG Annual Support and Maintenance

Mr. Presnell introduced the item and said it was for approval of the Fall 2016 E911 Rural County Grant Application for the E911 System and MapSAG.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR OPTAIN ONE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

5. Approval of the Annual Contract Between the Gadsden County BOCC and the Florida Department of Health for the Operations of the Gadsden County Health Department

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the annual contract between the Gadsden County BOCC and the Florida Department of Health for the operation of the Gadsden County Health Department for the contract year 2016-2017.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR OPTION ONE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

6. Approval to Confirm Appointment of the Planning and Community Development Director
Item pulled

7. Approval to Renew the Library Security Guard Services with Barkley Security to Serve the William A. "Bill" McGill Library in Quincy

Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to renew the security guard services with Barkley Security for the Bill McGill Library.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION ONE AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Hinson asked if proper procedures were followed and Mr. Presnell said they recently did and added that a few months back the bid had been awarded to another firm who could not provide the service and they chose to give it to Barkley and it had been six months and this was to extend that contract.,

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

8. Transportation Agreement Between the Gadsden County BOCC and Big Bend Transit, Inc.

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of the Quincy Shuttle

Service between Gadsden County and Big Bend Transit and authorization for the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Morgan asked if the City of Quincy was participating in the funding of the service. Mr. Presnell said they were not currently participating. Commissioner Morgan asked if they had been asked and Mr. Presnell said yes, the Manager had. Mr. Presnell said he had discussed this with the Manager, was not sure if there was a formal vote at the City Commission or how it was handled but his response was not at this time. Commissioner Morgan asked why they would agree to participate if we agreed to pay 100% of it. Commissioner Morgan recommended they renegotiate this and ask the City of Quincy to participate in a service that primarily was for the citizens of Quincy.

Commissioner Viegbesie said his comment was for a particular driver that drives the Gadsden Express and on Monday he was recognized by CRTPA as the Driver of the Year and his name was Nick Brown and in the past twelve years he has driven 2,665 hours without any incidents or accidents. He suggested the Board recognize him and present him with a plaque to present to him and Chair Holt asked if he wanted to put that in his comments and Mr. Weiss suggested they stick with the Agenda.

Chair Holt asked if there were other comments regarding Commissioner Morgan's comments about the County paying 100%.

Commissioner Viegbesie said if they were not under time restraints maybe they could table this item until they have a conversation with the City of Quincy.

Commissioner Morgan said he thought communication would be the way to go but they needed to be clear and specific and let them know they were willing to fund half if they were willing to fund the other half and felt that was the right thing to do.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 2 AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND FOR DISCUSSION. CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

9. Approval of Mosquito Control Annual Certified Budget

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of their annual Department of Agriculture request for matching funds for the mosquito control program and the current year's match was \$32,467.00 and the County's match was included in the proposed budget.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Hinson if they approved this, he knew there was discussion at a budget workshop about adding another person to spray because of the complaints and Mr. Presnell said he thought they had discussed that but this dollar amount was what the County would receive from the State and advised that they approve this tonight, get the money and if the Board wished to expand the program. Commissioner Hinson said he was not looking at expanding the program, he thought they were adding another guy. Mr. Presnell said it was his understanding they had.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS

ITEM.

10. Approval of the 2017 Holiday Schedule

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for board approval of the 2017 holiday schedule.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE OF OPTION ONE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

11. Approval of Resolution 2016-021 for County Road 65A Bridge Replacement

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for board approval for Resolution 2016-021 for County Road 65A Bridge Replacement.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS. COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND.

Commissioner Hinson said he approved this and it made sense but asked the difference between approving this item, it not coming out of their personal budget and at Highway 12 had \$112,000 come from his budget for a stop light and it was a county road.

Mr. Presnell explained the State picked up the tab on this item and they were approving a Resolution to let them design it and fund it for the bridge replacement.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

12. Request for Approval to Renew the Contract for State Lobbying Services for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to renew the contract for State Lobbying Services and this was for Chris Doolin and Associates for the upcoming fiscal year.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND WITH A QUESTION.

Commissioner Hinson said he saw firsthand what Lawson & Associates had brought to the table but what was the difference in what they were paying Chris Doolin and what he had given the citizens of the County. He said he was representing other counties but Gadsden County was the only one paying him for the same services and said for instance last year he mentioned a community center and he said it could not be done and asked why he was here. He added that with Mr. Lawson, they saw results and if Doolin could not bring it to the County when Calhoun County was receiving more and not paying.

Commissioner Morgan said first he wanted to commend Commissioner Hinson for asking those types of questions because they were good question and should be asked. He said he has seen firsthand what he did for Florida State Hospital and had seen year after year added necessary services that they do receive from Mr. Doolin and his team in how they were represented before the Legislature. He added that he felt he not only had extra teeth in the area for rural counties, but had insight into what he just spoke about with regard to Gadsden County. He further stated

he had no problem in approving this but because of the next item they were about to consider, he asked for clarification and based on the future in the short distance, would they be able to have a benefit from the relationship with Senator Lawson and could they have two firms with Mr. Lawson.

Mr. Presnell said Mr. Lawson has indicated it was not a problem and had it worked out with the aide he already had that works with him, and there has been a discussion with him and if the Board decides to continue lobbying services, it would not be a problem.

Chair Holt said with regard to Mr. Doolin, he went door to door from one senator to the next one and covered everyone they could cover and appreciated from both groups, both worked together and she was willing to vote for both.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

13. Request for Approval to Renew the Contract for State Lobbying Services for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was regarding the contract for State Lobbying Services with Lawson and Associates for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

13a COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT

Chair Holt said she asked that this item be added, the Administrator's contract was ending and the Assistant Administrator just said his goodbyes and they had to have a contract until next September.

Commissioner Viegbesie said his position was to renew Mr. Presnell's contract until September, 2017 to provide a smooth transition and Chapter 125 Florida Statutes provides for them only to hire one position and that was the County Administrator.

Commissioner Hinson asked if they were discussing the County Attorney or the County Manager. Chair Holt explained the Manager, his contract ended in October. Commissioner Hinson said he did not want to get into a situation with a lawsuit and if there was a change in the Board and someone wanted to get rid of the Administrator early next year, they would have to pay back benefits, etc. He added he felt personally it was best to do month-to-month until they find someone and it was unfair to other commissioners coming in.

Chair Holt said if he did not like the date Commissioner Viegbesie gave and wanted to do month to month...

Commissioner Hinson said he had no problem with the Administrator but he had a problem with the process.

Chair Holt asked Commissioner Morgan his ideas regarding the matter.

Commissioner Morgan said his was the same idea he had been expressing for a year and Commissioner Hinson was right, they began the process one year ago; had someone come over to discuss the process; had a "retreat" to discuss it; they have an existing Manager who has given them a timeline and has currently entered the DROP and they knew the Assistant County Administrator was retiring. He said they had the opportunity to be effective leaders in starting the process and their responsibility was to ensure stability and continuance and neither had been done by not moving forward with the process. He said he had tried several times and never received any support and was not surprised where they were and did not have the votes to determine where they went from here. He added it made the most sense to avoid disruption; they needed to ask the Administrator how long he was willing to stay and from talking to him, he thought he would stay until his DROP ended in April 2019. He also felt they needed to have him here for at least one year and allow him to effectively fill the Assistant County Administrator position. He added they had failed in the mission thus far and was very disappointed and as far as a change in the Board and what that might do, that was part of the life and times of a County Administrator. He said they needed to act as a Board of Leaders and minimize the potential disruption and problems for delivering services, problems with Staff and any other situations they may encounter. He said in addition, he was unsure why all of a sudden, unless it was because they were at the last minute and they were finally seeing the light, but yes they needed to move forward, if it was a year, do a year and he did not like the month-to-month, but he was outnumbered and they were "flying the plane".

Chair Holt said two years ago for them to advertise the position and be done with it; problem was they did not re-advertise the position. She asked Mr. Lawson if the advertisements were out.

Mr. Lawson stepped forward and said the position has been advertised and the position would close October 30th; once the applicant was approved, it would be presented to the Board and they could make a decision whether they wanted to scale it down to a certain number for the interview process they wanted to proceed with or if they wanted to extend the advertising to get a more conducive applicant pool to what they were looking for.

Chair Holt said to the attorney she was aware they could only hire one manager and if they looked at the pool and decided they wanted one but there was a contract out, what would happen. Mr. Weiss said it would depend on what the contract said and with this item being added; he had looked at the contract but not in the recent past. He said there was a termination pay-out but could not recall exactly what it was and if they hired someone and terminate the current administrator, they would have to pay out his contract.

Mr. Presnell added he thought they were discussing utilizing the Assistant County Administrator spot to make this a smooth transition with the choice and have overlapping time to let them settle in to make the transition seamless.

Chair Holt said she wanted to discuss that process; they hire a manager; the contract has to state that he would move into the position as an Assistant and how would they do that to make sure it was legal and worked.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he pushed for a succession plan and that led to Mr. Long doing a succession plan workshop and with that process now in place and he felt it was needed to provide this body and this County with a smooth transition from one leadership to another to provide

continuity and stability and given the condition where they were now, his suggestion was if they extended the current contract until 2017, the current Assistant Administrator was leaving at the end of month and they gave the current Administrator the chance to hire a competent Assistant and let him be learning the goings on and process and hoped by October 2017 they would have the experience and he could come in and work with the new County Administrator and that would eliminate the problem.

Chair Holt asked the attorney his opinion.

Mr. Weiss said that would be one way to approach the situation.

Commissioner Taylor appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Weiss said it was the will of the Board and what Commissioner Viegbesie said was let the current Administrator hire an Assistant and let the Assistant gets up to speed on the goings on in the County and when the current Administrator is replaced, there was an Assistant there that had experience.

Chair Holt said her question was they were advertising for an Administrative position, are they going to pay them the salary for that position because that was what they were advertising for but they were putting them in an Assistant Administrator position. Mr. Weiss said he did not take Commissioner Viegbesie's comments that way.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he hoped the person the Administrator would hire would be someone that had training and would be learning the history and operational workings of the county and then do a search for a new Administrator and by October 2017, they should have a new Administrator in place and learn the craft. He added he was looking at the County having a smooth transition.

Chair Holt said once they renew his contract, he could hire someone tomorrow.

Commissioner Hinson said he felt they needed to be careful and he was looking at taxpayers' dollars and before they were talking about approving anything, they needed to have knowledge and understanding of what was in the contract and did not want to make a decision tonight that might cost the County money. He added this was thrown in, no agenda item, no information and they were going on that they thought and before he made a decision, he wanted to make sure it was agendaed so they could look at the contract first. He said he wanted a chance as a Board member to review this. Chair Holt said this was for discussion only.

Commissioner Morgan said they were talking about the County Administrator position and they needed to extend the contract one year to provide stability and go back to the experts, have the speakers come back and have them bring candidates to the Board

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was sworn into this position on November 18, 2014 and at his second meeting he talked about succession planning and getting one in place. He added he intentionally brought it up early, now the Assistant was gone and there was no-one here to be Interim. He added that his focus was not about the County Administrator but to provide smooth sailing without destruction.

Pastor Charles Morris, 23201 Blue Star Highway, Quincy FL, appeared before the Board and said he had the same discussion with the commissioner 2 years ago and wanted to add a personal comment and said he believed the County Administrator had done a wonderful job. He said another piece they might be missing besides the succession plan was where the values were as a County. He said most managers were involved in the hiring, firing, evaluating, etc. and they could hire someone that would not fit the culture of the county.

Commissioner Hinson said he was looking at taxpayer dollars.

Commissioner Taylor apologized for being late and said she was at a Parent meeting and she heard comments about the County Administrator's ability and said this was a service oriented business, the morale and said the morale was good. She added the staff worked together and did not mind coming to work. She added there was now financial stability, was able to add 25 more slots for summer jobs, was able to give raises because they had the dollars and that came under his leadership as a good Manager. She added he was the first contact when citizens called and to give him a year she felt was fair. She said she would go with the majority and what she heard tonight was echoing to extend his contract one year and this would help the moral of the County employees. She said to Mr. Presnell, "Normally I have on a hat and the comment I'm about to make has to do with a hat. Hats off to you Sir. Certainly you do not deserve any other than a respectful transitional period in the work that you have done and the labor that you have done in the vineyards, which has been notable to everybody that is here, even to the ones around this dais. No-one can say any different about your skill set and your capabilities. You do have my compliments and you do have my support and Sir, if it were left up to me, you would stay as long as you wanted."

Chair Holt said they had to make some decisions and they had to come back with something and she had heard six months or until October. She added they have had some managers she put in a motion in to send home and they needed options at the next meeting and they were running out of time. She suggested they bring back two options and let him decide.

Commissioner Taylor said she understood from Commissioner Hinson this was not an agendaed item and was added in and this was for discussion only. She asked if they were at a point to make a decision on what two options were to come back to them and Mr. Presnell said he needed to know what to bring back.

Commissioner Morgan said he felt it was imperative to instruct Mr. Presnell to contact Vince Long and let him know his services were needed. Chair Holt said she did not mind that idea but also would like to see if the Association of Counties had someone. Commissioner Morgan asked why they would go through the process they did a year ago and not follow what they were advised to do. He added that she helped put them in the position they were in because she refused to help move them forward on this in the last year.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he thought from where they were, the process has started, the job description was approved and the position has been advertised and beginning tomorrow they could start moving; review the pool of applicants and if they do not find one that fits the job description and minimum requirements, re-open the position and stop chasing their tails.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

14. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said he had nothing to report.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked the status of his request to invite the Enterprise Florida representative and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity representative to make a brief presentation to the board. He also asked the status of the retreat where the Board would create the job evaluation document for both the position of the County Administrator and the Attorney. He also asked the status of his request for a County Park Recreation Center at St. Hebron and when could they expect to issue the RFP for the third phase of the projects.

Mr. Presnell said he would check with his assistant on the date, there had been correspondence with the gentlemen regarding them coming to the Board; the Retreat could be scheduled if the Board was ready to proceed; he met with the engineer yesterday regarding the conceptual design for the St. Hebron park and they would have something soon. Chair Holt asked about the recreation center and Commissioner Viegbesie said it was something he envisioned and was similar to what was at Jack McLean Park. He said that was why he asked to create a Park and Recreation Advisory Council to look into parks and recreation buildings and activities for the youth and people of the county.

Commissioner Hinson asked if the Board agreed on placing a recreation center there and said he was curious why it was put in the paper over a month ago and he did not remember voting on it. Commissioner Viegbesie said the property was purchased for a park and recreation center. Commissioner Hinson asked if the Board agreed to put a community center in his district. Commissioner Viegbesie said it was not his district, but for the County. Commissioner Hinson said he saw an article saying that coming soon was a recreation center and did not remember the Board approving it and felt it sent a wrong message to the community and wanted to make sure the information sent out was correct.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if Mr. Presnell could respond. Mr. Presnell said they budgeted \$50,000 to buy land for the park; at the time there were no final plans; the concept was fully discussed by the Board; the purchase came before the Board to purchase that particular piece of property. The only thing he was aware of, they asked the engineers under contract to give them plans decent enough to apply for grant funding.

Commissioner Hinson said he agreed for more recreation centers and parks in the County and noticed at Havana Heights they were having the same issue with locks again and was not sure what was going and he did not want to penalize ones that live there, but there was a guy that lives on the second floor, has a lot of health issues, and Big Bend Transit has to meet him at the road and not the door and asked what they could do. Chair Holt asked if they could file a class action lawsuit. Mr. Weiss said it was private property and they could do what they wanted as long as they were not violating laws. He added they may be in violation of their HUD agreement and could not say without seeing the agreement. He added they had tried on numerous occasions to contact them to address concerns and had gotten nowhere.

Commissioner Hinson said he also asked to put sidewalk in front of Havana Heights and he talked to Peavy and it was not part of their contract. Mr. Presnell said he could use part of his paving

fund to put sidewalk anywhere he wanted and they had worked up many estimates for him. Mr. Presnell added Peavy's bid was for asphalt and Commissioner Hinson was discussing concrete.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Curtis Young, Public Works Director, appeared before Board and said the engineer discussed it with him and they were working the sidewalk as a separate deal and would be bid out separate from the asphalt.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Hinson asked if it would cost more money being bid separately and was told yes. He said Peavy told him they could do it, he thought. Mr. Young said normally Peavy would sub it out to a concrete company. Commissioner Hinson said he was surprised no-one ever contracted him because normally the sidewalk was done first and then the repaving and Mr. Presnell said not necessarily and Mr. Young agreed. Commissioner Hinson responded they knew more about roads than he did.

Commissioner Hinson thanked the response team, County Administrator and staff on what they did with the hurricane situation.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

15. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss said he had nothing to report but was available for questions and there were none.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

16. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said he had no items.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Hinson on the job done during the storm by Public Works, the Administrative office and everyone else involved in the efforts.

Mr. Presnell said the Board has three generators and they are tested weekly and equipment was scattered throughout the County as staging areas for storms. Commissioner Taylor said she felt they need to have that known to other entities, the schools, Sheriff Department, etc.

She said she knew there were funds left over in the paving fund and was interested in recreation and asked if they could be used for recreation. Mr. Presnell said no, the funds were funded by gasoline tax dollars and was restricted to paving, striping, bridges, sidewalks, etc. She asked for the total amount that was left in District 5 and said she was having various meetings in the upcoming weeks to discuss the funds. Mr. Presnell said they were finishing up the third phase now and there would be a fourth phase if there was any money left over.

Chair Holt said her opinion was she was for looking at this by district, they have paving money for the County and she was not interested in going into the cities to do paving unless they were ready for work.

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie said if he recalled while they were on the subject of paving, there was a time he suggested contacting the City of Quincy to work with them to pave some streets that were inside the city and was told they were city roads and they could not use the county gasoline tax money to fix roads in the city. Mr. Weiss said they would potentially use gas tax money if they shared the jurisdictional responsibility of a road with a municipality.

Commissioner Viegbesie said earlier regarding Big Bend Transit, he suggested giving a commendation to Nick Brown for his exemplary defensive driving.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO RECOGNIZE NICK BROWN WITH A PLAQUE FOR DRIVING SO MANY MILES WITHOUT AN ACCIDENT OR INCIDENT.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he wanted to talk about the state of affairs regarding health; he asked they revisit the position of a health care coordinator and said they needed someone to effectively coordinate to help get the county healthier. He asked for the creation of a position with instruction to the County Administrator to prepare a job description and the document to be brought back to the board for approval. Mr. Weiss suggested since it was not an emergency, for the item to be placed on the agenda.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson thanked everyone that participated in helping citizens out with the storm.

He then asked if requests for bids had gone out for contracts that were up for bid. Mr. Presnell said there were several coming up, engineers would be on the next agenda, the Seniors contracts and competitive bids for professional services and they put the County Attorney off and added they had to delay until knew what the final budget was. Commissioner Hinson said he knew they had to renew the Waste Pro contract an additional five years because it never came to the Board and asked if they had looked at the rules to make sure everything was in line with the rules so there was no "oops". Mr. Presnell said several years ago there were issues with contracts and looked into how they were tracked and there were a couple of "oops" that ran over the date but felt they had a very good system to track now. He added there will be some that had run over the date but it was due to the budget.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said she would also like to publically thank everyone for things that were done to help during the storm.

Commissioner Hinson said he was not finished and said he asked how often the grass was cut and said he knew there was a delay with the storms. Mr. Presnell said there was a printed schedule and would send him a copy.

Chair Holt said they could always ask the Administrator and the Attorney questions before the

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meeting to get things out of the way and not hold the meeting up.

Receipt and File

UPCOMING MEETINGS

17. October 4, 2016-BOCC Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
October 18, 2016-BOCC Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

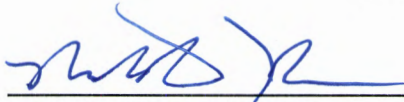
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:54 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA




BRENDA HOLT, Chair

ATTEST:



NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON OCTOBER 4, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.,
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1-arrived late
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag. A silent roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk, Marcella Blocker.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell said he would like to pull Item 11 from the Agenda.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Recognition of Mr. Nate Brown

Mr. Presnell said there was a presentation for Recognition of Mr. Nate Brown of Big Bend Transit. Mr. Shawn Mitchell appeared before the Board to accept the award on behalf of Nate Brown, who was running late.

Commissioner Hinson arrived at this juncture of the meeting.

2. Recognition of Gadsden County Public Works Participation and Support in the Get Going Gadsden Healthiest Weight Initiative

Dr. Adrian Cooksey-Wilson, DrPH, MPH, Health Officer, Gadsden County Health Department, appeared before the Board and said "Get Going Gadsden" continued to encourage healthy weight and eating habits through exercise and nutrition. She said there were nineteen teams that participated across the County and accounted for 369 participants and this year they doubled the weight loss total from 2015 and collectively lost a total of approximately 1,200 pounds from January 2016 through July 2016. She said the GC Board of County Commissioners led by the Public Works team lost a total of 141 pounds and presented them with a trophy.

Commissioner Hinson thanked the Health Department for their efforts and the Public Works Department for an outstanding job on their weight loss. He then said that four years ago he was

236 pounds and two weeks ago the doctor's office measured him and he was at 218 pounds. He said it was his goal four years ago to lose half a pound a month and had lost 18 pounds in four years.

3. Open Enrollment for Affordable Care Act Insurance Plans

Tomica Smith, Florida CHAIN, appeared before the Board and spoke about the open enrollment for the Affordable Healthcare Act Insurance plans. She said the open enrollment will start on November 1st and will end on January 31st. She said they would be in Quincy twice a month and would also be in Gretna, Chattahoochee and Havana. She said they also planned on attending large events to people could sign up.

Commissioner Morgan asked her if they discuss with people the prescription drug coverage as well and the impact that could have. She said yes and she explained.

Commissioner Hinson asked if there were any handouts.

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas was present and had nothing to report.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. August 2, 2016-Regular Meeting

5. Ratification to Pay County Bills

6. Central Receiving System Grant Application Support Letter for the Apalachee Center

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

GENERAL BUSINESS

7. Approval of Resolution 2016-022-Traffic Maintenance Agreement Attachment with the State of Florida Department of Transportation

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said was for approval of Resolution 2016-022 for the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement Attachment with the State of Florida Department of Transportation to fund the County \$11,742.00 for assistance with the Signal Light Agreement in Midway

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN FOR OPTION ONE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

8. Approval of Engineering Consulting Services for Gadsden County

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of one or more engineering firms to provide engineering consulting services for the County and Staff recommended the two already under contract.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A SECOND. CHAIR HOLT HAD QUESTIONS.

Chair Holt asked about Spectra that had applied. Mr. Presnell said this was not the first time Spectra Engineering had applied, when in looking at the scoresheets, they scored pretty close but when the evaluation committee totaled the points, Spectra was not in the top.

Commissioner Hinson asked about the light in Concord and said six to eight months ago the Board approved the traffic light there and was wondering why the light was not up yet.

Commissioner Viegbesie said in looking at the metrics and the cumulative evaluation form, DBP and Associates had a total of 96.5 points and Dewberry/Preble-Rish had a total of 95.5 and asked the rationale why the firm that scored 95.5 was recommended over the firm that scored 96.5. Mr. Presnell said DBP was ranked ahead of Dewberry/Preble-Rish and the two were currently under contract, based on their decision two years ago to go with two firms.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

9. Approval of Signatures for Special Assessment Liens-SHIP

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval and signatures for a special assessment lien for a CHIP Housing down payment and closing cost Assistance.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

10. Approval of Signatures for Special Assessments Liens and Rehabilitative Contract-SHIP

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval and signatures for a Special Assessment Lien and Rehabilitation contracts for the SHIP Housing Rehabilitation Program or Emergency Repair for the rehabilitation of a home.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

11. ~~Approval of the Renewal of the Contract with Con Techs Health & Safety to Provide Drug and Alcohol Screening Services and Training Services~~

Item pulled

12. Approval of Agreement with Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce Small Business Service Center

Mr. Presnell

"Item 12 seeks Board approval of the agreement with the Gadsden Chamber of Commerce Small

Business Service Center and the Gadsden County BOCC. “

Chair Holt

“OK, anyone here from the Chamber?”

David Gardner, Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Board.

Chair Holt

“Alright, tell us about your accomplishments.”

Mr. Gardner

“We did a presentation with a full report earlier, but we continue to take care of a tremendous amount of business opportunities, I think we are around 140 open files of folks that are trying to start businesses and I believe our job count is well over 100 now, I can get you the data around that. The reports we have given you has all the details on the accomplishments, the number of meeting, the programs that we have going on.”

Chair Holt

“OK, ah...”

Mr. Gardner

“We work very hard at it and...”

Chair Holt

“Ah, so, did you, were you able to get any businesses started, any up, who are they...”

Mr. Gardner

“We have a number that are opening right now with regard to specifics, I didn’t bring those particular businesses with me but you are going to see them very shortly downtown there are several, a couple in Havana, several in Chattahoochee that hare happening right now.”

Chair Holt

“You need to let everybody know David.”

Chair Holt

“Well, I wasn’t6, I thought he had already done the presentation around the specifics, but we can get you the list, you know...”

Commissioner Viegbesie

“Thank you Madam Chair. During the course of this current fiscal year, there were some questions that were asked and ah, I still need clarification on that question as to who is the contractor that we are signing with on this particular aspect on the agenda, the Chamber of Commerce or GCDC, because my understanding is the person who actually runs this Small Business Service Center is accountable to both of these agencies to have a collaborative effort with growing the small business sector of this community. I feel, I read through the contracts, maybe Mr. Attorney, maybe somewhere that I did not see who is the person responsible, who are they accountable to, is it the Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce or the Gadsden County Development Council.

Mr. Weiss

"The contract is not specific to a particular person; the contract is with the Chamber of Commerce to provide services under the Small Business Center Services program. It's not specific to a person in any way, shape or form. And the services that the Chamber is agreeing to provide in exchange for the funding are on the exhibits.

Commissioner Viegbesie

"Because the reason why I'm asking was, if I recall correctly, if my memory serves me right, there was a point that I think came through this body as to the payment of the Small Business Services provider, Mr. Rob Nixon, who also gets a check for services provided because he works with the GCDC. That's why I'm asking that question, if he works with both organizations and I think in the project that we have for GCDC, there is also some monies in it for small business services and if he is the Small Business Service provider and being paid by both. That is why I'm asking as to who is this contract with. Is this a separate aspect of the contract with the Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce and then we have another amount of monies with GCDC that is also a part of his services. That's all I'm, I mean this is fine with me, all I'm asking for is to get some clarity as to that issue because I (inaudible) at one point earlier on this year on this body.

Mr. Weiss

"Yes sir, there are two separate contracts; there's one with the Chamber and there is one with GCDC and neither of them are specific to any particular person, therefore sums of money provide economic development services and there, how that money is spent in terms of salary, wages, materials, education, you know, I mean, that's within the budgets for those organizations."

Chair Holt

"OK, Commissioner Hinson, you were next and then Commissioner Morgan."

Commissioner Hinson

"First of all, I want to thank the Chamber of Commerce for their..."

(Chair Holt's cell phone rings)

Commissioner Viegbesie

"Madam Chair..."

Chair Holt

"I know I turned it off, it doesn't like me. Go ahead, I'm sorry."

Commissioner Hinson

"Since I'm the Vice-Chair, Madam Chair, you can be excused."

Chair Holt

"I can? I would love to but they won't let me."

(laughter)

Commissioner Hinson

"Well, I want to personally thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the citizens in

Gadsden County personally and in my district as well, also throughout Gadsden County. Because even with some of the projects that I call you guys for, and I know you get sick and tired of me calling ya'll. I call ya'll sometimes at 9:00 at night time for some issues there and you guys already to help someone, so I must give you guys credit for that and ash, I think ya'll deserve whatever it is, maybe twice as much maybe for me aggravating you guys about the citizens here in Gadsden County, so I had a Pastor that was able to start up a daycare center and ya'll was able to jump right on in and give him I think \$10,000. Someone else got credit for it but the Chamber of Commerce was the one that really jumped out there and did that. So, I really thank ya'll for that. 'Preciate that."

Commissioner Morgan

"Thank you Madam Chair. David thanks for coming before us again tonight. I know tonight's item in my opinion is about the agreement itself, not about the presentations and those kind of things we saw earlier. I did review those as well as the four quarterly reports that were sent out and I appreciate that. I get them every time. I think it's important for us as a Board to remember it's not, as the Attorney was telling us, this is not between individuals, it's between the County and the in this case, the Chamber of Commerce to provide services to maintain and grow the small business services. It doesn't matter if Rob Nixon is there tomorrow or not, and I think he does a great job, they may even contract within the Chamber with someone else to provide the services. The issue is, are the services being performed and I think the evidence to that is in the reports that we have been presented. So I appreciate that, but there are several moving parts and pieces on that as well. The Chamber participates also in retention and growth of our existing businesses and many other efforts under a rather large umbrella, so it's all kind of a part of a piece in the pie. But this one is strictly between these two organizations and the next item we are going to be talking about a different agreement between a different organization. So it's not individuals, it's the organizations and the services that we are asking for in return for that sum of money. So, and again, I appreciate the information, I certainly support it. Thank you Madam Chair."

Chair Holt

"OK, thank you, and I got, it's the Clerk's fault. I'm just teasing about the phone, ah, because I just got a message from over there. But, what I want to say is, the \$40,000 what I'm looking for, you know, someone you gotta blame (laughing and looking at the Clerk)...But anyway, the \$40,000 I'm looking for if it's tied to anything, how to we, you know, I'll be asking the other group the same thing, if it's for business retention, how much is going towards that as opposed to business recruitment for small businesses."

Mr. Gardner

"Right, everything that I understand, the contract is related to small business support that may include some expansion, may include some retention, but for the most part it is entrepreneurial, you know, start-up of businesses. So, that's where our effort is and like I said, we keep files on each company or entity that we're working with, which the County certainly can look at. As lot of these situations involve very private matters and related..."

Chair Holt

"I understand, I just wanted to know about what we are putting towards each one so we, when we look at it on the ground what do we see. That's the type thing. But, thank you very much. We have a motion and a second for approval. All in favor?"

The Commissioners voted in approval of this matter by voice vote 5-0.

13. Economic Development Professional Services Contract

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was a related item and was for Board approval of the Economic Development professional services contract with the Gadsden County Development Council and the BOCC. He said this was for \$160,000 to provide economic development services and \$40,000 of that was also for small businesses.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR THE ADOPTION OF OPTION ONE AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

14. Approval of Mosquito Control Agreement with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and explained annually the Public Works Department must apply to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) for matching funds according to Florida Statutes Chapter 388.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Hinson asked if another driver had been added and Mr. Presnell said that had been done for the season and were utilizing existing Public Work employees to operate a second truck that they owned.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Chair Holt asked that they take a break to address speaker forms that she received late.

Mr. Wilcox, 1380 Hutchinson Ferry Road, Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board regarding issues in the community and how he felt regarding disabled youth. He said he was an Exceptional Student Ed teacher and was asking for support from the Board both socially as a Board and as individuals as he moved forward with trying to create opportunities for the disabled youth to enable them to be more involved in the community. Chair Holt suggested he get with the Manager to let him know of some ideas he might have and he could pass it on to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Hinson said it was interesting that he appeared before them during the month of October and it was Anti-bullying month. He pointed out that the Board set aside ten jobs for special needs students during the Summer Youth employment and thought what he was talking about was more character building, self-esteem and other things that could help them and then said he was not sure what he was trying to say, but knew where his heart was at and knew it was a great conversation they needed to hold.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked the name of the entity or organization he was working with and said it was a very commendable idea and said later on he would be asking to include in the agenda the creation of a position for a Director of Gadsden County Health and Human Services which

would include services for physically and mentally challenged children and individuals in the County. Mr. Wilcox said he was not a part of an actual organization but he was a school instructor and worked with them on a day-to-day basis and saw some of the things that were happening in the community that they were left out of.

Charles Roberts, Jr., 605 East Betlinet Drive, Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board and said he had recently retired from the Army and returned to Quincy. He added that he had been watching the Emergency Management Department and when Hermine came through, he watched things and his question was why there was not a dedicated staff for Emergency Management other than deputies outside of at the Sheriff's office and felt his mind was other places until something happens. He added that he felt the Deputy was distracted because if you visited the site, the documents and equipment was out of date, ranging from 2001 to 2014 and that some of the criteria within the documentation was out of date and FEMA no longer did that and some of the equipment, grants could easily be gotten for and he knew this from two days of research. Chair Holt explained the BOCC was over the Emergency Management and right now it was managed by the Sheriff's Department. She said they could not take action on things that come up like this; it would need to be agendaed.

He then asked when the Board would vote for applications for the other committees. Chair Holt said they have asked for people to apply and keep an inventory for when there were vacancies.

15. County Administrator's Contract

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of an extension of the County Administrator's contract. He added that on September 20th, the Board discussed the issue and staff was instructed to bring back options.

Commissioner Hinson said he was the one that asked to bring this item back for them to look at it and make a decision. He then asked the attorney if there were any issues or if there were any changes. Mr. Weiss said it was an extension of the existing contract and there were no changes with the exception of the dates.

He personally thanked the Board for listening to him and felt they could go ahead with option 1.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was actually the one that suggested it be extended for one year but was concerned they had not received a succession plan showing a timeline that coincided with the end of the date of October 2017 to show a smooth transition and unless that was in place, they still "will be kicking the can" in 2017. He added that Mr. Lawson was no longer with the County to fill in as Interim and they now had the Administrator, who was doing a good job, but someone needed to come in when he left. He further stated it did not matter how long it was extended, but one year was better than six months. He asked how the County would move forward and how did they go from the end of his service to a new administrator.

Mr. Presnell said he sent information to them today and it laid out exactly what Commissioner Viegbesie had been talking about since day one. He further stated he received the information from the Florida Association of County Managers and that Vince Long was no longer President and the lady that has taken over for Mr. Long said they were willing to help for \$5,000.

Chair Holt said when they discussed this matter two years ago, she suggested they contact the

Association of Counties and they would look at the whole state and advertise throughout the whole country.

Commissioner Hinson said he was not sure Gadsden County went by kinship, friendship, relationship too much and wondered when they would start hiring people from Havana and Midway and was not fair for citizens of Gadsden County to apply for jobs and not get the jobs.

Commissioner Morgan said the email from the Administrator was what they had before them from Mr. Long months ago. He said the majority of this Board put them in the position they were in today.

Graves Williams, 1960 Solomon Dairy Road, Quincy, FL appeared before the Board and said in listening to their comments they were on spot with how he felt. He added they could not hire someone off the street and they do a good job, there needed to be a plan in place. He added that he agreed with Commissioner Morgan and that they ought to keep Mr. Presnell for as long as he was willing to stay but agreed there needed to be a succession plan in place. He also said they could not hire someone off the street because it was a complicated job.

George Hackney, 1020 Dogwood Drive, Quincy, FL appeared before the Board. He said there were applicants that met the criteria for medical marijuana, they applied and received a call on November 23, 2015 that they were selected for Northwest Florida and had to have the building done in 75 days. He said Leon County told him and his partners there was no way they could get things done in the timeframe needed. They called Robert Presnell and things got done and they were first ones in the State to be dispensing and it was because of Mr. Presnell. He said he agreed with everything Graves Williams said and wanted to reemphasize the help received from Robert Presnell when he worked at Water Management and he helped to show him the way.

Mr. Williams re-appeared before the Board and said he had heard them talk about bringing new businesses to the County and they definitely needed to support the old-line businesses that have been here forever.

Commissioner Viegbesie said with the email he just received from the Administrator, he was ready to make a motion.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1 TO EXTEND THE ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT FOR AN ADDITION YEAR. SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan said they could keep the Manager and he could hire an assistant and when it came time to fill the Manager position, the Assistant could apply if qualified for the position. He added that he heard from prior discussion, they have an employee that was in the Florida Retirement System and in the DROP, why not offer him the opportunity to serve until his DROP ended.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

16. Review and Approval of the 2017 Legislative Priorities

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was a review and approval of the County's 2017 Legislative Priorities.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had taken time in looking over the priorities and this was an improvement to one they had previously and they were getting better. He then asked about the bridge replacement on County Road 159 at the Attapulugus Creek and thought it was funded and due to be started in 2018.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Presnell said it was in the five year work plan and were requesting for funds to be appropriated for construction this session.

Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION 1, SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

17. Commission Appointment/Reappointment to Inmate Commissary and Welfare Funds Committee

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for the Board to appoint or reappoint one Commissioner to serve on the Committee to oversee the Inmate Commissary and Welfare Funds for the Gadsden County Jail for the provision of inmate programs and services.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER GENE MORGAN TO SERVE AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

18. Appointment to the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority (QGAA)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to appoint Mr. Clifford Hill as one of the Gadsden County representatives to the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

19. Approval of Translator/Interpreter Contract for the Probation Department

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval for the translator/interpreter contract for the Probation Division.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR OPTION 1 AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

20. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said he had a few items:

The DEO Representative and the Enterprise Florida Representative would be present on November 15th for a presentation to the Board;

Some of the Commissioners had mentioned striping issues and the bid was going out and the third phase of the paving bid;

He informed them the Concord traffic light was bid and they received two bids and was on the next agenda for them to award the actual construction contract and said the project came in a little under budget. Commissioner Hinson asked when the light would be ready to go and Mr. Presnell asked Justin Ford to come forward.

Justin Ford, Preble-Rish, appeared before the Board and said they were on track for December and would be on the agenda in two weeks. He added there was nothing out of the ordinary with any of the equipment and realistically expected them to be out of there on-site to start the construction and believed they had 45 days to complete the installation of the light.

Commissioner Hinson said it was interesting because he was talking to some citizens about this and asked if it took nine months to put the light up. Mr. Ford told him no, he was asked in April to start the design of the project. Commissioner Hinson asked questions. Mr. Ford said from April, they advertised it in September and that was five months; the first 2½ months they were bogged down in trying to communicate with the original company that installed the light 5-6 years ago. Commissioner Hinson interrupted and said he was sensitive about that because too many people have been in car accidents and this was not political and to play politics and prolong the situation, he hoped no-one would be killed by December. He added he did not think it should take someone 10 months to put up a light and asked if there were proof it took that long. Mr. Ford explained there was a due process and they had to prepare the necessary plans, documents, and the bidding process. He said it could have been done faster but they were attempting to save money and were ultimately able to do so. Commissioner Hinson said "I love the firm, if it weren't for your boss, personally, I got much respect for him. I'm just being as honest, if I mean, it just, it just that, the people man, they are frustrated in Concord in knowing how why this process is taking so long, 10 months, to put up one light. If the light breaks down in Tallahassee now, I mean, from a hurricane or whatever, you gonna have the light up within a couple of weeks, couple of months and so now you gonna tell me it gonna take 10 months to put up one light? That's far-fetched. But the sad thing is we got Board members sit back and act like there ain't nothing going on. We got people there that, I mean I have almost ran down the road myself about 2-3 times. I'm talking about me. If I know it's dangerous for me, then it's dangerous for everybody. I just hope we stop playing politics man and it shouldn't take another 2 months for this here to go on and ah, so, how long, how long will y'all think this might go. What are you forecasting now, what you think?"

Mr. Ford said they were completely out of the way of the scenario now.

Commissioner Hinson interrupted and said he along with everyone else in his district was frustrated. He said they had budgeted \$112,000 in April and asked Mr. Presnell for a timeline of when this project started.

Mr. Ford asked to "defend" himself and said that project had been his project and assured

Commissioner Hinson there had been no politics involved. Commissioner Hinson tried to interrupt and Chair Holt asked him to let Mr. Ford finish. Commissioner Hinson started to interrupt again and Chair Holt said he had asked him a question, to let him finish. Mr. Ford said standard process with any contract was it was awarded, it is executed that night, the next day the contract documents were issued the next day to the Contractor, they prepare their bid documents and bond documents, they were sent back to the County, and once they have the necessary bond information and insurance in hand, the Notice to Proceed is prepared and it is submitted. He added it was not the standard practice but to expedite the process, they could notify the apparent low bidder of the intent to award and let them at their own risk, start the process of securing the bonds and provide the insurance to the County so they could more expeditiously issue the Notice to Proceed and that would shave a couple of weeks off the process.

Mr. Presnell said he would like to meet with the Contractor after the Board awarded it.

Chair Holt asked Mr. Presnell to pull minutes from the date of the request and do a timeline from then until now to satisfy the Commissioner as to what happened.

Mr. Ford said he was willing to hold a community meeting to do what he could, there was nothing to hide.

Commissioner Taylor said to Commissioner Hinson she heard what he said and asked Mr. Ford if there were any kind of apparatus that could go there in the meantime to caution traffic and said she was aware there was a big sign there. Mr. Ford said yes they would put advance warning signs but the problem was there was a caution light and speed limit signs but people were not obeying the traffic laws that were currently in place, they were speeding and not coming to a stop. He added that all those factors in place resulted in the accidents and it was a dangerous intersection.

Commissioner Hinson said with the North-South (red caution light side) maybe bigger speed bumps could be placed there. Mr. Ford said if they put rumble strips there, they could stay after the light was installed.

Sidewalk contract Mr. Presnell said he met with the engineer and the Public Works Director regarding the sidewalk in Havana Heights and it would be in the paper Thursday and the bid would be opened two weeks from Thursday and would be awarded two weeks after that.

Commissioner Viegbesie said a citizen called him just before the meeting regarding a construction code enforcement violation at a structure on Neals Temple Church & county response to the complaint made had been slow. He requested that the issue be resolved as expeditiously and thoroughly as possible. Mr. Presnell said he was familiar with it; there was a wheelchair ramp issue at the Church; the Building Code staff inspected and was found to be non-compliant and had been corrected. He added it was also found there was a person doing sheetrock work inside the church was not regulated by the county. Mr. Collins said there were still some things that needed to be rectified; the ramp was rectified but there was a landing at the front door that had to be widened and was concrete so more concrete would need to be poured. Commissioner Viegbesie asked if the citizen had been given an update as to where the concerns were and how things were progressing so they would know what needed to be done.

Mr. Presnell said he and the Chair had been discussing a minority small business policy or program

for the Board and was instructed to see what Leon County had and he passed that out to the Commissioners and the attorney could tell them how it could be addressed.

Chair Holt added this was looking at minority contracting and sub-contracting and there was no policy in place and they needed to have something in place.

Mr. Weiss said it he and Mr. Presnell had discussed this and the Procurement Policy could be amended to address it. He added that due to the Equal Protection constitutional concerns, one thing they had to do before they started giving preferences to minorities was to have a study done where there were specific findings to show that this was needed to redress an issue.

Chair Holt asked him to produce any statute or opinion in writing and wanted it agendaed to look at.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

21. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss said he had nothing to report but was available for questions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

22. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan wanted to bring to the Board and said the Administrator could address, he received a call a few days ago regarding a serious issue on the West end of the County regarding communication with firefighters due to the lack of adequate equipment, namely a need for a repeater so they could communicate when they were responding to calls. He added it was critically important and was hoping they could get it addressed immediately. Mr. Presnell said he had a meeting earlier this morning with Motorola and Fire Services as well as EMS and was aware of the incident that happened the other day with the lp gas tank. He said after talking with Fire Services and EMS, there was a serious ambulance communication problem as well and had been forever. Motorola was checking to see what the cure would be and they were working up an estimate and would involve a replacement of a repeater and after talking with them, they may want to replace the main repeater on the tower at the Jail as well to boost coverage. He added the price was not bad for what they would gain and he would have a proposal in the near future.

Commissioner Morgan then said he had heard this mentioned before and thought it was resolved; someone mentioned at the Mt. Pleasant Fire Station there was a problem with getting trucks in and out due to the pavement not being adequate or needed to be paved.

Chair Holt asked Mr. Presnell if he could get the volunteers and regular departments to do an inventory of equipment, age of, etc., to see what was there and what may need to be replaced.

Mr. Robinson appeared before the board again and said this fits into what he spoke of earlier regarding Emergency Management. He said the new equipment that FEMA or any entity would bring would not fit most of the volunteer equipment, especially the HAZMAT equipment. He added that Motorola could grant them one instead of the County buying one and added that he had worked with them before. He further stated they could grant several small ones to triangulate

the area so there would be more coverage.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor said there were two issues she wanted to bring up:

Commissioner Morgan left the meeting at this juncture.

She said the first was the Emergency Management; she has had concerns about it and did have a conversation with him after the last meeting and was impressed. She felt it was worthwhile looking into and bringing it back to board for further discussion. She said there were some areas that needed to be improved on and she was strongly in support of moving forward and improving the areas that needed improving.

She said she must have missed part of the budget workshop and stated when she received a phone call that they did not fund the local shuttle, she was not aware of it. She added she was unaware if they had all the information before they did that and in talking with the director at Big Bend, the ridership had increased almost 500 persons a month. She added when they stopped that, they stopped commerce with the 500 riders. She added she knew the Administrator had reached out to the City of Quincy and asked the Board if it was a closed subject in continuing the shuttle or was it because the City of Quincy was not investing and they decided to also not invest.

Chair Holt explained when the issue came up, it was that they were funding inside the City of Quincy and not the other towns and if they were going to fund it, then the City should help fund it and the bottom line was the vote was 4-0.

Mr. Presnell said he met with the City Manager and was told it would be placed on their next agenda.

Commissioner Taylor said they were in agreeance that the Shuttle went to other municipalities and Chair Holt and Mr. Presnell said it used to. Commissioner Taylor said the Shuttle for \$50,000 was strictly for the City of Quincy and they responded yes. Commissioner Taylor asked if she could speak with Shawn Mitchell, Big Bend Transit Director.

Shawn Mitchell appeared before Board. Commissioner Taylor asked him for some of the dynamics and locations and which shuttle went to the municipalities. Mr. Mitchell said for the record it was \$44,000 was what was budgeted. He added they did fairs less collected and totally the \$44,000 the Board approved comes out to roughly \$37,500 that was actually paid. He added they had three routes for fixed route service; Gadsden Express, Quincy Shuttle and the Gadsden Connector and the Board had always supported all of them. He added that the issue they were running into, people coming from Midway, when they come into Quincy, the way they would get to the Health Department, Walmart or paying property taxes or going to the Courthouse, they access that through the Shuttle. He added that the Gadsden Connector that was in Greensboro, Chattahoochee, St. Hebron, Havana, Gretna, they all ride the Gadsden Connector into Quincy and get on the circular to do their commerce within the City. He said when they took out the Shuttle, it crippled the entire system and it did not work. He also added that the contract expired September 30th and they had put together a transportation app for the fixed routes so citizens could know where the bus was, what the next stop was. He stated there were investments he wanted to make for bigger buses but was hard for him to do so when every year he had to worry about funding. He

also said he did not stop the shuttle, it was currently running and he did not want to let people down.

Commissioner Hinson apologized to Commissioner Taylor because he did not have clarity. He added if he had known that September 30th was the last day, he would have made a different decision. He suggested it be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Anthony “Dr. V” Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie said Mr. Alfonso Figgers contacted him to make a request for Shaw Quarters Day; that they would be hosting Shaw Quarters Day and asked if the Board could provide them with some sort of financial assistance. Mr. Presnell said it had to be an event that the entire public would benefit from. Commissioner Viegbesie then asked that every Board member make a contribution. Commissioner Viegbesie asked that they include in the next agenda an action item with regard to approving the establishment or creation of a position of the Director of Gadsden County Health and Human Services in the next BOCC agenda. He asked if he needed to make a motion and Mr. Presnell said it was already on the agenda.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson said he was reading something from the Pastors that Gadsden County did not make any contributions to the health of Gadsden County. He said he wanted to make sure they received the right information, that they put \$135,000 into the budget for the Health Department and they did make contributions. Mr. Presnell clarified that they put in \$800,000 to help pay for peoples Medicaid. Commissioner Hinson added he was in favor of the position Commissioner Viegbesie spoke of but wanted to make sure they “were feeding the people so when they went out, they received the right information.

Commissioner Viegbesie said one reason in creating this position was because the services and things they were involved with was so fragmented and there was no-one bringing them all together.

Commissioner Hinson said there had been a lot of houses that had burnt down, one in Hampton Heights, another situation in Havana the house burnt to the ground also and a community fish dinner was planned for a fundraiser and plates were selling for \$8.00 a plate on October 7th starting at 2:00 p.m.

He then asked when the roads would be completed around Brickyard Road and Mr. Presnell said he thought there was only one road left in Commissioner Hinson’s district. Commissioner Hinson said he was speaking of Brickyard Road that would be around \$900,000. Mr. Presnell said they had been working on it, the temporary road had been put in for the barns and they were close to closing on the property.

He then asked if there was any way since they were building around Midway that they could connect their septic tanks and Chair Holt said that was their number one priority on their legislative agenda.

Commissioner Hinson then asked about the lights on Martin Luther King Blvd and Mr. Presnell said he had sent the estimates, two different options, to him. Commissioner Hinson asked when they could get going and Mr. Presnell said they needed to discuss the options and the prices.

Commissioner Hinson had more questions and Chair Holt interrupted him and suggested he and the Administrator sit down and discuss these items and proposals. Commissioner Hinson then said he was told by his Mom she watched the video and saw a man making a face and a Reverend told him that every time he talked they were making faces and Commissioner Hinson said "No, not people with Ph.Ds. there making faces, I said Wow, that's interesting. So the deal is, when you on a board make sure you have good proper etiquette because people looking at you and we represent the kids here in Gadsden County and we cannot show them bad examples on our reactions."

He then thanked the Board for working together.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said regarding the Emergency Management she wanted to reiterate they chose the Sheriff and they could choose anyone. She said they also had to remember the State Association gives workshops on Emergency Management all the time and they do tell everyone there are grants that could be applied for.

She said Commissioner Hinson had made comments about people watching the videos and comments had been made to her regarding the commissioners leaving early and coming late.

Airport Authority She said they were looking to address them with a letter and said the City and the County owned the airport and they needed to look at what they do and how it was a benefit to the County.

She thanked NACo for appointing her to the Health and Human Services Committee and the Rural County Committee. She said they provide proposals and suggestions on the national level to the US Senate, House and recommendations also to the White House.

She said when they did the tour with GCDC they saw things going on and they needed to do that again with Chamber and the Economic Development Council.

Commissioner Hinson thanked Brother Wilcox and said he had great ideas and would like him to put something together and meet as board maybe in a workshop and discuss his ideas.

Emergency Management-look at moving them into building-maybe do workshop

Receipt and File

- 16. a. Letter from FDLE
- b. Letter from DEO

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 17. **October 18, 2016-Regular Meeting**

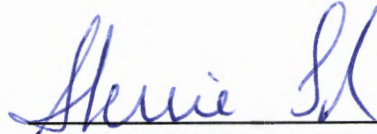
MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
October 4, 2016-Regular Meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:29 P.M.

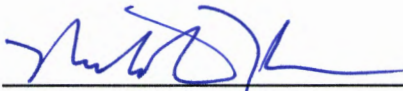
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA



SHERRIE D. TAYLOR, Chair
Board of County Commissioners



ATTEST:



NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON OCTOBER 18, 2016 AT 6:00
P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1-arrived late
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., then asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. Silent roll call was conducted by Deputy Clerk, Marcella Blocker.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Recognition of Mrs. Emily Rowan for her years of service on the Library Commission

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for recognition of Mrs. Emily Rowan for her years of service on the Gadsden County Library Commission. Chair Holt asked Mrs. Rowan if she would like to have her plaque presented with Mr. Rowan or if she would like it done separately. Mrs. Rowan said however it pleased the Board.

Mrs. Emily Rowan and Mr. Frank Rowan appeared before the Board and Chair Holt read the Plaque aloud and presented it to Mrs. Rowan. Mrs. Rowan had a few words to say.

2. Recognition of Mr. Frank Rowan for his years of service on the Planning Commission

Chair Holt read the Plaque aloud and presented it to Mr. Frank Rowan.

Commissioner Hinson appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas was present and had a few words to say. He thanked the Chair for her words at an earlier meeting and said he took it to heart and appeared before the Legislature and spoke. He said while they did not act on his request they did acknowledge there were changes that needed to be made.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

3. Ratification to Pay County Bills

4. Approval of Minutes

a. August 16, 2016-Regular Meeting Minutes

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Charles Roberts, Jr. 605 Betlinet, Quincy, FL-School activities/ trade, appeared before the Board and said there was a bunch of paving projects on the agenda and wondered if while things were going on if students attending GTI could observe and learn a trade in real-life time.

Mr. Presnell said they realized the need in the county and was working on it.

Chair Holt said Mr. Roberts had good ideas and he might be interested in serving.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

GENERAL BUSINESS

5. Concord Road Traffic Signal-Bid Award

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was before the Board to award the bid of the Concord Traffic light to Ingram Signalization, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$95,311.27. He said this project was to install a new traffic light at the intersection of Highway 157/Highway 12 in the Concord community.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

6. McDonald Ave Sidewalk-Bid Award

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to award the bid of the McDonald Avenue sidewalk in Chattahoochee to SandCo, LLC, the low bidder, in the amount of \$290,108.00 and for authorization for staff to negotiate scope and fee reductions to bring the project within the available construction budget. He said it was a LAP project that was awarded to the City of Chattahoochee but the Board was administering the grant for them because the County was the only one LAP certified.

Commissioner Viegbesie made a motion to approve option 1 of this item.

Mr. Weiss said he wanted to make sure it clear on what was being approved; they were not approving execution of the documents attached to the agenda item.

Mr. Presnell explained they were seeking approval to negotiate with the apparent low bidder because if they could not get the project to the grant amount appropriated by the State it was dead.

Mr. Weiss said he was trying to make sure they were not approving the contract documents and

authorizing execution of the contract documents because then they had a contract in the amount of \$290,000. He further said if he understood the agenda item correctly, what the options were that was not what they were doing but it was confusing when looking at the documents and wanted to make sure things were clear.

Justin Ford, Dewberry/Preble-Rish, appeared before the board to explain. He said when the bids were received, the project was over-budget; they reached out to the State to see if there were any additional funds available and there was not. He asked the State if they could negotiate the contract and was told no; by Federal regulations that are associated with LAP dollars, they could not negotiate prior to awarding the contract. He explained they award to the low bidder and then can negotiate and if are able to get within budget, they could move forward. He further explained in other Counties, they issue the Notice of Award but not execute the Agreement or the Notice to Proceed; notify the contractor of the county's intent to award, and then they could formally negotiate. He said they had already identified the necessary cost-savings; already sent the revised concept to FDOT for their approval in the event this moved forward and they were OK with it. He assured them if they moved forward with it, they would get it within budget but could not formally negotiate with the contractor until it was awarded.

Chair Holt read aloud Option 1 and was approving the bid.

Mr. Weiss said they could approve the award of the bid to the apparent low bidder.

Commissioner Viegbesie suggested adding to approve notice of award to the low bidder contingent to everything else. Mr. Ford said that would be sufficient and they had done the homework and knew everything was in place but could not formally do that until it was awarded.
UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO APPROVE THE NOTICE OF AWARD OF THE BID TO SANCO, LLC AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE COST SAVING MEASURES WITH THE CONTRACTOR TO BRING THE PROJECT WITHIN BUDGET AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, COMMISSIONER TAYLOR HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Taylor asked since the contract was not detailed would it come back before them and Mr. Ford said yes, he would prefer to bring this matter back and the change order would come back.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

7. McPhaul Road Paving-Bid Award

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to award the bid of the McPhaul Road paving project to Peavy & Son Construction Company, the low apparent bidder, in the amount of \$325,094.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

8. Appointment to the Gadsden County Planning Commission for an Unexpired Term in District 3

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said Commissioner Morgan had submitted Libby Henderson's name to replace Mr. Frank Rowan on the Gadsden County Planning Commission.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Commissioner Morgan thanked Mr. Frank Rowan for his service on the Board and said he had been a loyal member and his service was very much appreciated.

9. Appointment to the Library Commission

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said Ms. Jill Williams name was submitted by Commissioner Morgan. Commissioner Morgan said both Mr. and Mrs. Rowan were very involved in the community and she had made a positive impact on the board and Mrs. Rowan had spent well over an hour with Ms. Williams and in doing so, Ms. Williams felt very comfortable in stepping into the role and would be an excellent addition.

Commissioner Hinson asked if each commissioner had an appointment or if it came from the Board. Mr. Presnell said each commissioner historically picked one for the Board and there was an at-large member.

Tabitha Washington, Director of Library Services, appeared before the Board and said typically each commissioner would choose someone from their district.

Commissioner Hinson asked if that was in the Statutes or the rules and said he was yet to pick someone. Chair Holt said normally each district has appointed one and Commissioner Hinson asked if they could look at the Statutes. Mr. Presnell said it was a County Ordinance and Commissioner Hinson asked to look at the Ordinances. Mr. Weiss said the Ordinance stated that all members were appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and were chosen for interest in Public Library service and he was unsure historically what the practice had been. Chair Holt asked Ms. Washington if one was appointed from each district currently and she said yes.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

10. Approval of Non-Profit/Human Services Funding Agreement to Provide Services for Midway Seniors for FY 2016-2017

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the 2016/2017 Non Profit/Human Services Funding Agreement for services for Midway Seniors to one of two groups, but added that since the agenda item was written, Helping Hands of North Florida, Inc. had asked to be removed. The group before them for approval was Lamb's Temple Resource Ministries, Inc.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

11. Transportation Agreement Between Gadsden County BOCC and Big Bend Transit, Inc. to Provide the Quincy Shuttle Bus Service from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this item was back before them as requested and was for Board approval of the Quincy Shuttle Service between Gadsden County BOCC and Big Bend Transit and for authorization for the Chairperson to sign. He added he did meet with the City of Quincy, they discussed it at their last City Commission meeting and did not vote to take action. He

added the City Manager was instructed to bring back an action item for the Commission with several options for the funding. He said there was interest in doing so but there was a logistics problem with the shuttle service. He further stated the Board had budgeted for the funding and if they choose to do so, they could approve it and bill the City.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO FUND THE PROGRAM AND NEXT YEAR IN BUDGET START DISCUSSION TO INCLUDE MUNICIPALITIES. SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE.

Commissioner Morgan said he felt this would set terrible precedence in doing this, City of Quincy should pay part of the funding of service and he thanked BBT for picking up services. He added he was but sure the reason City of Quincy was not participating but felt it was not a very good business decision and felt they were "opening up a can of worms". He urged them to hold off and felt they should push back on the taxpayer dollars funding something that should out of the City of Quincy budget. He added he had no issues with anyone of that Board but they should have some skin in the game regarding the service.

Commissioner Hinson echoed what Commissioner Morgan said but due to the urgency, he felt they needed to give people time along with the City of Quincy and did not want to stop traffic. He added they need to let people know months in advance of what was happening.

Commissioner Morgan asked why not give a 30 day extension and pay that part of it and give the City of Quincy an opportunity to participate and would give them notice and time and keep the services running.

Chair Holt said that was a business and was not sure about a 30 day extension because of the contract.

Mr. Presnell said the City commission had a discussion about recreation and County residents using recreation and Mr. Presnell said the County could apply the same concept to library services or bus services that the County funded throughout the County. He said the City Manager's recommendation and some of the Commissioners were to try to find it in the budget, bring back an action item and to see if they could get the vote for a portion of it or the full \$18,000.

Commissioner Morgan pointed out that once they committed to the funding that would end the discussion.

Chair Holt said when they had the joint meeting with the City of Quincy, they were asked for their concerns at that meeting and that was not a valid argument on the citizens or children in the County using City facilities because they pay a higher fee but the concern was how they could work together. She said if they were considering doing that, approving a six month budget would not hurt.

Commissioner Viegbesie called for action on the item.

THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

12. Approval of the Inter-local Agreement with the City of Chattahoochee for Animal Control Services

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Chattahoochee for Animal Control Services.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

13. Appointment/Reappointment to Serve as Gadsden County's Representative on the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for an appointment or re-appointment to serve as the Chairperson of the Gadsden County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and to select an alternate. He added that Commissioner Hinson had chaired the Board in the past.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR COMMISSIONER HINSON TO CONTINUE TO SERVE, SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER MORGAN AS THE ALTERNATE, SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

14. Renewal of the Contract with Con-Techs Health & Safety to Provide Drug and Alcohol Screening Services and Training Services

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to renew the services contract with Con-Techs Health and Safety to provide drug and alcohol screening services as well as training services to the County.

Commissioner Hinson asked if everything was legal and Mr. Weiss responded it was actually an extension and was the Board's pleasure if they wished to extend it one more years.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

15. Approval of the Position Description for a County Health Coordinator

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said as directed Staff had prepared a position description for a County Health Care Coordinator and was before the Board for direction or approval.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had no problem in approving the job description since there was no costs involved but suggested the title be changed to Health Care and Human Services Coordinator position because that was more in line with Item 10 that was on the agenda that they just funded for the Non-Profit Human Services which had to do with Seniors and to add that the Administrator assign a position number.

Chair Holt said they were looking for someone in this position to gather data on the healthcare providers, inventory what we have, come up with a plan to do what was best for the County, increase the standing in the ratings and help improve health care of county. She added she was

not sure they could do that AND what Commissioner Viegbesie had mentioned.

Commissioner Viegbesie said when they first discussed this position, he was looking at with regards to the job description was a person to coordinate indigent care programs, Medicare reimbursement programs, which were all educational aspects of the community and did not think it was too much for a coordinator position. He added they needed to create it and approve the job description and if it needed modifications, let the Administrator modify it.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JOB POSITION WITH MODIFICATIONS IF NEEDED. CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND.

Commissioner Taylor said she was not supporting this item tonight. She said she did talk with Dr. Cooksey and based on that conversation, Dr. Cooksey was interested in having discussions with the Board to see if it could be implemented through her department because she had the entire health department that could help. Commissioner Taylor said she saw the need ,but asking one person to take on responsibilities that was outlined and the additional tasks tacked on by Commissioner Viegbesie, felt it was unattainable and next to impossible. She suggested before they moved on this item, they talk with the Health Department Director.

Charles Morris, 23201 Blue Star Highway, Quincy, FL, appeared before the Board. He said with United Gadsden they had a series of candidate forums and the first two questions asked were concerning health care and what could be done to address the negative statistics. He stated that on the County website it stated they were interested in approving the quality of life and if something different was not done, they would continue to get the same results. He expressed his disappointed in the last meeting he attended because all three commissioners that answered the question in different ways voted against some measure to try to increase the health of the County and if they did not do something now, there was a guarantee the County will be 67th again. He suggested that they needed one person to coordinate and oversee everything and the County had total control over the position.

Commissioner Morgan said he appreciated the remarks from the Pastor but disagreed with some of them. He added there was no-one on the Board that did not want to see improvement in the current health care rankings. He said he had no problem in redirecting some needed funds if they prioritized that as a Board and take money they were spending in other ways that were less important and put it in this position, but was not in favor of creating a position description for a potential new employee that there was no budget funding yet. He said he did feel it was something worth looking at and needed to have all the players at table to discuss this.

Commissioner Viegbesie said it was very pertinent to understand this position did not duplicate what Dr. Cooksey did; that she was the Executive Director of the Health Department and was not an employee of the County and did not answer to the Board. He added that the County needed to uphold our role and responsibilities with regards to the health and human services for the citizens of the county and not to make a political campaign of this matter.

Commissioner Hinson said this was interesting, when he first started as a Commissioner, he asked to increase the budget and it was increased from \$50,000 to \$135,000 and he believed in health and was committed in helping people, but also believed in being strategic. He added that the BOCC had put a lot of money into healthcare. He pointed out that according to Mr. Presnell and

the Budget Director, they put in \$810,000 into Medicaid, and with Indigent Services, they had put in \$50,000; They had given Capital Medical We Care Network \$5,000, Primary Care Services \$50,000, the Health Department \$135,000 for a total of \$1 Million, then to add in the surtax, He listed other and said it totaled \$2.4 Million. He added he was a champion for the people and that was the reason he fought to increase healthcare.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he glad that Commissioner Hinson listed all the services that were being provided, but the services were fragmented and there was no-one putting them all together and that was what this position would do. He added they have had a Florida Department of Health Executive Director here and there were still problems and was very disproportioned and needed someone to be able to pool the monies being spent so they were centralized and coordinated. He added the motion was to approve the job description; it did not approve the hiring of putting someone in that position. He said he hoped it was approved by this body so they could put the framework in place to better improve the quality of the healthcare with the County.

Chair Holt said she felt each person was concerned about health care and the reason she argued for the position was they needed a coordinator to pull everything together. She said all she was saying was there was a need for one person not under any group to work with the group and look at the information, inventory the groups and report to the BOCC and have accountability. She further stated she asked Dr. Cooksey and was told it was a lot for the Health Department to do. She further added this was an opportunity for them to do something. She added they were paid to be there, working two days a month and they should stop letting people come in here and take advantage of the elderly, handicapped, sick and the children in the County.

Commissioner Hinson asked Mr. Presnell if there was news regarding infant mortality and Mr. Presnell said as the Board directed and in their priorities at the retreat, that was one of their highest options and they started working with the Dr. Jessie Furlow Center to begin delivering babies and providing prenatal care, etc. He said based on the immediate health care needs of the constituents; would they better support health or utilizes the funding for transportation to increase the accessibility, marketing of current resources available in the County to increase awareness, etc. He said it was not about a person, but they needed to make the community aware of the programs that were available. He further stated they were talking about paying someone \$100,000 to be a Coordinator, and once they do a retreat and understand the need, they could put \$20,000 into marketing and let people know what was available in the County.

Chair Holt said the person would not be receiving \$100,000, if they hire an employee they had to pay health care, retirement, etc. She then read off essential duties and responsibilities. She said they were giving money to the entities but they were not required to show it was how spent.

Commissioner Taylor said if they put in a position, eventually they would fund it. She asked Commissioner Hinson to stay where he was so they could get more people on the ground to help make this happen and be able to get more people involved.

Commissioner Hinson said a lot of folks don't know what services were available and felt they needed to move quickly and felt they needed to have a retreat. Chair Holt said she had no problem with having a retreat, approve the position and then they could have a retreat.

Commissioner Hinson said if there were hiccups about things, maybe they needed to have a

workshop before deciding.

Chair Holt said there was a motion and second on the floor and Commissioner Morgan asked that it be restated.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO APPROVE A HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION DESCRIPTION AND AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ASSIGN A JOB NUMBER TO IT AND SECOND MADE BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 2-3 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONERS MORGAN, HINSON AND TAYLOR OPPOSED THE MOTION. MOTION FAILED.

16. Approval and Signature for Satisfaction Assessment Lien Dated September 26, 2013 against Lula Mae Zanders

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval and signature to satisfy a \$250.00 Special Assessment lien that was agreed upon by the homeowner and the BOCC.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

17. Approval of the Florida Association of County Managers Consulting Agreement

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the Florida Association of County Managers Consulting Agreement and to authorize the Chair to sign.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR. BEFORE THE VOTE, COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan asked the Administrator if the basic services referred to by Mr. Long were included and Mr. Presnell said basically yes, with the exception the County would be making copies and paying for some of the advertisements.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

18. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said the Annual Report was in front of them, they were aware of one typo and it would be corrected.

He mentioned the Trunk and treat coming up at the Courthouse on Sunday, October 30th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and they were sponsoring.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if the Trunk and Treats was being sponsored by the County, did it involve them helping to pass out treats or sponsoring candy. Mr. Presnell said the Board was encouraged to attend, it was a good thing for the community, and was in conjunction with the City; there would be a fire truck and ambulance there. Commissioner Viegbesie asked if there was somewhere to get money to purchase the candy or was there a need for a motion for \$300.00 to purchase it. Mr. Presnell said that amount would be sufficient. Commissioner Viegbesie asked if

they needed to make a motion. Mr. Presnell said could be done under the ordinance similar to monies used at ribbon-cutting but would feel better if it were in a motion.

Commissioner Taylor said she was concerned because some of this group may be politically involved with the elections and had no problem in treating the children but when it came to spending taxpayer dollars, it needed to be agendaed and to go outside of that, they were treading on their own rules they needed to abide by. She said she was willing to contribute to the children, have no problem with that, but their policy was it should be advertised before they could approve funding.

Commissioner Morgan said he had contributed money.

Mr. Weiss said the ordinance did state that non-emergency items that would impact general revenue should be agendaed and since this involves money, he tended to agree with Commissioner Taylor and was trying to recall the Ordinance the Administrator referred to. Mr. Presnell said it was the Public Purpose statement for refreshments, drinks, etc. Mr. Weiss asked if that specifically required authorization from the Board and Mr. Presnell said only if it were over \$500.00. With that, he agreed with Commissioner Taylor that it was not appropriate for the Board to do unless it was considered to be an emergency tonight without it being agendaed, but under the ordinance...Commissioner Taylor said he had the privilege. Mr. Presnell said they would not spend any more time on it. Commissioner Viegbesie said he asked for clarification.

Mr. Presnell said the Sheriff has his day each year he walks for breast cancer awareness and asked them to observe the Courthouse, that it would be pink until the end of the month.

He then said he was concerned about the mural bid, it had been bid twice and was finally awarded, the individual lives in Canada, they have to involve INS and getting a temporary work visa. He said they were no closer in getting him here and asked without interrupting the process if they could put another bid out or if they had to cancel the process to do another bid. Mr. Weiss said if they had awarded the bid to a contractor he would not recommend awarding another bid to another contractor until this was resolved. Chair Holt suggested putting a certain amount of time on it for it to be done. Mr. Presnell said he was interested in doing it but INS was causing roadblocks and that was part of the deal that we had to get his temporary work visa and had been a nightmare. Commissioner Taylor asked if per the contractual agreement with the individual, part of the agreement was they had to have him legally enter this country and Mr. Presnell said yes, they agreed to that portion of the contract.

He informed the Board they were applying for FRDAP grants and part of the process was it needed to be in the 5 year Capital Improvement Elements, which fit perfectly with the plan they had been working on for Pat Thomas and St. Hebron.

He said the Scottown Park rededication would be the next Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. , the park turned out nice and the community was proud of it.

He said he appreciated the Chair and Vice Chair touring the Coastal Lumber Plant; there was a program there in observance of Work Enforce Week that the Governor and Cabinet had designated

He said the Attorney had sent him an email dealing with the Lease Agreement with Dr. Hart and they had run into a couple of bumps and referred it to Mr. Weiss to discuss. The attorney explained the first piece was the right of first refusal in favor of CRMC. He explained any unleased space within the hospital, they had to first present it to CRMC and give them the opportunity to match the office space; second, anytime County property was leased, they had to competitively bid before they could move forward unless they were leasing it to the United States, a municipality or a qualified non-profit. He said he was unaware and did not expect Dr. Hart to be a non-profit, but if it were, they could use that to not competitively bid. He added they had to comply with that before they could execute a lease and he was waiting for approval of revisions that he had proposed to the lease agreement and once he had that, he would forward it to CRMC. Chair Holt said this should have already been done. Mr. Weiss said there was a period of time the terms were being negotiate. Chair Holt said that should have already been done and it could have been taken care of and they could have put it before CRMC. Mr. Weiss said there was nothing to present to CRMC until it was approved by this Board and there was nothing to present to CRMC and they were putting the cart before the horse. Mr. Presnell said the problem was they instructed him to let her utilize that space for her practice and the attorney was now saying that they could not just designate space for an organization, they had to lease it. Chair Holt asked the Administrator if he had worked out the terms of the lease and he said yes; she asked if he had given that to the Attorney and he said yes; she said that was what they should have been looking at it tonight. Mr. Presnell said the problem was the bid and how did he bid something that there was no value. Chair Holt said the attorney said the lease should be presented to CRMC first and that should have already happened. Commissioner Taylor said what they had said was clear as mud. She asked with regard to the agreement with CRMC, all leasing of the building, they have the first right of refusal and Mr. Weiss said yes. She asked if someone contacted the County inquiring about space, do they refer them to CRMC. Mr. Weiss said they were in contact with CRMC and one of the questions was would Dr. Hart be interested in potentially using some of the currently leased space that CRMC had and the answer was no. He felt the appropriate way to proceed would be to work out terms with Dr. Hart on a lease agreement but they had to have something to take to CRMC to have their right of first refusal.

Commissioner Taylor said she had requested the Administrator and the Public Works Director to look at the she asked to look at the last piece of money in her coffer and she wanted to build a trail using some of those dollars and wanted to look at that. She then asked the Attorney if there had been a ruling on the Casino yet and he said no.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had asked the Administrator at the September 6th meeting, he had requested a presentation regarding Teen Court be made before the Board and said parents have asked for alternatives of kids going before the Judge and at the same meeting had suggested they consider undertaking a leader control initiative campaign in the unincorporated area pf the County so people would understand that throwing trash out of their windows created devaluation of property. He then added that at the August 16th meeting he suggested a formation of Park and Recreation Improvement Authority that would consist of a body of citizens that would aggressively assist the Board with exploring sources for building up major park and recreation facilities and other related projects in the County and was unsure of the status. Mr. Presnell said a Teen Court presentation was being scheduled and with regard to the trash, he spoke with Public Works and there was an Adopt-A-Road program in the County and there were very few communities and churches that had adopted segments of roads but had never been successful. He said the Parks and Rec agenda item would be coming before them.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Presnell asked the Attorney if should mention the Agreement Letter received and the Attorney said they should discuss it further.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

19. Update on Various Legal Issues

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

20. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said the money coming out of Quincy CRA, there was \$300,000 plus that comes out of county dollars and was a good reason to work with the City to see if they could do some partnerships that they may or may not be doing. She asked the Attorney to bring back a sheet of what the CRA responsibilities were when it came to spending of the dollars.

Commissioner Anthony “Dr. V” Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie asked how events organized and held in the County were brought to the attention of the public and said he had seen Mr. Jenkins at many events taking photos but had not seen photos of events published in local newspapers and not seen television coverage and felt they needed to publicize events so citizens would know what was going on in the community and asked if there was a place on the website that could inform citizens of the goings on. Mr. Jenkins said they have that and Commissioner Morgan responded that he had received an email about the event at Coastal Lumber. Chair Holt said she was on it yesterday and some people were looking at the events and when they would click on the event, nothing came up and the person suggested putting it on Facebook. Mr. Jenkins said they utilized Facebook a lot and Chair Holt asked if it were there for the general public and he answered yes, the professional page he created to control the County’s page was completely public.

Commissioner Hinson stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Chair Holt stated she was not getting it on her page and Mr. Jenkins said all of their newsfeeds were set to public. Mr. Presnell asked her if she had joined it or liked it and Mr. Jenkins explained to her how to set it. Chair Holt asked about working with the marketing guy that was with the Tourist Development and Mr. Jenkins said they worked together and exchanged a lot of pictures. Mr. Presnell explained for the public to get it through Facebook, they had to go to BOCC and like it.

Commissioner Hinson returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie said his comment was not made out of criticism; they had come a long way in the short time he had been in the County.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson said he had been asked to mention the Fall Festival sponsored by the Midway (inaudible) Ministry on October 29th 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Brickyard Road and there would be food, drinks and prizes.

Commissioner Viegbesie stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Hinson then asked for a Proclamation for an Association having their 150th anniversary and when Mr. Presnell asked who it was for Commissioner Hinson said he would get the information to them.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON FOR A PROCLAMATION FOR THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY, SECOND WAS MADE BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS MATTER.

He thanked the Board for approving the bid coming out for the Concord traffic light. He asked Mr. Presnell when they would start work and Mr. Presnell said immediately, the necessary paperwork would be issued the next day and after the last meeting Mr. Ford contacted the low bidder to try to get idea and get it on the fast track. Commissioner Hinson asked if they could put speed bumps down and Mr. Presnell said no, there were rumble strips were on Highway 157. Commissioner Hinson asked if they could put a big speed bump down and Mr. Presnell said no then Commissioner Hinson asked if they could go on Highway 12 and Mr. Presnell said no, only on a county maintained road and they had to follow the DOT rule book for all transportation issues.

Commissioner Viegbesie returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Midway lights Commissioner Hinson asked Mr. Presnell the status of lights off of Martin Luther King Road and Mr. Presnell said he had sent him prices. He asked when the bid for Brickyard Road would come out and Mr. Presnell said it would be very soon. He said they were doing one bid a meeting and the next meeting would be the Phase 3 paving and added there were \$7.6 Million projects to be bid and opened in next few months. Commissioner Hinson asked what was holding them back from starting now and Mr. Presnell said they had to design and get approvals for each one and go through DOT process; it was bid and then awarded, etc.

Commissioner Hinson then asked about the Housing Rehab program, the \$750,000 grant and asked if it was approved and Mr. Presnell stated yes, the official paperwork had not come in yet, the gentleman from the State came over to do the follow-up inspections, and said we were the highest ranked in the State and had the best prepared application he had seen and it would be funded.

Commissioner Hinson then thanked Board for approving the light in Concord and said he would be coming back to see if he could get \$112,000 back from Board to put back in his paving fund.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan commended the Administrator and Mr. Jenkins on the annual report and said there had been good feedback from the community where they had been placed.

He said his other comment tied into something Commissioner Viegbesie had mentioned in his remarks regarding better presence for people to be able to access what was going on with local

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events and he spoke to one of the constitutional officers in the County about this idea and they might want to consider as a new idea and felt Mr. Jenkins could help coordinate, was to highlight each constitutional officer for a month or two with a link through the County page and highlight the primary functions of their office with them making comments of what their office did and make the public aware or more aware of services they provided.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Receipt and File

21. a. Letter from FDOT
 b. Proclamation Honoring Ms. Camara Phyllis Jones, MD, MPH, PhD
 c. Letter from FDEP

UPCOMING MEETINGS

22. November 8, 2016-Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.



ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SHERRIE TAYLOR, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

**ATA A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER 1, 2016 AT 6:00
P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3-appeared by phone
Sherrie Taylor, District 5
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m., asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag. A silent roll call was conducted by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell advised he would like to remove Item 1-Teen Court Update and add approval of Proclamation of Amberly Renee' Williams as the 110th Miss FAMU as Item 2A.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Teen Court Update

Item pulled

2a. Approval of Proclamation for Amberly Renee Williams, Ms. FAMU

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas was present and had nothing to report.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

2. Ratification to Pay County Bills

3. Approval of Minutes

a. April 5, 2016-Workshop

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

GENERAL BUSINESS

4. Howell Road Paving-Bid Award

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for board approval to award the bid for the Howell Road paving project to CW Roberts Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$53,287.76.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE ABOVE ITEM.

5. Approval of the Non-Profit/Human Services Funding Agreements and Interlocal Agreements for Human Senior Services for Gadsden County Seniors for FY 2016/2017

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for board approval of the Non-Profit/Human Services Funding Agreements for Human Senior Services for FY 2016-2017 and for authorization for the Chair to sign.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

6. Approval of Non-Profit/Human Services Funding Agreements for FY 2016/2017

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for board approval of the Non-Profit Funding Agreements that were included in the budget.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

7. 2016-2017 EMS County Award of Grant Funds

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to apply for the 2016-2017 EMS County Award of Grant Funds from the Florida Department of Health in the amount of \$10,312.00.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION ONE AND COMMISSIONER TYALOR MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD A QUESTION BEFORE THE VOTE.

Commissioner Morgan said he had read the agenda item and asked what was meant by “pre-hospital expansion”. Mr. Presnell explained that was part of the grant and the awards were only for equipment and upgrades dealing with someone pre-hospital and meant station equipment or pre-transport equipment.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

8. Grant Agreement Execution for Renovations to the Old Courthouse

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said was for Board approval of the execution of the

grant award agreement...

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR. BEFORE THE VOTE, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY ASKED TO MAKE A COMMENT.

Mr. Weiss said the document attached to the Agenda item had proposed revisions he had made and was told they would not accept any changes; wanted to clarify the document they were approving was without the proposed changes.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

9. Grant Agreement Execution for W.S. Stevens School Removal of Regulated Asbestos Materials

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the execution of the grant award agreement between the State of Florida Department of State, Florida Division of Historical Resources and the Gadsden County BOCC and the amount of the award was for \$50,000 and all renovations must be completed by June 30, 2018.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

10. Part & Recreation Improvement Authority

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for the Board to consider the creation of a Park and Recreation Improvement Authority.

Chair Holt said she had no problem with setting up a committee but wondered about an Authority because an Authority could set their own rules and regulations that, depending on how they were set up, might not be subject to approval by the Board and used the Airport Authority as an example and wanted to make sure that did not happen. Mr. Presnell said they did not envision this being an Authority that made up their own rules and by-laws and each Commissioner would select a member and they would report to the Board. Commissioner Morgan asked if each commissioner would appoint from their district; Chair Holt said that should be left up to that Commissioner because there may not be someone willing to serve from the district and someone else may want to serve and then they could appoint from another district.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was glad this was coming to fruition.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION 1 AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

11. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said there was a request from the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network for the Board to issue a Proclamation supporting the observance of November 17th as World Pancreatic Cancer Day.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE

BOARD BOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Mr. Presnell reminded the Board of the Retreat scheduled for November 10th at the Bill McGill Library at 4:00 p.m.

He said there would be a Veterans' Day celebration on November 11th at the Courthouse.

Update on contract for use of space at Hospital He said the contract for use of space at the hospital had been forwarded to CRMC. Mr. Weiss said they had been told they would get right on it and under their lease agreement; they had thirty days to respond.

Mr. Presnell said he was looking into the swearing in of the Commissioner and came across that it had to be the second Tuesday after the first Tuesday and would not be their regular meeting night and they would need to have a special meeting on November 22nd to meet the statutory requirements. Commissioner Viegbesie asked since Gadsden was a non-charter county, "the Commissioners should be sworn in to be in office on the second Tuesday following such election" and felt it was OK to hold the swearing in on the second meeting. Mr. Presnell said he understood it to be 14 + 8 days after the election and they would need to have a special meeting and do the ceremony on the fourth Tuesday. Mr. Weiss said he wondered if they had to be sworn in then or wait until the following meeting. Chair Holt said they would not be able to take their seats until the first meeting in December and that would be three commissioners in that situation and they would not have a quorum in case of an emergency.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR A SPECIAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 22ND FOR THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD A QUESTION.

Commissioner Morgan asked why not put this on the next agenda and Mr. Presnell said they had to have time for advertising.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Commissioner Taylor shared with the Administrator that the team he had put together at the County Office she admired, they work hard together and she said she had heard positive comments, and asked him to let them know she was pleased with comments regarding the event they had Sunday and asked him to pass the compliments on to them.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if there was a program in place where the County could in some way provide low-interest funding to individuals for upgrading their appliances for energy efficiency as well as their houses.

Commissioner Hinson arrived at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Presnell said he thought the City had adopted a program that was for commercial purposes.

Commissioner Morgan said he understood what Commissioner Viegbesie mentioned, and said they way want to include the Tax Collector and the Property Appraiser in on the discussions.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

12. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss said regarding the potential amendment to the procurement policy for Minority business, he talked with the Leon County Attorney and discussed this with him regarding the disparity study because they had a program in place. He said they had a disparity study done every five years and basically was a legal requirement to have that program in place. He added that the contractor that did the study every time they had done it apparently had the market cornered and cost them \$100,000 each time the study was done. He said they were getting ready to do another study jointly study with the City of Tallahassee and suggested if they decided to move forward, he felt they should put out an RFP and the attorney would share theirs with us and to expect it to be pretty expensive. Chair Holt asked if their study was public record and Mr. Weiss said yes and she said they could get theirs to look at because we weren't as big as Leon County.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

13. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Brenda A. Holt, Chairperson, District 4

Chair Holt said she would like to thank everyone for the attendance and support when President Clinton came to Gadsden County and it was the first time she researched and found that a President came to Gadsden County.

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had nothing to report.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson said he had nothing to report.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said they may be aware, but there was some concerns mentioned earlier this week about the levels of lead in the water in elementary schools in the regional area and there was a focus on it. He encouraged the Administrator and Board to get with the School Superintendent and consider putting some information together to be proactive and keep the public well informed. He added if there were no opposition and was not sure if needed, but maybe they could send a resolution or request to the School Board and request they keep the Board informed of their findings.

Chair Holt felt they should make contact first with them and then do a Proclamation to support them.

Chair Holt said he had spoken about the Johnson Wood Johnson Health Care Report and the status if the school ranking and asked the Manager to send a formal letter from the Board to the School Board asking for a meeting time that was suitable to both parties.

Commissioner Sherrie D. Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor said she had nothing to report.

Receipt and File

14. a. Letter from Decatur County, Georgia Commissioners
b. Florida Department of Health-Gadsden Quarterly Report for ½ Cent Sale Tax Prevention and Education Program

UPCOMING MEETINGS

15. November 15, 2016-Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:33 P.M.



GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SHERRIE TAYLOR, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER 15, 2016 AT 6:00
P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Sherrie Taylor, District 5
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., asked Commissioner Viegbesie to say the prayer and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag. A silent roll call was conducted by Deputy Clerk Marcella Blocker.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Economic Opportunity

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item.

Commissioner Viegbesie introduced **Mr. Karl Blischke, Director of Strategic Business Development with the Department of Economic Opportunities.**

Mr. Karl Blischke appeared before the Board and gave a brief overview of his Department. He said his Department dealt a lot with businesses that were looking to locate or expand in Florida

Julie Dennis, Staff Director, appeared before the Board and had a few words to say.

Commissioner Hinson arrived at this juncture of the meeting.

Chair Holt had comments and questions. Mr. Blischke re-appeared before the Board to address her concerns.

Commissioner Viegbesie had comments.

2. Gadsden County Healthy Start Coalition Update

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item.

Dr. Joy Anderson, Healthy Start Coalition, appeared before the Board and said their primary initiative was to promote health and well-being among child-bearing age women, children,

fathers and families in the county and their vision was the County working together to ensure that children and families thrive. She further explained some of the initiatives that they were working on.

Mr. Presnell said this tied into what the Commissioners had been talking about.

3. Teen Court Update

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said there were two representatives from the Sheriff's Office present.

Lt. Shelton Turner, Gadsden County Sheriff's Office, and Bianca Murphy, Program Director, appeared before the Board and gave a report on the workings of Teen Court.

Lt. Turner stated he was the direct Supervisor of the Coordinator, Bianca Murphy.

Ms. Murphy gave the Commissioners an overview of what Teen Court did. She said Teen Court was a non-judicial diversion program but had a judicial look in that they house themselves in the Courthouse and the students were brought to them. She added if the juvenile was charged with a minor misdemeanor instead of having them go into the juvenile court system, they were deferred to their program instead and a jury of their peers hears their story, officers are there and the students come up with a sanction they feel worthy. She said there were several different categories of sanctions depending on the offense.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had requested this update because a number of parents had questioned him about how to handle their youth that was delinquent and the troubles they faced as a first time misdemeanor and 3rd degree felony juvenile offenders.

Commissioner Morgan thanked them for coming and asked the costs of the program to the taxpayers. Lt. Turner said it was approximately \$25,000.

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas was not present and there was nothing to report.

CONSENT

Commissioner Morgan asked to pull Item 8 and Mr. Presnell said it would be added as Item 15a.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

- 4. Ratification to Pay County Bills**
- 5. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. September 20, 2016-Regular Meeting**
- 6. Approval to Accept the FY 2017/2018 Proposed Budget Calendar**
- 7. Approval of the 2017 County Commission Meeting Calendar**

- 8. ~~Approval of Library Annual Plan of Service 2016-2017~~**
Item pulled for discussion.

- 9. Approval to Lease Dental Equipment to the Gadsden County School Board for FY 17**

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 10. Public Hearing (Quasi-Judicial)-Midway Business Park Conceptual Subdivision Plan (SD-2016-01)**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this was for conceptual plan approval of the subdivision of two parcels totaling 191.29 acres into a thirty-three lot industrial subdivision. Mr. Presnell advised this had been previously approved on 2001 and 2002, construction plans were approved, roads were paved, concrete poured, but due to the economy, it was not completed and all previous approvals have expired.

Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk, sworn in Jill Jeglie.

Jill Jeglie, Interim Planning Director, appeared before the Board to give an over-view of the project.

Commissioner Hinson asked where the meeting was held.

Darrin Taylor, Carlton Fields, appeared before the board to address the questions and was sworn in by Mrs. Blocker. He said the meeting was held on site and Commissioner Hinson asked where and Mr. Taylor said it was at the proposed Midway business park. Commissioner Hinson said he had talked with a group of constituents, that while he felt great about this, he represented the citizens and they did not know if this was residential or commercial because of how it was stated. He further stated that the only information given to them was the meeting in Quincy and was not on-site. Mr. Presnell said that was the Planning meeting. Commissioner Hinson said that may have been why no-one attended that meeting and asked what homes it was sent to. Mr. Taylor explained things were followed according to the Board's code-a one-half mile radius.

Commissioner Viegbesie stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Taylor said to clarify this was just step one and a conceptual approval and they would have to come forward with much more for the preliminary plat approval that would come before the Board along with final plat approval. He added that this was commercial and was not residential; the land use would have to be changed before it could be used as such and their client did not do residential.

Chair Holt said there were extensive meetings earlier and they wanted an explanation for the public. She then announced it was a public hearing and asked if there were any comments and there was no-one.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE

BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

11. Public Hearing (Legislative)-Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2016-016 to amend Chapter 2, Definitions and Interpretations, Subsection 2102 and Chapter 6, Subdivision of Land of the Gadsden County Land Development Code

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for adoption of Ordinance 2016-016 to amend Chapter 2, Subsection 2102 and Chapter 6, Subdivision of Land of the Gadsden County Land Development Code.

Commissioner Viegbesie returned to the meeting.

Commissioner Morgan stated it would be helpful for Ms. Jeglie to appear before the Board and give a brief explanation of the amendment.

Jill Jeglie appeared before the Board to explain the changes.

Mr. Weiss said there were a couple of minor changes he wanted to suggest for clarification purposes and stated the changes.

Chair Holt asked if there were any comments from the audience and there were none.

UPON MOTION BY CHAIR HOLT FOR APPROVAL WITH THE CHANGES AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

12. Public Hearing (Legislative)-Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2016-015 to amend Subsections of Chapter 4, Chapter 5, and Chapter 7, pertaining to neighborhood commercial uses, standards and procedures. The correction of scrivener's errors in numbering and lettering; and the deletion of Subsection 5707.P.8, Signs of the Land Development Code

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for consideration of adoption of Ordinance 2016-015 to amend Subsections 4104, Neighborhood Commercial and deleted Subsection 4202,C, Neighborhood Commercial Uses, Subsection 5204, Supplement Standards for neighborhood commercial uses, and Section 5101 Residential Uses, Subsection 5902 Recreational Vehicle Park Standards and Section 7200, Review Procedures of the Land Development Code and to correct scrivener's errors in numbering and lettering.

Jill Jeglie, Interim Director, appeared before the Board and explained the item and changes.

Mr. Weiss said he noticed that the agenda item was a prior version and the option needed to be to adopt the Ordinance to amend Chapters 4, 5, and 7, not Chapter2 and the same in the Ordinance itself.

Commissioner Morgan had questions and Ms. Jeglie addressed his concerns.

Chair Holt announced it was a public hearing and asked if there were any comments from the audience and there was none.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL WITH CHANGES AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO

APPROVE THIS ITEM.

13. Public Hearing: Resolution 2016-026 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was a public hearing for Board approval of Resolution 2016-026 and for authorization for the Administrator and the Finance Director in the Clerk's Office to complete and execute all budget amendments necessary for the Fiscal Year 2016 BOCC budget.

Chair Holt announced it was a public hearing and asked if there were any comments from the audience and there were none.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.

14. Public Hearing: Resolution 2016-023 for Fiscal Year 2017

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of Resolution 2016-023 and authorization for fiscal year 2017 for the current year's budget and they needed to make some budget amendments but the budget was not being increased.

Chair Holt announced public hearing and asked if there were any comments and there was none.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN TO APPROVE OPTION ONE AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIOENR VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

15. Howell Road CIGP Agreement

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval and signature of the FDOT CIGP agreement for the widening and resurfacing of Howell Road.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

15a. Approval of Library Annual Plan of Service 2016-2017

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was the second part of the 2016-2017 State Aid to Public Libraries application.

Tabitha Washington, Director of Library Services, appeared before the Board to explain the item.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIOENR VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

16. Award of Construction for the Local Agency Program Project-FDOT-South Atlanta Street Sidewalk

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to award the Local Agency Program (LAP) project for the South Atlanta Street sidewalk project to Panhandle Construction, Inc.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

- 17. Acknowledgement letter for the 2016-2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant**
Mr. Presnell introduced the above item.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

- 18. Approval to accept the 2016-2017 Mutual Aid Operation Plan between Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service and Gadsden County Fire Departments and the 2015-2016 Annual Forestry Report and Operating Plan**
Mr. Presnell introduced the above item.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

- 19. Cheryl W. Blanchard-Parcel ID No. 3042N5W0000003230400-Code Enforcement**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was regarding the release of a code enforcement lien on the property that was formerly owned by Cheryl E. Blanchard. He stated that an individual purchased the property and would be paying the property taxes that were in arrears and was asking that the liens be waived. Mr. Presnell said this property would be back on the tax role.

Mr. Weiss said was a win/win for the County, there was a code enforcement lien on the property, it was sold by tax deed and there was a surplus of funds from the sale to pay a portion of the liens on the property. He added that they were releasing the piece of property from the code enforcement liens.

Commissioner Morgan asked Mr. Presnell about the current situation of the property, if it was still in violation of code enforcement issues.

Mr. Clyde Collins, Building Official, appeared before the board and said when the individual purchased the property, there was two mobile homes on the property and since he's bought the property, he's trying to rehab them and he understood the property was to be cleaned up or the County would bring an action against him.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Hinson asked how the fines were assessed against the property. Mr. Weiss showed him in the Order how it was assessed.

Commissioner Morgan returned to the meeting.

Commissioner Hinson said he did not want to open a Pandora's box regarding the fine, Chair Holt suggested it could be brought back. He said he was voting against it because he was not familiar with it and policies were in place for the rich.

Chair Holt explained this person had already bought the tax deed.

Mr. Weiss said the buyer paid the tax deed and paid more than what was due on the taxes and the first thing the Clerk did was take the taxes out and whatever was left would go to whomever the lienor was and was the County.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONERS TAYLOR AND HINSON OPPOSED.

20. Approval to Accept and Award Housing Rehabilitation Bids-SHIP

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR OPTION ONE AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

21. Updates to County Housing Assistance Plan (HAP)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this item was provided in response to the Community Development Block Grant requirements for an update to the County's HAP policy to modify the definition of Household Income and denote provisions that must be met before final payment is disbursed to contractors.

Anita DeSilva, SHIP Coordinator, appeared before the Board to address questions.

Mr. Weiss said there were still references to Community Affairs and that should be changed to Department of Economic Opportunity.

Commissioner Morgan asked if this was recommendations and not requirements and Mr. Presnell said they highly suggested that this be added to the policy to prevent any difficulties in the future.

Commissioner Hinson asked if the \$750,000 grant was awarded and Mr. Presnell said yes.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE WITH CHANGES AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

22. Updates to County CDBG Procurement Policy

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this was in response to suggested changes to the CDBG requirements for the development of a county-specified CDBG Procurement Policy to comply with the CDBG Office requirements.

Mr. Weiss said they were unable to have a minority business enterprise policy at this point because the disparity study had not been done yet and they needed to strike some language from the Procurement Policy. There was discussion around the Board.

Commissioner Viegbesie felt they should listen to the Board Attorney and suggested this item be pulled.

Chair Holt asked if he brought the requested information and Mr. Weiss said he was working on getting the requested information.

Anita DeSilva, SHIP Coordinator, appeared before the Board to address the Board. She said she worked with Dee Jackson, Grant Coordinator regarding the HAP and having a minority business plan in the Procurement Policy was mentioned and thought there was language that “minority businesses are encouraged to apply”.

Mr. Presnell suggested if they did not like the language, they could move on. Commissioner Hinson said if this prevented them from receiving grant monies, they needed to change their policy.

Commissioner Taylor said they could do two things: 1) Set a date before the next meeting and get approved and all the payers could be there or 2) They could approve this item tonight contingent upon the changes being made on approval of the policy within the next week. Commissioner Viegbesie pointed out they had a meeting scheduled for November 22nd. Mr. Presnell said what Commissioner Taylor said was a good move, pending the County developing the policy and they had time.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR TO APPROVE ITEM CONTINGENT UPON AN ADOPTION OF A MINORITY POLICY IN A TIMELY MANNER AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan asked the County Attorney his opinion.

Mr. Weiss said his understanding everything else would be adopted today and the particular section and the last line in the title would be effective after a date they actually had a policy in place, whenever that may be and his recommendation was to approve the policy without that section and as soon as able to have the disparity study, then it could go back in. Commissioner Taylor clarified that was her motion.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

23. Resolution Prohibiting Excessive Force

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was recommended by the CDBG for the development of a resolution prohibiting excessive force by law enforcement agencies against individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations.

Commissioner Hinson asked that it be explained. Mr. Presnell said they recommended that the County have an Ordinance in the books that prohibited excessive force being used and used as an example, if there were people protesting on the Courthouse Square, excessive force could not be used and this was tied back to the Federal Fair Housing Act.

Ulysses Jenkins, Special Projects Coordinator, said there were steps that had to be followed before using a particular amount of force and said as an example, if he were being threatened with a stick, he could not use his gun to stop and was not a proper use.

Commissioner Morgan pointed out they did not want to discourage was appropriate use of force and felt by them supporting this resolution was repealing all other resolutions in conflict with this.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION TWO TO NOT APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR HAD A QUESTION.

Commissioner Taylor said she agreed in part with him on not being strong-armed by the Federal Government and asked if he would agree to term excessive when some things that Mr. Jenkins mentioned that a law officer does violate, if he agreed if she was talking to him and he shot her, would he not want a policy in place to consider that being excessive and felt they were asking whatever the letter of the law was, it be followed.

Commissioner Hinson said he was trying to figure out the conversation and asked what was wrong with protecting the citizens.

Chair Holt said there was a motion and second and Commissioner Viegbesie corrected there was no second. She asked the will of the Board.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR ADOPTION OF OPTION ONE AND SECOND BY CHAIR TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

24. CDBG ADA Compliance Policy Approval Request

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this was also a CDBG requirement and was for approval of a county-specific CDBG ADA Compliance Policy to comply with current requirements.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TYALOR, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

25. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said he had a few updates:

There would be a meeting at the IFAS Center on December 8th regarding the South loop of the Quincy by-pass from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Chair Holt asked the status of the Northern phase and Mr. Presnell said it was in the design phase, a route had been selected.

Commissioner Viegbesie explained at the last CRPTA meeting, the FDOT decided to take the South route before the North route because the South route would keep the trucks away from downtown Quincy.

Presnell congratulated the three commissioners on their re-election and reminded them a special meeting would be held Tuesday, November 22nd to swear them in and Judge Garner would be present to do the swearing in.

He said the Staff Thanksgiving lunch would be this Thursday at Noon.

Commissioner Taylor asked the Administrator the process for selecting people for the housing program and if there had been any changes to it. Mr. Presnell said it comes down from the State on a first come, first serve along with some other criteria, but Staff had worked hard to purge old applications and they were now working on current applications.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

26. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss echoed his congratulations on the re-election of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

27. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Commissioner Anthony “Dr. V” Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie commended the effort of the Board for the smooth collaboration of the retreat held last week.

He then suggested they look into organizing a Veterans’ Day parade in the County.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR A RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED TO THE WILLIAMS FAMILY AND ONE FOR KENDRICK EVANS AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS MATTER.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson asked for an update on the traffic light in Concord. Mr. Presnell said everything was on target for December as the engineer had said. Mr. Presnell said he would get him an update tomorrow.

LAP Grant – He asked the delay in getting Brickyard Road resurfaced and Mr. Presnell said the contracts were not in yet. Commissioner Hinson then asked if possible to apply for a grant for a sidewalk on Brickyard Road since the road was going to be widen.

Richbay Park – He asked if there was a grant that would lead to the park and Mr. Presnell said they had looked and the only money available was if it was attached to a school.

Mr. Presnell said he was invited over to the Carver Heights Senior Center and they had done tremendous work to the building.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
November 15, 2016 – Regular Meeting

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

17. November 22, 2016-Special Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
December 6, 2016-Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:55 P.M.



NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SHERRIE TAYLOR, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER 22, 2016 AT 6:00
P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:

Present: Sherrie Taylor, Chair, District 5
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Brenda Holt, District 4
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

Swearing in of Re-elected Commissioners, Eric F. Hinson, District 1 Commissioner; Gene Morgan, District 3 Commissioner; and Sherrie D. Taylor, District 5 Commissioner (The Honorable Kathy Garner, County Judge)

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., welcomed everyone to the special meeting and asked everyone to silence their phones.

The Honorable Kathy Garner, County Judge swore in Commissioner Gene Morgan, Re-elected Commissioner for District 3.

Commissioner Hinson arrived at this juncture of the meeting.

Attorney Marva Davis held the Bible for Commissioner Hinson, Re-elected Commissioner for District 1, who was sworn in and he had a few words to say.

Re-elected Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, Commissioner for District 5, was sworn in.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt asked everyone to stand for the Invocation that was given by Commissioner Viegbesie and she then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag. A silent roll call was conducted by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chair Holt said they were moving on to the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair and there were five hard-working people on the Board that loved the County and any of them would do a wonderful job.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN NOMINATED COMMISSIONER TAYLOR TO SERVE AS CHAIR. THERE WERE NO OTHER NOMINATIONS AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR WAS ELECTED CHAIR.

Chair Taylor and Commissioner Holt changed seats.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN NOMINATED COMMISSIONER HINSON TO SERVE AS VICE-CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THERE WERE NO OTHER NOMINATIONS AND COMMISSIONER HINSON WAS ELECTED VICE-CHAIR.

2. Proclamation Honoring Amberly Renee Williams, Miss FAMU

Chair Taylor asked Ms. Amberly Renee Williams to come forward for the presentation of the Proclamation that was read aloud and then presented to her. Commissioner Hinson had a few words to say. After the presentation of the Proclamation, Ms. Williams had a few words to say.

CLERK OF COURTS

CONSENT

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

GENERAL BUSINESS

3. Approval of the City of Quincy's Representative to the Gadsden County Tourist Development Council

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of the City of Quincy's Representative, Angela Sapp, to serve on the Gadsden County Tourist Development Council.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

4. Approval of Professional Services Agreements for Engineering Consulting Services for Gadsden County

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of professional services agreements for Engineering Consulting Services and for authorization for the Chair to execute the contracts.

Commissioner Hinson asked the Administrator to elaborate on why they were approving one of the contracts today and the other next week and Mr. Presnell said they were both on the Agenda for approval tonight.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HOLT. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS BEFORE THE VOTE.

Commissioner Morgan asked if this was effective back to October 1st of this year and goes forward and Mr. Presnell said yes.

CHAIR TAYLOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE

THIS ITEM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

5. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said there would be Planning Commission appointments and asked the re-elected commissioners to consider who they would like to appoint or re-appoint in that position.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

6. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss said he had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

7. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Brenda A. Holt, District 4

Commissioner Holt congratulated everyone.

Commissioner Anthony “Dr. V” Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie congratulated everyone.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, District 1

Commissioner Hinson thanked everyone for attending the swearing in ceremony.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan congratulated everyone.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 8. December 6, 2016-Regular Meeting-6:00 p.m.
December 20, 2016-Regular Meeting-6:00 p.m.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR TAYLOR DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:41 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
November 22, 2016 – Special Meeting



ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

SHERRIE TAYLOR, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON DECEMBER 6, 2016 AT 6:00
P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HELD, VIZ:**

Present: Sherrie Taylor, Chair, District 5
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1-arrived late
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
Brenda Holt, District 4
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., asked everyone to stand for the prayer and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag. A silent role call was conducted by Deputy Clerk, Marcella Blocker.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell said there was an amendment to the Agenda-a brief presentation from the County's insurance agent, John Pat Thomas from Pat Thomas Ins.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1a. John Pat Thomas, Pat Thomas and Associates Insurance, Inc., appeared before the Board and presented a check for a return in premium from the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust to the County in the amount of \$19,783.00.

1. **Gadsden Arts Center & Museum Update**

Ms. Grace Robinson, Gadsden Art Center, appeared before the Board to give a report on the Arts Center. They applied for a matching grant and received it.

Commissioner Hinson appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

She said they were able to expand their studio, was almost finished with the renovation and would be exhibiting crafts such as quilting, carving, needlepoint, painting, etc. for short periods of time and asked the Commission for their assistance in getting the word out.

2. **Resolution Honoring the Life of Mr. Robert Louis Williams**

Mr. Presnell said there was a Resolution honoring the life of Mr. Robert Louis Williams. The Commission came forward, along with the Williams family, Commissioner Viegbesie read aloud the Resolution and it was presented to the family.

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas was not present and Deputy Clerk, Marcella Blocker informed the Board there was nothing to report.

CONSENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

3. Ratification to Pay County Bills

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. PUBLIC HEARING-(Legislative) Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2016-021 to amend Chapter 5, Development Standards, Subsection 5405, Corridor Road Landscaping Standards of the Gadsden County Land Development Code

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this item was before them for consideration of adoption of Ordinance 2016-021 amending Chapter 5, Development Standards, Subsection 5405, Corridor Road Landscaping Standards of the Land Development Code.

Chair Taylor announced this was a public hearing and asked if there were any comments from the audience and there were none.

Commissioner Holt said at the conference she recently attended, they were advised to present everything so the audience would know everything that was going on to prevent challenges in the future.

Commissioner Hinson said this was a good point to inform what a corridor road was and the list of displayed corridor roads was shown on the overhead televisions.

Chair Taylor said she had an opportunity to discuss this with the Administrator and this was a double-edged sword, it protected and preserved the natural beauty but also limited economic growth.

Commissioner Hinson said he concurred and suggested a workshop regarding this matter.

Commissioner Holt suggested they sit down with GCDC, Chamber of Commerce and the Tourist Development Council regarding this matter.

Chair Taylor suggested they table the item.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND SECOND MADE BY CHAIR TAYLOR. BEFORE THE VOTE, JILL JEGLE ASKED TO SPEAK.

Jill Jeglie, Interim Planning and Community Development Director, appeared before the Board

and said if this was not adopted this would not be implemented and would be very confusing.

Commissioner Holt said this amendment was better.

Commissioner Morgan said what they had tried to do the past few months was adopt language and make documents work more efficiently and better and recommended going ahead and approve these changes and it protected the rural atmosphere.

Commissioner Hinson asked the Administrator if they had invited GDC and the Chamber of Commerce in since they worked for the County and Mr. Presnell said no not when it came to planning issues.

CHAIR TAYLOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 BY VOICE VOTE TO TABLE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER HOLT AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

5. Approval of Contract Amendment #1 with DPB & Associates

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of a Contract Amendment #1 with DPB & Associates for construction engineering and inspection services for the 2016 Phase II Paving Project and explained the reason for the change.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS BEFORE THE VOTE.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked the Administrator when the date was for Phase II and Mr. Presnell said when the Contractor finished all the projects and thought the physical work was done but they had not received the final billing yet. Once that was received, they could give each Commissioner their final numbers.

Tom Lewis, DPB & Associates, appeared before the Board and was unsure of the date of the deadline.

CHAIR TAYLOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER HINSON AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED.

6. Approval of Contract Amendment #1 with JB Coxwell Contracting, Inc. for Emergency Debris Management Services

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and advised there were minor changes to the Contract regarding debris handling but did not involve a change in money.

Commissioner Morgan asked if the attorney had reviewed the contract and he said yes he had reviewed it and had no other changes.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

7. 2016 Paving Project Phase III-Bid Award

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to award the bid of the 2016 Paving Project Phase III to CW Roberts Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,124,708.79.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN. BEFORE THE VOTE, COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked with the striping if it was the same that was used previously that faded or would this last longer and Mr. Presnell said this would be more durable.

CHAIR TAYLOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

8. Approval of Resolution 2016-028 supporting the Gadsden County Community Transportation Safety Team (CTST) to apply for Transportation Enhancement Funding through the Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval and signature by the Chair in support of the Gadsden County CTST applying for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program funding for the County Wide School Zone Improvements project.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN. BEFORE THE VOTE CHAIR TAYLOR HAD QUESTIONS.

Chair Taylor asked if there was any fiscal impact and Mr. Presnell said no, it was 100% funded by FDOT.

CHAIR TAYLOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

9. Approval of Resolution 2016-029 supporting the Gadsden County Community Transportation Safety Team (CTST) to apply for Transportation Enhancement Funding through the Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval and signature in support of the Gadsden County CTST applying for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program funding for the Havana Middle School Sidewalk Project Phase II.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION 1 AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

10. 1st Street Sidewalk Project-Bid Award

Mr. Presnell introduced the item and said it was for approval to award the bid of the 1st Street Sidewalk Project to Pyramid Excavation, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$42,375.00.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

11. Appointments and/or Re-appointments to the Gadsden County Planning Commission for District 1, District 3 and District 5

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of the Gadsden County Planning Commissioner appointments and/or re-appointments for District 1, District 3 and District 5.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if the re-elected commissioners wanted to make changes, if not, they could go with who they had. Chair Taylor said she wanted to make sure each commissioner had an opportunity to vote.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan said he felt very fortunate for the ones that agreed to serve on the Planning Commission because it was a very involved assignment and took a very special person to be prepared and represent them. He added that the issue he had was he felt the representatives on the Board should be from the district they were representing and asked they take board action to ensure each commissioner reached out in each district to have representatives from said district.

Chair Taylor asked the Attorney if anything was in their policy to ensure that and Mr. Weiss said no. Chair Taylor then suggested to workshop that matter.

CHAIR TAYLOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

12. Appointment/Re-appointment to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC)-Municipal Representative

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board direction for the appointment of the Gadsden Municipal Representative position on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council. He added that two of the representatives were appointed locally by the BOCC; one must be a county-elected official and one must be a municipal-elected official and the Governor appointed the third representative. He said that currently Commissioner Holt was serving at the County's representative and Karen Bass was serving at the municipal representative and Dr. Henry Grant was the Governor's representative.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

13. Appointment/Re-appointment to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC)-County Elected Representative

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval for the appointment/re-appointment for the Apalachee Regional Planning Council.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

14. Appointment/Re-appointments to the Small County Coalition

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to appoint or re-appoint two representatives from the BOCC to the Small County Coalition Board of Directors and to identify a County staff person to serve as the County Liaison.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

15. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell had a few updates for the Board:

Concord light He said the materials were coming in on December 8th and they would start putting up construction area signage and the pole work would start early next week.

He said the new Speaker of the House, Richard Cochran, has put in new rules that nothing would be funded unless there was a Bill following it. He added they were in good shape with what they approved in the Legislative Agenda and there was one issue with the cities (since they were working as a team) and at staff level they would be meeting with the cities to assist them in filling out the necessary paperwork to ensure it became a Bill so they could be considered for funding.

Commissioner Holt said regarding the item for the bill it was for anything and they would be having two sessions, not one and they needed to make a final effort to write up everything they could write up ASAP and get it submitted as soon as possible.

Commissioner Taylor asked who was an expert on staff to help write the bills and Mr. Presnell said it was the lobbyists.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Holt said they wanted a paper trail on everything.

Chair Taylor said it sounded like it was purposely done to keep legislation from moving.

Commissioner Viegbesie said his understanding was it was to prevent things from being snuck into the Bill and getting it passed without questioning.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Holt said when it came to small counties, there were 38 and the big dogs would feed first and we would be stuck in the back.

Chair Taylor said that was the reason we were part of FAC and Commissioner Holt said they were worried also.

Mr. Presnell said they had been going back and forth regarding a sports complex and have found a piece of property they thought would work and was working with other entities he thought would go along with the complex to get some guarantees but have come to a point in the revenue generated and was at a stalemate. He said to get it to where it could come before the Board, the questions needed to be answered and they were at a point where they need to have expertise of the person who worked on this project previously, who was an attorney, and spend a few dollars

for his services if the Board approved and he was asking the expense of \$5,000 be split three ways if the property owner and project proposer would each pay 1/3 for the services of the attorney.

Mr. Weiss said he had had conversations with the attorney and had been involved in various conversations and was not sure if Mr. Presnell had had subsequent conversations but he offered to have conversations with him and Mr. Presnell off the clock to discuss things and Mr. Weiss' thought was if he was willing to do that, do it first.

Commissioner Holt said there was no reason why he could not come and make a presentation before the Board before a scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie suggested scheduling a workshop before a meeting.

Commissioner Morgan said he had no issue and asked if the person bringing the project had issues and suggested going through the first two steps and see if the other parties were amenable to a meeting and then schedule a workshop.

Chair Taylor agreed they could meet with him sometime in January.

Mr. Weiss said the issue with the revenues, it was being promoted as a project that would pay for itself but the way it "paid for itself" was through revenues that it generated and some of the revenues were restricted and could not be used to pay for debt services on a project and that was the issue.

Commissioner Holt said they were looking for economic development and should be a quick step and they have the numbers or they don't. Mr. Presnell said that some of the numbers that had been presented previously were not presentable to the Board, it was something the County could not do financially and they have been revised. She said for him and the Attorney to talk with the person, hear what they have to say and they could look at the numbers, either they were there or not and that was why it is brought before the Board, to let the Board decide on the numbers, if it was filtered too much, it would be left on the shoulders of the Manager and Attorney and that was what they were elected to do.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

16. Update on Various Legal Issues

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

17. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Brenda A. Holt, District 4

Commissioner Holt said the Clerk brought before them the issue about the Clerks not being funded and she mentioned to him to lobby. They are doing that and asked for the Florida Association of Counties' help in lobbying and she did say she did not mind supporting the Clerk but the Clerks must take the lead and stand up to ask for their money and she thought the Florida League of Cities was also supporting them.

She said another big issue for the County was they did not know what will happen with Medicaid/Medicare and did not know what the President was going to do.

Apalachee Regional Planning Council She said the group was looking to see if there was any extra funding to help out with transportation from here to Tallahassee. She thought it would be a good idea if they could get some funding from an organization to come up with a larger bus.

Commissioner Anthony “Dr. V” Viegbesie, District 2
Update regarding CRPTA

He said there were changes made to the By-laws. He added that District 3 that CRPTA is made up of is sixteen counties and there was a new secretary and he met with him and there was an update on the work program for fiscal year 2018 – 2022. He said there were quite a number of road projects they were able to add to the Gadsden County road projects. He said one of the projects he was pushing was the Pat Thomas Parkway crossing by Captain D’s. He said they were willing to look at the crossroad and think they are very interested in doing something sooner rather than later. He said another one he wanted to see added was the I-10 Rest Area Ramp of State Road 8 I-10 bridge and also added was the Pat Thomas Parkway from State Road 8 to Jefferson Street to be resurfaced; County Road 153-Iron Bridge Road from Ochlocknee River to County Road 167; County Road 268, Adams Street from County Road 274 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd to Clark Street; Ralph Strong Road from Crossroad School entrance to State Road 10 (Highway 90); and Cook’s Landing Road from State Road 267 Pat Thomas Road to Whippoorwill Landing for resurfacing along with some additional projects.

He said when the Bylaws for CRTPA was changed and the meeting is now held on the third Tuesday of the month and the next meeting will be January 17th, and when he accepted the position, he changed his teaching schedule and now he needs to look into getting someone to represent the County. He said CRTPA suggested the County appoint an alternate and then he could change his teaching schedule for the next semester.

Chair Taylor said she was in favor of getting an alternate until his schedule could be changed. She asked the attorney for his legal opinion if that could be done and he felt they had the right to appoint an alternate. Mr. Presnell said they could have an item on the agenda regarding that.

He then asked if they could consider taking a day to ring the bell to help Salvation Army.

Commissioner Morgan asked Commissioner Viegbesie about CRPTA for a lighting update at I-10. He said that has been designed, engineered and that the project is in the current project plan and what he mentioned was for 2018-2022.

Commissioner Holt said she was glad that mentioned and she had spoken to the Secretary of FDOT to see if they could have lights on the underpasses and she thought that was a great idea.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson asked how close they were to starting on Brickyard Road and Mr. Presnell said it would be late 2017, probably a year away. Commissioner Hinson asked why so long and Mr. Presnell said they were dealing with now was the turn lane and the only thing left on the design part was the new project going in, the road would have to be widened and worked out good because if they had resurfaced and come back with this project, it would have had to have been

torn up and the turn lane added. Mr. Presnell added that there were a lot of roads approved at one time, the Notice to Proceed would come from DOT, then goes to Preble-Rish Engineering, they design it and then comes back to the Board and it is then bid. Commissioner Hinson asked if it was a delay with Preble-Rish or with us and Mr. Presnell said the County did not have a design. He clarified we proceed with the bid when we receive the design from the engineering firm; they work off of DOT's Notice to Proceed timeline. He said there were a lot of reports that had to be done and sent to DOT and he is copied on them. Mr. Presnell said McPhaul Road was still out, two in Commissioner Hinson's district and one in Commissioner Holt's district. Commissioner Hinson asked if they had to talk to the engineering company and they could do a presentation on why they were delaying it if that was the issue. Mr. Presnell said the day the County received the designed, they were bid.

Commissioner Hinson asked for an update from the engineering firm.

Commissioner Holt suggested if he could forward memos onto Commissioner Hinson to update him automatically and Mr. Presnell said yes or if they preferred, he could have the engineer come. Commissioner Hinson said both would be great.

Commissioner Viegbesie said if memory served him right, in one of his books the Brickyard Road project timeline was listed and he would look back at the books to see where the project stands with regard to how fast it will proceed. Mr. Presnell said it was programed in the five year work plan.

Commissioner Hinson said in the past two to three years have had been 6-7 deaths on the road, maybe more and was the reason he was so adamant about it.

He thanked the Board for approving the sidewalks today in Havana.

He asked for clarification on the Concord light. Mr. Presnell said the materials would be delivered on the 8th, signs would go up towards the end of the week and they would be working on the installation of poles next week. He said the timeline was matching up with the dates they were given but if they do not put up poles next week, they will not meet the deadline. Commissioner Hinson his daughter's birthday was the 19th and she wanted that day to herself and asked if they could do something special on the 20th assuming they would be done if they could hold a dedication at 10:00 a.m. at the intersection.

He then thanked the AKA sorority for donating to needy families and he was able to help them out some.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said he had no items.

Commissioner Holt said she forgot one item-would like an update and have a presentation done on grants and where they were, what they were applying for and would like the Grant Department to update.

Commissioner Sherrie D. Taylor, Chair, District 5

Chair Taylor thanked the Board and felt everything ran quickly and effectively and she appreciated

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the adjustment in the reseating. She said it was her intent moving forward to extend an olive branch to work together around the dais to work together effectively.

She urged they be mindful of how they treat staff and support them and work with everyone.

Receipt and File

16. FY2016 Budget Amendments

UPCOMING MEETINGS

17. December 20, 2016-Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR TAYLOR DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA





SHERRIE D. TAYLOR, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:



NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON DECEMBER 20, 2016 AT 6:00
P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HELD, VIZ:**

Present: Sherrie Taylor, Chair, District 5
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1-arrived late
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2-attended by phone
Gene Morgan, District 3
Brenda Holt, District 4
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
David Weiss, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Taylor asked everyone in the audience to please make sure their phones were on silent. She then called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m., asked everyone to stand for the Prayer and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag. A silent roll call was conducted by Deputy Clerk, Marcella Blocker.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Viegbesie asked to address the change in the format of the Agenda before the meeting started and asked how it would affect First Amendment Rights. Mr. Weiss said if there were concerns on issues specific to agendaed items, they would be able to address it during that item, if there were concerns that were raised from discussions of items but not related to items themselves, it would be appropriate to do one of two things: 1) As it currently stands, they could ask the Administrator or the Attorney if there were issues that come up during discussion of items, or 2) there could be potentially another place to discuss those items.

Commissioner Hinson appeared at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie said his first concern was citizens that wished to speak were placed lower down on the agenda and the format could adversely impact the commissioners' comments.

Chair Taylor said this was tentative and they would still have the chance to speak at the end of the meeting and they could change it back later.

Mr. Presnell said there were amendments to the Agenda and he would like to add the Resolution to change the facsimile stamp to represent the new Chair's signature as Item 6a under the Consent Agenda and to pull Item 8 at the Attorney's request. Commissioner Holt said she would like discussion on Item 8. Chair Taylor asked if the Item was being pulled so it would not be publically heard or was it being pulled because it was not completely prepared to be heard. Mr. Weiss said it was being pulled because he heard today from the Attorney who represented the green corridor and there was some concerns about the agreement that he had sent. Chair Taylor suggested if he was comfortable letting it stay since the Commissioner had questions, she would like to honor that.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD

VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Proclamation Honoring Kendrick David Evans

Mr. Presnell said they had before them a Proclamation honoring Mr. Kendrick David Evans. Chair Taylor asked him and his family to come forward and the Commissioners joined him in front of the dais for the presentation.

CLERK OF COURTS

Mr. Thomas was not present and the Deputy Clerk, Marcella Blocker, said there was nothing to report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

2. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Brenda A. Holt, District 4

Commissioner Holt said she would wait until the end.

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie said he would also wait until the end.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson asked the status of the Concord traffic light. Mr. Presnell said there was no change since it was discussed last week with the contractor and there had been additional rain since then. He further stated that it would be after the first of year but they would go ahead and install the light and put on flashing as it currently was and then they would have representatives on site when the ceremony was done and will then switch the light to the functioning mode.

Commissioner Hinson then asked if they were still moving forward with Brickyard Road. Mr. Presnell said yes and thought he sped the process up a little, sent information to him after the last meeting and was with Preble-Rish for the design and as soon as they were finished, they could send out the bid. Commissioner Hinson said for the record, he was corrected when he said he was sent an email, but he was correct in saying it was in December and Mr. Presnell said it was March and asked that the record reflect he was correct in stating it was in December.

He then said the last few years he had been asking for workshops or during the meeting to have Parks and Recs come talk about their program and give an update along with the Library, Animal Control, etc. so everyone would know what they do and offer. He suggested having one per meeting to give updates. He said he found out something very interesting, he was at the Tax Collector's Office and noticed they had a lot of beautiful parks in Gadsden County and liked what they were doing there. He then said he had a conversation with someone the previous night and thanked the Board for funding the Havana, Midway, Gretna and Chattahoochee Senior Citizens but the one that was funded most was the Gadsden County Senior Citizens. He said years ago they were going full time and the County was paying them full time money so they could come every day and was receiving \$5,000 - 10,000 from the County along with \$1

Million funding from Elder Services and they still come twice a week and he thought they needed to look at why they only meet twice a week with the kind of money the County put into it.

Commissioner Holt asked if he wanted a report from each department before meeting or during meeting and he said before each meeting.

Housing

Commissioner Hinson then said a lot of seniors live in trailers that have leaks in the roof or holes in the floors and houses in the same condition. He said the Board was doing some great things for the people of the County.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan asked about the Annual Report and said he knew they were waiting to get the final copy and Mr. Presnell said 100 copies had been sent to all elected officials and municipalities and Commissioner Morgan confirmed that each of the individual elected officials had received copies and Mr. Presnell said he would check to make sure.

He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Hinson said he had one more item he would like to address and said they had met with all the cities in the County and asked what was next and how they planned to follow up with them and come up with one focus before meeting with the Legislature. Chair Taylor said that would be ambitious since they meet in February or March.

Mr. Presnell said they had the Cities back together last week and Midway has hired a lobbyist to represent them and he was invited to the meeting as well to make finishing touches and with the Speaker's new requirement that everything had to have a bill number so all the cities were called back in and had our lobbyist here to help them fill out the forms and make any last minute changes to their request. He said they had continued on a Staff level to continue working with the cities.

Commissioner Sherrie D. Taylor, Chair, District 5

Chair Taylor said she recently met with a group of citizens that had issues and concerns with sub fire stations and had spoken with Andre, the Fire Coordinator for the County, and learned a lot of information she thought the Commissioners needed to be aware of. She said the volunteer fire numbers were decreasing and said there were a number of reasons: 1) People were not interested in doing it anymore; and 2) It takes almost six months to get certified and was a cost the volunteer would have to absorb. She said she thought she might bring this to the Board so they might could look at coming up with something creative of how to recruit and have a dialogue with the different sub stations and heard it may or may not be issues with the equipment. She also said when she spoke with Andre, he conducts annual inspections of equipment, etc. to things were ready when there was a need but in talking with firemen, she was hearing something little different. She felt they, as a Board, needed to look at this in the very near future, either in a report from Andre as to the status of the sub stations. She said another concern with the Fire Department heard from the citizens, when they dial 911, depending on where they are, the call could be routed to Tallahassee, etc. and while giving pertinent information in a hysterical way because of the situation, sometimes are given a lot of

information to find out that they had called a wrong station and the call had to be re-routed.

Economic Development-

She said they knew the Comprehensive Plan needs tweaking in order for Developers to want to come in and said she had recently had conversations with some of the major developers that wanted to come to the area and all have vowed either to not come in and do business or dis-continue doing business because of the tedious process they had in place. She said she would like for them to have a conversation with developers to see what the Board, along with Planning and Zoning, could do to help the process along. She asked the Board if they were willing to schedule meetings.

Commissioner Morgan said he had no problem and felt it was always good to communicate with the different areas and felt it would help to have a packet of information that had been verified to be the case because every time he had these types of conversations, most instances 80% of what was said doesn't actually happen or have taken place because they certainly want to provide the best service available and Chair Taylor agreed.

Commissioner Holt said with regard to the workshops, especially Planning and Zoning, the Comprehensive Plan book is the problem and they need to go through it section by section and the information needs to be informative and they need to compare with places that were progressive and compare what they are doing and what changes we might need to make.

Chair Taylor said the Administrator could bring that back to them.

She then said there were concerns regarding the format of the Agenda, one the purpose behind it was citizens were there at the start of meetings and then leave before meetings were done and this way they could hear what was said and she was trying to make the Agenda more effective and efficient.

CONSENT

Mr. Presnell said the Consent Agenda was before them.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, BEFORE THE VOTE, COMMISSIONER HINSON ASKED TO PULL ITEM 4.

THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE ITEMS 3, 5 AND 6.

- 3. Approval to Accept the FY 2016 4th Quarter Report**
- 4. ~~Approval to Dispose of Surplus Property and Equipment~~**
Item pulled for discussion
- 5. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. September 6, 2016-Regular Meeting**
 - b. October 4, 2016-Regular Meeting**
 - c. October 18, 2016-Regular Meeting**
- 6. Ratification to Pay County Bills**

6a. Approval of Resolution for New Chairperson – Facsimile Stamp

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

4. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Property and Equipment

Commissioner Hinson said he pulled Item 4 and said he did not see dates on the computers and there was quite a few on the list. Mr. Presnell said this was items found at the Health Department and everything the Health Department purchased through the State became County equipment under the Board's control and this was items they deemed obsolete, but being County equipment, had to go through the County process to dispose. Commissioner Hinson asked if they look at it to see if there was anything useable and Mr. Presnell said they fill out a form saying the items were no longer usable. He said he was unsure if the IT Department had looked at them, but knowing the history of items deemed obsolete, it was probably junk. Commissioner Hinson asked the next step and Mr. Presnell said it would be given to vendors the Board approved and the last two sales were done on-line and people bid from all over and the County was pleased with the sales they did for the County. Commissioner Hinson said lot of non-profit organizations and students that could possibly benefit from the computers and said apparently no-one had investigated to see if the computers could be used. Mr. Presnell said the IT Department with Department of Health deemed them surplus but could not say for sure that the County IT Department had inspected them. He added they had been crated, palletted, saran-wrapped, but they could table the item if the Board wished to do so.

Commissioner Hinson stated he would like to table and added they did the same with the School Board when he was a Commissioner and there were a lot of groups that needed computers and was a win/win for everybody. He said he thought it would "help enhance our kids and make sure they have a computer in the household".

Mr. Presnell added it had been their experience when they sold computers, people do bid on them and buy them but it was for the metal, the silver, in them and people get the precious metals out of them. Commissioner Hinson said if they were usable, he felt it would be great to do so. Mr. Presnell said he would get an answer for the Board.

Commissioner Holt said she had no problem in tabling the item and added that they could look at them to see if they were usable and was interested if they did dispose of them they may could use the money to go toward non-profits.

Commissioner Morgan asked if the computers had been wiped and Mr. Presnell said he was sure they had been.

Chair Taylor said to Commissioner Hinson her only concern was if the computers were refurbished, would be more costly to a family that could not afford it to afford it and maybe Commissioner Holt was onto something

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. PUBLIC HEARING-Adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-022, an Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, creating the Gadsden County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, providing for repeal, severability, inclusion in the Gadsden County Code of Ordinances, modifications that may arise from consideration at public hearing and correction of scrivener's errors, and providing for an effective date; and adoption of Bylaws for the Gadsden County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for the adoption of an ordinance creating the Gadsden County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the adoption of the Bylaws for the Board.

Commissioner Hinson said Item 7 was not in his packet and he had not had a chance to review this item and asked to table this.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

8. PUBLIC HEARING-Approval and Execution of Resolution 2016-030 and the Non-Exclusive Interlocal Subscription Agreement Granting the Green Corridor Property Assessment Clean Energy (PACE) District Owners for Qualifying Improvements to Commercial and Residential Properties

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval and execution of Resolution 2016-030 and the Non-Exclusive Interlocal Subscription Agreement Granting the Green Corridor Property Assessment Clean Energy (PACE) District the Authority to Offer Voluntary Financing through Non-ad valorem Special Assessments to Gadsden County Property Owners for Qualifying Improvements to Commercial and Residential Properties. Mr. Presnell said approximately two years ago the Board approved the PACE Provider, it had not been utilized and there was a request by a business owner to have this other provider come in and he would let the attorney speak to that.

Chair Taylor announced this was a public hearing and she liked to have some discussion so the audience would know what the item was about. She then asked for input from the Attorney and said afterward she would ask for input from the citizens.

Mr. Weiss said the Administrator summed up the item and it was on the Agenda and currently there was one PACE provider who was authorized to operate their program within the County, but it was only for non-residential, commercial and jumbo loans and this would allow this provider to operate both commercial and residential and if they wanted to apply for qualifying improvements, which were clean energy, solar energy, wind resistance, etc. they could go through a PACE provider, the provider can pay the upfront costs and there was a loan agreement with the property owner and the loan was repaid through non-ad valorem special assessments and would go on the tax bill and the property could be lost if the taxes were not paid. He added the County would not be doing anything other than allowing the provider to come in and operate within the County and they must have authorization by the County in order to operate.

Chair Taylor asked if there was any input from the audience and there was none.

Chair Holt asked when negotiations started with the company and Mr. Weiss said he did not know if there were ever “negotiations”, there was a request from a property owner to add this provider and sent some proposed documents. Commissioner Holt asked when they were sent and Mr. Weiss said a month to 6 weeks ago. Commissioner Holt asked when he responded to them and he said a couple of weeks after they were sent. She asked if any changes were made and Mr. Weiss said yes. Chair Holt asked why the item was tabled and Mr. Weiss said he a received call/email from the attorney yesterday afternoon and said she had concerns to the revisions he had made and requested they pull the item because there were certain provisions she did not want to recommend her client agree to. Commissioner Holt said lately they were pulling items at the last minute.

Chair Taylor said she did not feel they should act on the item since there were issues regarding it.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON TO TABLE THE ITEM, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE. ITEM TABLED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

9. Approval of Contractual Agreement between CenturyLink and Gadsden County BOCC

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of a contractual agreement between CenturyLink and the Gadsden County BOCC and for authorization for the Chair to sign.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Hinson wanted to make sure it was known that this was a sole source contract and asked to put it out there so the public would know.

CHAIR TAYLOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

10. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program-Florida JAG Direct

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Sub grant in the amount of \$3,660.00.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Hinson said at times things move so quick and the public did not understand what was happening and asked if they could give a brief explanation.

Brian Alexander, Gadsden County Sheriff's Department, Sgt. of Narcotics TASK Force, appeared before the Board to explain what the grant was used for.

CHAIR TAYLOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE

THIS ITEM.

11. Lease of County Property-Bid Award

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to award Bid 16-27 to lease space in the Gadsden Memorial Hospital Building to North Florida Thyroid Center in the amount of \$1.00 annually.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVAL AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HOLT. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan asked Mr. Presnell to recap the process and level of discussions because he wanted to make sure everyone was given the information.

Mr. Presnell said they were approached about this and took the proposal to GHI, it was vetted there, and the contract with CRMC gives them the right of first refusal. Their blessing for the project was received to move forward, they put out a bid for the space and only received the one bid from Dr. Hart to provide services one Saturday a month to see if she could build a clientele.

Commissioner Morgan asked if they attorney and Mr. Glaser had reviewed this and Mr. Weiss said yes. Commissioner Morgan then asked the fiscal impact to the County and Mr. Presnell said basically none because utilities were on now and with her working a few hours on Saturday it would be a limited impact.

Commissioner Hinson said he was curious and asked if all she wanted was one day a month and Mr. Presnell said the wording was there to approve four days a month in hopes her business grows.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Dr. Celeste Hart appeared before the Board and said she was already here two Mondays a month working with the Mother Care Network and has begun to establish herself in the community.

12. Grant Documents to Complete Execution for Renovations to the Old Courthouse

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to request the execution of the Restrictive Covenant document between the State of Florida, Department of State, Florida Division of Historical Resource and the BOCC was awarded \$500,000 to complete renovations to the Courthouse and they must be completed by June 30, 2018.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

13. Stevens High Removal of Regulated Asbestos Containing Materials Grant Agreement Document Execution

Mr. Presnell said this was a similar item for Stevens High School for the removal of regulated Asbestos containing materials and was awarded \$50,000 and the renovations must be completed by June 30, 2018.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A SECOND WITH A COMMENT AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Holt said she requested a grant for this facility and since she was already talking with School Board officials about Havana Elementary and the County owned Stevens School and they could try for a business incubator there and there were several grants they could apply for.

Chair Taylor asked about the matching grant and Mr. Presnell said it was waived because we were a small county.

Commissioner Morgan asked the total costs and Mr. Presnell said it would have to be bid and Commissioner Morgan said when they start talking about removing/abating asbestos, it could get expensive and wanted to make sure there was no fiscal impact to the County, the County would get started and not have to money to get the project done. Mr. Presnell said they were only asking the Board to approve the \$50,000 tonight.

CHAIR TAYLOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

14. USDA Rural Business Development Grant Submission

Mr. Presnell introduced the and said it was to request the execution of grant submission documents for a USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG). He added it was for \$500,000 to renovate Stevens High School to its original glory.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

15. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said the Crappie Tournament was scheduled to be held on February 3rd & 4th at Lake Talquin and there was already over 80 boats registered for the tournament.

He said the responses for the RFP was put out for legal services and there were three responses and Staff asked for direction if the Board wanted them to rank them or set up interviews. Commissioner Holt said she wanted to interview them. Commissioner Hinson said Staff could look at them and bring them back.

Commissioner Viegbesie said the interview process would work for him. Mr. Presnell said prior to the next three meetings workshops was scheduled and they may have to do this on a different evening, possibly a Thursday. Chair Taylor asked when the current contract would expire and Commissioner Hinson said February 2, 2017.

Chair Taylor said since the date was so close, they may need the Administrator to rank them and then have the interview process.

Mr. Presnell then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and said they were having a get-together

at LR's on Thursday night.

Commissioner Morgan said the Rosedale water project upgrade was underway and hoped they could get Staff to do an update for the newspaper to update everyone.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked for an update on the situation with the Gadsden Senior Center.

Mr. Presnell said there were some new additions to the Board and was discussion from the Commissioners about the terms of some of the longer serving members and that had not been addressed yet.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Presnell said it was like the Fire Departments, hard to find volunteers.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie commented about comments Chair Taylor made earlier regarding Greenshade/Dogtown Volunteer Fire Department and asked about creative ways they as a Board could come up with to recruit volunteers. He then said he was dealing with several concerns and there was a road beginning to have cracks in it. Mr. Presnell said the Public Works Director and Justin Ford looked at it and the recommendation from both was it was reflective cracking from the existing pavement that was in the slag road and it was not alarming and he would provide him with a copy of the finding.

Commissioner Hinson asked the status of the Havana Heights apartment sidewalk and when it would start and commented it was approved two weeks ago. Mr. Presnell said he would have to ask the contractor about the intended start date and would get the end date to him.

Commissioner Hinson asked in future for January, he would like to address mental health and homelessness in the County because they coincide. He then mentioned maybe some property county owned by the County could be used to house people whose house burnt to ground for month or two to enable them to get back on their feet. Mr. Presnell said there was a new coalition that had been formed tri-county and thought Commissioner Hinson would be a perfect addition because they receive federal funding and was like CRPTA, the County has one seat. Chair Taylor said there was more of a need than resources, but was something they needed to discuss.

Commissioner Viegbesie requested the Administrator look into a specific case that was brought to his attention and was not sure what could be done in those situations and they needed to look into how they could assist.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

16. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss said he had nothing to report and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Holt said when they were talking about fire, there was a Governor's commission she had been watching on Public Television and they were talking about reducing requirements because could not get volunteer firemen and this was throughout the State. She said Franklin County Commissioners were Department Heads and they come to the meeting and report to the Board on what they were doing. She added that Escambia County would come in one hour before every meeting and take care of questions before the meeting began.

She said she was asked by a citizen if the County could sell internet thumb drives through the Library.

She said she had mentioned to the Attorney her hopes of getting a historical grant for the Butler Building. She said the Economic Development grant for \$199,000 they could get through USDA, she was looking at that for the Stevens school to pump in as much money as could be got to get it done in a nice way.

Receipt and File

- 17. a. Letter from FDOT
- b. Letter from Mediacom

UPCOMING MEETINGS

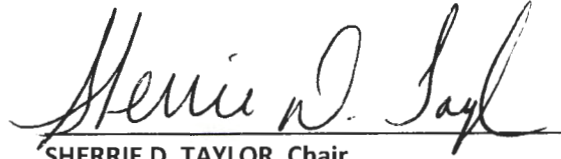
- 18. January 3, 2017-Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
December 20, 2016-Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR TAYLOR DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:51 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA



SHERRIE D. TAYLOR, Chair
Board of County Commissioners



ATTEST:



NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk