

**AT A SPECIAL MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP  
HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FL ON MAY  
26, 2011 AT 4:00 P.M., THE FOLLOWING  
PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ.**

**Present:** Sherrie Taylor, Chairperson, District 5  
Eugene Lamb, District 1  
Doug Croley, District 2 arrived at 4:30 p.m.  
Brenda Holt, District 4  
Nicholas Thomas Clerk  
Debra Minnis, County Attorney  
Arthur Lawson, Interim County Administrator

**Absent:** Gene Morgan, District 3 (excused)

**1. Review of Proposed Budget Calendar for FY 2012 Budget**

Jeff Price, OMB Senior Budget Analyst presented the budget calendar and asked for input from the board members.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAMB, THE BOARD VOTE 3 – 0, TO ADOPT THE BUDGET CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.**

**2. General Fund Balance**

Mr. Price stated that he and Mr. Lawson met with the county department heads previous to this meeting and made a number of cuts to their original requests.

He noted that the board added \$1.6 million to the unbudgeted fund balance for FY10 bringing the balance to \$4.3 million. However, the board used some of it bringing that balance back down to \$3.7 million. (Purchase of the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector's building.)

He concurred with Clerk Thomas in that the board should continue to add to it until it reaches at least \$5 million even though the auditors suggested that it should be around \$8 million.

**3. Revenues**

Mr. Price projected a shortfall in revenue of approximately \$400,000 - \$500,000 – mainly in property taxes. In addition he pointed several other state revenue sources that are expected to be lower in the upcoming budget. (Part 1 of the fiscally constrained money was down about 80%, but it was the smaller piece of legislation, not the larger. Library State Aid) revenue estimates will be out on June 1 and he would be checking for updates daily.

Taylor:

Back to general fund balance. At one point in time, it was \$4.3 million. Currently, are you saying it is \$3.7?

Price:

I don't know what it is currently. It changes daily by what finance does. I think the last report I saw, it was \$4 million.

Taylor:

Mr. Thomas?

Thomas:

You know, you are estimating right now what it is going to be. You don't really know the number until after September 30. But, based on the fact that you added expenditures from the budget from fund balance, that means that \$4.3 million figure was as of September 30, 2010. So, this fiscal year, you have spent some of that. You bought that building and some other things. So, it will probably be less. Especially if revenue is down. The fund balance will go down. So, my recommendation would be to not count on fund balance as you start building your budget. You don't want to budget any of your fund balance in your next fiscal year's budget.

Taylor:

That is always wise. We don't want to balance the budget off the fund balance.

Thomas:

During the budget conversation, you probably won't think about it much until you get to a point where there is something that you think is significant enough that you would consider it. That might come up.

Taylor:

But no dollars can be spent out of this budget unless this board approves it.

Thomas:

Right.

Taylor:

Those dollars don't change unless we verify it.

Thomas:

Right. That is mainly true. Unless you appropriate money from fund balance. However, if revenue, for example, revenue falls way short, shorter than the 5% cushion, and you don't adjust your budget downward, then by default you end up using fund balance. We are not looking at that scenario.

Taylor:

O.K. Just doing the math on this, you peaked by curiosity, I know we spent \$400,000 on that building. It was \$4.3 million at one time and now we are at \$3.7. That is a difference of \$600,000. I am trying to figure out why.

Thomas:

It is not an exact science because the revenue you collect plays a factor into that, too. Do you see what I mean?

You can assume that because you appropriated that money from fund balance, that your fund balance would go down by that much. But, revenue collections above what you anticipated, your fund balance may actually not go down. Do you see what I mean?

Taylor:

Yeah. I can always appreciate you spending \$400,000 with \$4.3 million there. I can see that some revenues could come in and absorbed that cost. But, I am seeing it go down more than half of what we actually spent by board approval. Do you see what I am saying?

Thomas:

That is a guesstimate, but we can tell you what actual cash is, but that is not the fund balance. I am not sure is he is talking about actual cash there or the fund balance.

Price:

These are just estimates of the fund balance.

Thomas:

He is just estimating, so what you can take from this is that if you appropriated \$400,000, the chances are that your fund balance is going to come down by at least by that much. But, that is not an exact science because of what revenue does. Where the revenue is high or low plays a factor.

#### **4. Expenditures**

Mr. Price reference a number of expenditures that are expected to increase over last year.

- Cost of fuel – unknown
- Florida Retirement –there will be some savings for this year, but it will be back on the legislative agenda for next year
- Health Ins. Not known until July, but 8% increase is assumed in the budget for the time being.
- Medicaid increase of \$100,000 - \$150,00 this year over last year.
- Capital Equipment and projects – over \$1 million requested

In total, there was an additional \$2 million that must be worked into the upcoming budget.

**Commissioner Holt asked to see the increases in writing.** She also stated that before she would consider any layoffs, she would rather consider a four-day week for everybody.

Mr. Lawson referenced the handout, which was a spreadsheet of current budgets for county departments and their requested budget for 2012 and what is recommended by the staff before major cuts are made. At this stage of budget preparation, without definitive revenue projections, it would be very difficult to put a balanced budget together. The attached spreadsheet was just an overview of the requests made by the BOCC Departments. Once the final revenue projections are known, staff will put together a budget document that will be complete. It should be available prior to the July 7<sup>th</sup> workshop.

Commissioner Taylor asked, “Is there any reason that we are not looking at the Medicaid Budget today?”

Mr. Price replied, “I have a list, but I don’t have the amounts to project into 2012. This one, Medicaid, is a big number. I don’t think the others will be such a large number. So that is the reason I didn’t include that.

Holt:

When will the Medicaid rebill numbers be in? The money when they were looking back 10 years?

Price:

I don’t know. Linda is getting some everyday, but she hasn’t gotten a whole lot this year

yet. I was talking to the representatives and they don't know. They are out actively pursuing them, but they haven't sent a whole lot to us yet.

Holt:

I don't know if you have spoken with them and I haven't in a while, but have they said anything at the state level about a statute of limitations? I know some of the counties were saying, "Is there anything in the law that says they can only go back so far?" Have you heard anything?

Price:

I did and they have set the statute of limitation at 10 years.

Holt:

10 years. O.K.

Croley:

I am trying to restate this so that I understand the issue or state my understanding of it. The Medicaid, which is a federal program, is passed down through the states. The states try to administer it. They are getting this money from the federal government and the state is putting some money in it. It is filtering down to the local level where you are charged for your residents. Commissioner Holt, please correct me if I have misunderstood your point on this. You have said and I have heard other counties say that the State of Florida is coming back and finding errors and they are trying to recapture some money from the local governments that they failed to bill for accurately. Is that correct?

Holt:

Yes.

Croley:

That is what you all have been saying. Surely there is an appeal process about that and they have to prove the preponderance of correctness has got to be on their part, doesn't it? So there are a lot of opportunities for us as a county or any county to challenge the accuracy of any assessments like that. We have no reason to believe that they have been extremely successful in their recapture efforts, have we?

Price:

Correct, each one is being looked at and challenged.

Croley:

I believe that Ms. Harris checks that bill doesn't she?

Price:

Yes, sir.

Croley:

As far as I know, from report that I have seen since I have been here, she does a good job with it. I think it should be a minimal impact on this county unless there is some bad error up there. I am not aware of any auditor ever citing us. Have we ever had any problems, Mr. Lawson in the years that you've been here?

Lawson:

Not that I am aware of as far as Medicaid is concerned. I think what probably is going to happen and it is difficult to say right now as to what type of impact it is going to have on us. A lot of times we reject bills based upon different circumstances when Ms. Harris reviews them. Those are the ones, as I understand it, that they are going back and looking at to try to get us to pay for the ones that we rejected over the years because we said, "for whatever reason, we didn't think that they were eligible for reimbursement. I guess we will have an opportunity when they rebill us, like you said, there will be an appeals process as to why we didn't think we were supposed to pay those particular bills.

Look, it is all evolving right now. There is nothing specific that has been sent to us that indicates the rebilling and how the process is going to work in terms of our appeals rights to those bills. So, we are still are waiting. The anticipation is that we have to plan for something. Therefore, that is what Mr. Price is eluding to when he was saying that we probably need to put some additional monies in there just for that figure.

Croley:

But, in your plan that you are saying that we need to do, I ask that you are checking to make sure that Ms. Harris has adequate records and kept her records.

Lawson:

She does.

Croley:

And you are confident that has been done?

Lawson:

Yes.

Croley:

O.K. Thank you.

Holt:

I would like to say that when I spoke with the State agency that does that, they said that they have already taken it from us, the rebilling process. They took it from all the counties and they want to see what the rebilling is themselves. They want to do the process. What

they did, they had a new process in place. When they got the new computer system in place, they had to go back three years just to get it up to where it needed to be so they could do the rebilling. When I called, they said it would be on us to pay for whatever they found. I said, "O.K. What kind of numbers are we talking about?" She started giving me some numbers, but I can't give you the exact numbers. But I said this, "O.K. you are saying that we had someone in place and they were verifying the amount of whatever was sent in." That is what we were looking at. If they had a Gadsden County Address, if they a citizen at the time, where they were in the state at the hospital, so many days of testing while they were in the hospital. That is what we were looking at. We were trying to move back on the Florida Association of Counties – move our pay back – When you were saying, Commissioner Croley, that is comes from the federal government, but, where they put it on us is that the counties have to pay the first so many days when a person goes to the hospital. We are paying a larger chunk because that is when you get all the testing done and all that. We were trying to move it back and let it start us at day 11, 12, 13 of a person's stay in the hospital.

The state is saying that they are looking at those bills now, not the county. They want us to pay those amounts. They want us to pay, of course, so they don't have to deal with the federal government being on them about the money. So, they just pass it on to us and they intend for us to pay it.

You are right about the appeal because all the counties in the state are trying to appeal and find out if they really have to pay that money. From what I heard from the state was, "You are going to pay it." That is another unfunded mandate. Something else that they want us to do and they are not going to help us. That is where I left off the conversation.

Taylor:

Alright. That is an issue. If I am hearing you correctly, you are putting an additional \$150,000 there to offset any cost that may come to us from the 10 years rebilling.

Price:

Correct.

Taylor:

Then we are o.k. I concur with Commissioner Croley when he said that if we rejected it initially, there had to be a valid reason as to why. If we have documentation, then we should be able to support our position.

We are going to leave that right there.

Holt:

Madam Chair, may I say something right quick?

Taylor:

That is not one that is in front of us. Keep in mind that we must stick with this particular agenda because this is what has been advertised. We can't really take ourselves off it to discuss an item that has not been properly advertised. We don't want to do that. We don't need to beat that one. It is going to be part of the budget and we have already said that it is in there as far as the Statutes and what is going on in that particular department. We don't need to discuss it. Just get in preparation for it in this budget. We have done that. We have also had discussion. Just want to bring everybody back and let's continue on with the agenda items.

Holt:

Well, I am going to discuss it when we get to another item. So.

Taylor:

Let's go on with Item 5.

## **5. BOCC Priorities and Other Directions**

### **5a. Commissioner Lamb, District 1**

Lamb:

I am not looking at anything specifically that we need to pinpoint. I am quite sure that some of have things that we would like to do. I think we are doing pretty good with our roads. **I don't know if we are going to put so much money aside for the commissioners to have for each of the districts to use to try and do one road in their district or one bridge or whatever. We will probably come down to that later on.**

Taylor:

Well, Commissioner, what about your park. Is it at the level?

Lamb:

**No, I am going to have to talk with Mr. Lawson and let him talk to his supervisors to see how much money we can put aside \$50,000 - \$75,000.**

Taylor:

This is where we need to discuss it. You would like to see that money set aside for continuation of the buildout of the park.

**Mr. Lawson, you can consider from District 1 that he is looking to bring in some**



**additional revenue to finish the build out of the park.**

**Lamb:**

**I want Mr. Lawson to talk to the Sheriff about putting a substation in the Havana area. He's got police help over there, but it is getting bad. I am getting calls almost everyday about somebody breaking into something – churches and so forth over there.**

**5b. Commissioner Croley, District 2**

Croley :

I am just going to restate my guiding principles. I believe in the sensible economic development, protection of the environment, support transportation and infrastructure improvements all at the lowest reasonable cost.

Along those lines, I keep trying to emphasize over and over again that in case as a district, but probably more important to the county as a whole. I've got the situation there with Coastal Lumber up there who has 320 employees, 130-150 trucks a day now come out of there with logs and finished lumber. That is not counting additional truck traffic with the BASF mines and fuller's earth, the nurseries, Clinton and May Nurseries, for instance. This doesn't count the other similar situations around the county. **We just have a deteriorating situation with those roads. We also continue to have concerns with people about surface water and issues that go right down to the lake into District 5 and raise issues there in your own area of concern.**

I am going to start very briefly and flip back to the economic development. I think that this county, and we ought to set aside a little money, and it wouldn't cost us that much, to **institute a business license.** An occupational license for the unincorporated areas of the county. I think we ought to put some money in there just to pay for the cost of giving them a license. **I didn't say to charge anybody anything, just give a license so that we can better assess and have a database for what we have so that we can work on moving forward with economic development. I think that is something that if we just had a small amount of money in the budget to pay those printing cost and be able to do a mailout and say, "We want to have a occupational license and it isn't going to cost you anything. All we need to know is who you are and where you are located."** I think that would help us a lot in trying to gauge a successful economic development activities that are within the county. That is just an idea.

Back to the environment. You know we had a consultant that was basically working on **grants that related to surface water improvements. I believe that was Dr. Sean McGlen. Haven't heard too much about what has been done there. I know there was efforts to try to get some grant money down toward the Lake Talquin area as well as monitoring the Apalachicola and boat ramp improvements and other things that could be done.**

Again, I want to go back to transportation. We have been successful in getting a lot of money for the county on grants. **In fact, somebody complained the other day, I think we had six grant applications in Capital Regional Transportation Planning Agency. We have four of them in Gadsden County. Hopefully we can get you some more money, but it is probably going to require some matching money as well.** So, we are going to need to work a little bit closer to know what types of matching money that we need. I know you have had some communication with the FDOT about some of the studies that have been approved for safety. So, there might be a little money there that is needed.

**Then, as far as infrastructure, I do remind you that we need to put a roof on that AG building out there. That is \$95,000.** But, they are paying you \$65,000 per year in rent. I think. Is that about right?

Lawson:

Not quite. I think it is about \$2400 per month.

Croley:

What I am trying to get at is that their rent would pay over a short amount of time for the roof or either you are going to lose them as a tenant. It would be prudent to try to put that money out with the expectation that you are going to get it back in over the next couple of years.

So, those are just some preliminary thoughts. I know we don't have a whole lot of room to maneuver here, but if we focus on some of those areas, it would pay good dividends for the county. I think it would help all the districts countywide.

Lawson:

Just to respond very quickly, Madam Chair, if I may. **I did request Clyde to put a couple of roofs in his budget initially to start. If we get to the point that we couldn't fund two of them, then perhaps we could fund one.** But, he has in his budget monies that is part of the capital for at least two of the worst roofs that we have identified.

Croley:

Before I relinquish the floor on this, I am going to look at something that is right here within site. All you have to do is walk out there and look at the Supervisor of Elections Building. They've got a nice building that has been repainted. **But, the cupola there is heavily stained with rust. A little paint now will save a lot of money in the long run.** Being penny wise and first pound foolish. It would cost that much to paint that cupola.

Lawson:

We probably could take care of that with the maintenance budget.

Croley:

Well, I am just throwing those out. Thank you.

**5c. Commissioner Holt, District 4**

Holt:

I was just thinking that the Sheriff's Department doesn't have to cover Midway anymore, right, because they have their own police department.

Lamb:

Yes, they still have to cover Midway, but not to the extent that they were doing it. And when the Midway Police Department calls them, then they have to respond, but no where like they used to.

Holt:

I am glad you brought up the AG Building, Commissioner Croley. I brought it to the Commission before. I know that I have gotten a couple of calls on it in the beginning, but I didn't get any more. I was hoping that we had started moving on that. So, thank you, Mr. Lawson for that.

**Friendship Park.** I brought that to the board before. That is one of my priorities. I was moved down on the list and I am trying to get it back up there. It was at the top of the list at one time. So, if I can get it in there, good. It is really run down. I feel sorry for them a little bit because the nursery is moving in on them. So the flower nursery over is spraying and people are trying to play with their kids in the park. It is getting to be that Imperial Nursery is surrounding that area out there. They are doing indoor plants and it is real pretty, but it is aggravating to some of the constituents out there.

**Economic Development Jobs.** I think 300 people were laid off today in Chattahoochee and from what I can tell they have laid off maintenance, housekeeping, cafeteria workers, and they are going after forensic. That is what I was told today. One of the departments will be shut down in forensic. That is scary. I don't know what you do in that situation. That is scary.

We need to look at a package for economic development. A package deal. How do we get out there and advertise it if – How do we get the jobs here? Look at some other models. If we set aside some funds toward that. If we use it, we use it. If we don't, we don't. But, we need to look at enticing job this way. How do we get businesses to come this way?

Also, let that department where we put our funds, we may be able to coexist with some other counties. Look at funding for something like there. If they have something that is trying to come to Palm Beach, to a county where they are not wanted, they may work

perfectly here. We may be able to work with the Association to do something like that.

I am trying to get jobs, like I said, on U.S. 90, US 27, I-10 or through CSX Railroad. How do we get some of those jobs to come here? They are looking to get their products out if they do come here. So, I am hoping we can get something with that.

**Tourism** is the same way. It is very difficult. We do have a lake down there and I know you want to be eco-sound. We want to make sure that the forestry and everything out there is doing well, but we do want to entice tourism. How do we get a balance between those two? We have the Tourism Council working. How do we help them to try to get people in here that are spending money? If they are spending 7.5 cents on the dollar, they are causing jobs. The businesses are going to need more employees. If people going fishing, they are going to need hotel rooms or whatever, they are going to build up our tax base if we can get them in here. So, I am just looking at economic development as far as jobs and business and tourist.

**Grant Writing.**

The other thing, as I said before is grants. I was on Facebook last night at some of those folks from a few of the counties. I know Franklin County has a NACO grant and a couple of other counties are getting NACO. We haven't really been participating in NACO, but we need to find out how we can apply for some of this funding. That goes back to what I said about the grant writer or grant coordinator. We need someone that can go after this funding. Now this is a major issue as far as I am concerned. If we can get someone who can write for money, we may be able to match in facilities or a little bit of man power instead of having to match dollars. If the grant writer would write his salary within the grant, it would be fine with me because I would rather have something. Like I said, I was on Facebook and I am going to get back on there when I leave here to find out how they are getting this money. We want to be able to go after some of those funds. NACO is sitting there and they are eager to help us. They will help you apply. I think they are going in June or July at the NACO meeting. I don't know what state they are meeting in this time, but they are going to get their monies when they meet this summer. We didn't apply for anything. So, we need to know how to do that.

**As I said before, Friendship Park, Economic Development jobs, Tourism and Grant Writing. Those are my main items.**

Thank you.

**5d. Commissioner Taylor, District 5**

Taylor:  
**Code Enforcement Magistrate or Judge**

I have a couple. One of them is a Magistrate and Judge to help with our Code Enforcement. There is a serious issue that is going on out there. After speaking with one the officers, it is even more apparent that they are just writing on paper to be writing on paper because nothing is being done.

Economic Development comes with a lot a variables. If the community doesn't look enticing, the folks are not going to come. It does indeed devalue property when you are building your house next to an area that is devaluating the community. So, we need to set aside for such a position. What was said to me, not much money needs to be set aside because it will only be on an as-need basis. You don't have to have a regular judge to come in and set over these enforcement issues because they are not that frequent in nature. Then there could be a cost passed on to the land owner or the violator. We certainly need to do something. Put some teeth in our Code Enforcement Department. It is just not effective. Ya'll see it everyday when go into your community. Some areas that certainly need to do a little bit better.

### Roads

Commissioner Lam said a moment ago about roads. This is something that I have been looking at. I have been looking for the right time to bring it up because we have been under some fiscal constraint with dollars and we have been tight on our dollars. But, I was hoping that we could look at this fiscal year coming up at adopting some private roads. In doing so, we could stay within our budget and use some of the dollars that we collect with the one cent sales tax. I talked with Mr. Thomas and he indicated that it is a sizeable amount of money that we collect each year. Now that we have earmarked those dollars specific to roadwork and fire, we might be able to do some of this with regard to private roads and bringing these roads into the county coffers.

Now I know that the argument has been early on that we are struggling to maintain what we do have. But no one rises to low expectation. I think we can do what we need to do. These people who are on these private roads are paying a lion's share of taxes and some consideration should be given to them. So, I am looking at as we go on maybe two or three commissioners could adopt a half mile each. **We need to look at the cost of that, Mr. Lawson - what would ½ mile of road paving cost. Just kind of get a number. What would ½ mile cost if we had to just build out a road and pave it?** Then we could see how many in each district from that.

Lawson:

If I am understanding correctly, you not only want to adopt a private road, but you want to pave them as well.

Taylor:

Exactly right. So, we will need to look at the process for doing it and then we need to look

at what cost is involved.

### **AG Building Roof**

I can appreciate the roof issue. I am glad that Mr. Lawson has taken the initiative to put the \$95,000 in the budget plus another roof I see. The Building Facilities does have a very sizeable budget here. I am glad to know that it is in there.

### **Co locating EMS and Patrols at Fire Substations**

We are supposed to be embarking on putting up substations or going to these fire departments and building out where you will have not only a fire station, but your emergency services as well as police patrols. They are supposed to be going to these different fire departments. It is my understanding that there are ten countywide. That might help us. That is an initiative that I heard would be coming from the Sheriff's Department. I know that he went out and met with the Wetumpka people and go them to buy in to having a patrol car stationed there. So, we need to elaborate on that, Mr. Lawson with regard to EMS Services being put out into these fire stations as well as the Sheriff's Department putting deputies out there. He has already initiated that. So, the substation is certainly something that has been initiated, but needs to be followed up on and made to happen. I am supporting that.

### **FSH Layoffs**

Someone said something about the 300 jobs lost. Nobody said specifically, but I assume you are talking about what happen at Florida State Hospital.

This is one of those "I told you so." We knew privatization was coming, but we spent that money for the lobbyist out there and we knew it was coming and we knew it was coming because Florida State had to do some concessions and they had to do it with the Governor's office so that the Governor wouldn't come and do it himself. So, this was being put into motion way back when. So we may be able to save of lobbying services. That is something that we could not stop. The lobbyist just could not stop it. It was coming.

### **Economic Development and Citizens Bills of Rights**

Now, you were talking about economic development. I was hoping that with this Bill of rights, we could have some. But it concerns me that particular bill has been put into place. I know we have indicated that there has been some misinterpretation of it and that it really doesn't hinder, but it does in a sense. I say that because we have something in place that many other counties don't with regard to that Bill of Rights. Business are going to look at it and ease away because they don't make money when they are building. They make money when they sell a product or goods and services. Then and only then are they making money, not when they are building. This is a cost to them. If they are going to

have difficulties coming in and have that initial cost, I think we are going to be the step child in trying to get businesses in. These are things we need to look at.

Economic Development is really needed and jobs are imperative but it going to be a hard drive with that Bill of Rights on our books as it is in its present standing. That is just my opinion.

I think that everybody asked with the exception of Commissioner Morgan, have put out a litany of things that they want to see in this budget. I will encourage you to talk to Commissioner Morgan and certainly get his input on that. I hope that you have gathered and written notes with what has been said as far as our priority list and that we will be able to come back and discuss these a little bit in detail. Put some numbers to them and some realization as to whether or not we can absorb some of these costs. **I do encourage you to go back and look at this budget with a 10% cut. Basically what you are showing us today, there is almost a one million increase over last year. Well, I take that back, maybe \$600,000 to \$700,000 over lasts year. But there are some items here that the board wants to see that is not in here.**

Lawson:

I think the majority are (inaudible) They are mostly in public works for equipment. The majority of the departments had reductions rather than increases. This is pretty much Public Works wish list. We have it in there because we were just initially looking to see before we start fine tuning. They might have put five dump trucks in there and they might be able to only get one. So, we will go back and look at it before we get drastic and go back and tell each department to cut 10%. I can guarantee you they are basically operating on nothing now.

Taylor:

I do know what you are saying and I can appreciate the work ethic that has been put forward. But we don't need to see an increase in the budget based on the revenue projections, which we have already received from the property appraiser's office. We don't need to see an increase. We need to be mindful of what is in front of us going forward. Not only that, these are not all that is coming. These are not the only expenses that the county spends. There are others that are not here today because his information was not ready for presentation tonight.

Alright.

Yes, sir.

Croley:

One thing that, I don't know where you are going to put it on here, but you know that Value Adjustment Board, you are going to have to budget basically as a separate entity. I

am assuming you are aware of that.

Lawson:  
Yes, sir.

Taylor:  
We have Commissioner Holt. It looks like we are about ready to wrap this up, ladies and gentlemen.

Holt:  
The fire stations were presented to the public also as hurricane shelters. I just want to remind you of that and that they were supposed to be built to standards in the event of a hurricane, they are supposed to be able to pull all that equipment out in case it is needed as a hurricane shelter. The people are supposed to use it.

I started laughing when you started talking about police stations. I know they are looking to coexist, but one commissioner asked me one time, "What is going to happen to your trucks in a hurricane?" I replied, "If I have to chose between trucks and people, I will chose people anyday."

I don't want the people who are using the facilities to think that it is theirs. It belongs to the people and they only have access to them. That is one thing.

Another thing – I was just looking on my email and there is a \$250,000 cut that the Governor has cut from the Gadsden Mobile Health Unit. There was another \$500,000 cut from Gadsden Nurse and family partnership. I was just looking at the ones that were Gadsden County. Farm Share was cut \$200,000. \$522,463 cut from Northwest Florida Water Management District. Those have been cut today.

Taylor:  
Again, good news is not on the horizon, at least not as far as revenue for this county. But I am thankful for some of the things that are coming.

**6. Other Items as Necessary**

**Next meeting July 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Allocate a few hours.**



**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**Sherrie Taylor, Chair**

**ATTEST:**

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**Muriel Straughn, Deputy Clerk**