

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JULY 5, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD, VIZ.**

**PRESENT:**       **Sherrie Taylor, Chair, District 5**  
                  **Gene Morgan, Vice-Chair, District 3**  
                  **Eugene Lamb, District 1**  
                  **Doug Croley, District 2**  
                  **Brenda Holt, District 4**  
                  **Nicholas Thomas, Clerk**  
                  **Deborah Minnis, County Attorney**  
                  **Arthur Lawson, Interim County Administrator**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. announcing the date and time. She then led in a prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag.

The roll was called by Deputy Clerk Muriel Straughn and recorded above.

**AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Char Taylor noted that an updated version of the Interlocal Agreement between Gadsden County, Gretna and Greensboro had been prepared and distributed prior to the meeting. She noted that the changes noted in blue are the changes made of Friday, July 1, 2011.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAMB, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0 TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE NOTED CHANGE ABOVE.**

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

**1.   Status of Hurricane Preparedness**

Major Shawn Wood, Sheriff's Department spoke to the board. He passed out a handout regarding hurricane training and exercises. He noted the following:

- Training of volunteers will be done by the staff at Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy. Gadsden County had 50 – 60 to go through the program.
- Beginning next year, First Aid and CPR training will taught to about 400 young people who are members of the JROTC.
- Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERTS) will be teaching what disasters mean and how they volunteers can help. JROTC will team up with the staff that is already available to them.

- EMS has provided staff to help train volunteers.
- Health Department has been a great partner in devising a plan to help during a crisis.
- Senior Citizens needs have been identified as a most important and urgent need.
- In addition to hurricane preparedness, Emergency Management is practicing with other entities to get trained in safety related scenarios.

Chair Taylor spoke to some specific areas about which she wanted to make sure that there was a plan in place to handle such as evacuation plans and how evacuation plans will be disseminated throughout the county; Coastal and Inland hazards – What do we do to alert people who are living on the coast? . What are the plans for businesses, communities, and sand bags? Where are the shelters? How do we get people informed?

Major Wood explained that Gadsden County is not an evacuation zone but if a category 4 hurricane were to come through, Gadsden County would have the right to evacuate.. The school system would do the evacuation and do the transportation from our location to another depending on which way the storm would be going. Gadsden County doesn't have it's own evacuation route because we are not considered by the state to be in an evacuation zone.

Chair Taylor asked to have an evacuation plan just in case and a plan regarding how to handle the mosquitoes, pets, and sand bags. She said she was looking to get to a level of comfort about what plans are in place.

Tashonda Whaley, Special Needs Coordinator spoke to the board about the plan for special needs patients in the event of a storm or crisis. Bed bound patients would be transported to Capital Regional Hospital. There are between 2,000 – 5,000 people in the county are oxygen dependent and they would be transported by Emergency Management to the special needs shelter. But, these people must be registered with Emergency Management for that to take place. There are volunteers who work in the community to identify those people who would need special care.

Commissioner Holt reminded everyone that the new fire stations were built to sustain hurricane winds. She asked to get some feedback about the use of fire stations as community shelters and how they expect to handle the publicity.

Commissioner Morgan asked how Gadsden compares with other small counties. Major Wood responded that Gadsden is unique in that there is a large elderly population who live alone in remote areas of the county without transportation. That also makes the plan different that those you would find in other locations.

There was also the mention that the county would benefit greatly from having sound financial reserves to draw from in the event of a storm or other disaster.

Commissioner Morgan then mentioned the local private entities that provide a cold weather shelter for the homeless or people who do not have adequate heat in their homes. He suggested that possibly they might be a good resource and might also benefit from a relationship with Emergency Management.

Chair Taylor brought the discussion to a conclusion that she wanted them to come back with more detail in their presentation.

**CLERK OF COURT AGENDA**

**2. Presentation of County Finance and County Clerk Issues**

The Clerk had nothing to present.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAMB AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW AS 3 – 7 AND 9-10.**

3. Approval of Minutes            May 3, 2011 Regular Meeting  
    May 3, 2011 Special Meeting

**4. Ratification of Approval to Pay County Bills**

Accounts Payable Dated:    June 10, 2011

June 17, 2011

June 24, 2011

Payrolls Dated:

June 16, 2011

June 30, 2011

**5. Request for Budgetary Approval for Expenditures Made on the 911 Digital Recording System Grant for the fiscal years 2009-10 through 2010-12**

**Type of Grant:** Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

**Amount of Grant:** \$29, 411.00

**Period of Grant:** 10/01/2009 thru 09/30/2013

**Title of Program:** FY 2010 Justice Assistance Grant Program

**Title of Project:** Gadsden County Sheriff's Office Technology Enhancement Plan -Digital Recording

**Project Number:** 2010-DJ-BX-1406

**Date of Award:** 08/10/2010

The grant funds were sought to offset the cost to install network technology, system hardware and software for a digital recording system for the 911 dispatch. It benefits all municipalities of the county.

6. Approval and Signatures for Satisfaction of Special Assessment Lien(s) for the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program

Ollie Mae McGriff

7. Approval of Signatures for Special Assessment Liens and Rehabilitation Contracts – SHIP and Florida Housing (FHOP) Rehabilitation Program

Ernest McGrif

Diane Robinson Green

Carol Blake

~~8. Approval of Public Works Mosquito Control Budget and Detailed Work Plan FY 2011-2012~~

~~There is a county match of \$53,289.89 for this program for the 2011/2012 fiscal year. Due to budget constraints on the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the funding for Gadsden County has been reduced from \$35,000 to \$18,396.11. To continue the program, the difference will have to be made up by the county. This was not planned for during next year's budgeting process because it was not announced until after the proposed budget was submitted to the county administrator. Regardless of the funding issues, the detailed work plan must be submitted to continue to have an approved program with the State. Staff will submit an appeal for amendments to the work plan once a full scale solution has been determined to solve the fiscal reductions. This item was pulled for discussion. See below.~~

9. Sufficiency of Public Official Bonds

Ordinance 2011-001 established the bond amounts of local constitutional officers as follows: Clerk of Courts -\$100,000; Tax Collector - \$100,000; Sheriff - \$100,000; Deputies - \$1,000; Supervisor of Elections and Property Appraiser - \$\$5,000; County Commissioners \$2,000 each. S Section 2-112(g) requires the county commission to examine the bonds for sufficiency at the first meeting of January of each year as well as the first meeting in June of each year. There is no fiscal impact at this time. Staff recommended that the board determine that the current bonds are sufficient.

10. Approval of Lease with Capital Regional Medical Center for 12 Hospital Beds for a total of \$360.00 per month

10 Stryker GO Bed Model FL20E Hospital Beds and

2 Stryker GO Bed Model FL17E.

**ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION – Item 8 of the Consent Agenda**

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Public Works Director Charles Chapman addressed the board with an explanation of the above.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAMB, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MOSQUITO CONTROL DETAILED WORK PLAN FY 2011-2012 WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT IT WILL BE AMENDED LATER.**

**CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no speaker forms filed with the clerk for this juncture.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**11. Public Hearing – Approval of Community Development Block Grant Application (Disaster Recovery Initiative) and Authorization for the Chairperson to Execute the Grant**

Interim County Administrator Arthur Lawson announced a public hearing on the above titled subject explaining that it is a grant application to Florida Department of Community Affairs for a CDBG grant for disaster recovery. The grant funding was made available to Florida by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development under Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et.seq. for federally declared natural disasters that occurred during 2008 (Tropical Storm Fay, Hurricanes Gustav and Ike). Gadsden County will apply for \$98,249.07 to address flooding on Canty Lane in Gretna. The road is one that was identified by FEMA in 2008 as needing service.

Chair Taylor again announced that this proceeding was a public hearing and invited public participation. She called for comments or questions from the public. There was no response.

Phyllis Moore, Community Development Administrator spoke to the board requesting their approval and explained how that Canty Lane was identified by FEMA as needing to be addressed due to flooding issues in 2008.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAMB AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLD, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0 TO APPROVE THE GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZED THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO IMPROVE CANTY LANE IN GRETNA.**

**12. Public Hearing: Rosedale Community Water System Improvements CDBG Grant Application for \$750,00**

Interim County Administrator Arthur Lawson announced the opening of a public hearing to take public comments and questions about the above stated project and grant.

Phyllis Moore, Community Development Coordinator and Justin Ford, engineer with Preble Rish addressed the board and reminded them that the Rosedale Community in Chattahoochee has petitioned the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners to apply for a CDBG grant to the Department of Community Affairs on their behalf to help upgrade their water system . Preble Rish, Inc. requested the county to hold a public hearing. This hearing is the first stage of the application.

Chair Taylor again opened the floor to the public for discussion, comments or questions. There was no response.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAMB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLT TO APPROVE THE GRANT APPLICATION, THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ROSEDALE COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, AND AUTHORIZED THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.**

Commissioner Morgan made several comments about the necessity of the project, which is in his district.

Calvin Dawkins of the Rosedale Water Association spoke to the board. To emphasize how dire the need for improvements is, he told the board that people in that community often awaken to find that there is no water because of broken pipes. He thanked the board for their consideration.

In turn, Commissioner Holt thanked the association for their hard work and diligence to get the project to this point. .

**THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0 IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROSEDALE WATER ASSOCIATION GRANT APPLICATION.**

**GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA**

**13. Approval of Budget Amendment OMB BA# 110080 Request to Authorize Expenditure of the Courthouse Facilities Fund to Complete Repairs and Renovations in the Circuit Judge’s Chambers of the Guy A. Race Judicial Complex**

The Second Judicial Circuit requested that the county approve the above stated budget amendment to authorize the expenditure of up to \$15,000 in the Courthouse Facilities Reserve Surplus for Contingency Fund (Account 59901) for FY 2011 to complete the repairs and renovations in the Circuit judge’s chambers in the Guy A. Race Building.

Significant water leaks had developed in the ceiling of the Public Defender’s office on the second floor and in the ceiling of the original courtroom on the first floor. On February 16, 2010, the board approved funds to patch the roof, fix the leaks in the ceilings, and refurbish the heavily utilized original courtroom annex. Forty –two patches were made and the courtroom was renovated, replacing torn carpet and painting stained walls. On September 21, 2010, the board approved additional expenditure of the Courthouse facilities reserve surplus for contingency fund to make necessary repairs to the Guy A. Race Judicial Complex and to the Gadsden County Courthouse to include replacing the still-leaking roof, replacing the ceiling and floor coverings in the Public Defender’s office, completing repairs and renovations in the Circuit judge’s chambers, installing a fire alarm and suppression system and testing the air quality and inspecting the ductwork. The Board stated that necessary repairs would be made a funds became available in the facilities reserve surplus for contingency fund. The roof replacement was subsequently approved by the board as funds were made available, and was completed in December 2010.

The Board is now being asked to approve expenditure of additional funds to accomplish this item, which was from the previously approved list of repairs and renovations.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT STATED ABOVE.**

**14. Resolution 2011-023; OMB-BA# 110058;110059; 110060; 110061; 110062; 110063; 110064; 110065;110066; 110067; 110068; 110069; 110070; 110071; 110072; 110073; 110074; 110075; 110076; 110077; 110078; 110079 To Carry Forward Grant Funding for FY 2011-**

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ABOVE NAMED BUDGET AMENDMENTS.**

**15. Request from the City of Gretna for \$250,000 in funding to Assist with the Construction of a Wastewater Line to Serve the State Highway 12 Interstate 10 Corridor**

This agenda item sought Board direction as to Gretna's funding request of \$250,00 to assist with the construction of a wastewater line to serve the State Highway 12/Interstate 10 corridor. Gretna City Manager Antonio Jefferson made a presentation to the Board on May 25, 2011 to request the county's participation. At the board's direction, the staff met with the Clerk's Finance staff to review options for possible funding sources. The only option available at this time would be to take funds from the County's unbudgeted fund balance. The Clerk and staff could find no other funds available.

Robert Hill, Liberty County Clerk – available for information.

**Mayor Clarence Jackson** from City of Gretna spoke as to the impact of the project on the entire county as well as the City of Gretna.

Commissioner Croley comments:

1. Support the provision for infrastructure at the interstate exchanges.
2. Not comfortable in taking it from cash balances.
3. Proposed use of the discretionary sales tax. It can be used for water and sewer.
4. Look at budgeting it in the upcoming budget.

Clerk Thomas advised that the discretionary sales tax could be used for the project. However, he pointed out that it is currently being used to fund the fire services and the public works projects even though the original purpose for the tax was for jail improvements. He reminded them if they used that resource, they would have to reduce the budget for either fire services or public works by the same amount. He also reiterated the looming need for jail improvements and suggested that the discretionary tax could be redirected for that purpose as well.

He then reminded them that the Fund Balance is down to \$3.8 million. The proposed budget for FY2011/2012 appears to be out of balance by between \$400,000 and \$600,000. He advised them to budget within their revenue to avoid a going concern by the auditors. He reminded them that the auditors have advised them to continue to build a fund balance until it reaches \$8 million. However he felt \$5 million would be more realistic. He also told them that they could take one time expenditures from fund balance, but he advised them not to use it to cover operational cost.

Commissioner Morgan commented that he wants to support the project, but during the budget cycle.

Commissioner Lamb commented that he will not support taking it from fund balance or public works, but he would look at funding it from the discretionary sales tax.



Commissioner Holt reminded the board that Gretna is part of the county and the money won't be gone forever. It should be considered an investment. People are already at work on the intended project. He contended that the money will come back to the County in other ways.

Jeff Price, OMB Senior Analyst reported that the June revenues are now in and he was hoping that it will be enough to balance the proposed budget. He said they are also considering increasing the EMS fees and also make some reduction to the library hours to relieve some general fund money for other things.

Mr. Lawson reminded the commissioners that there would be a budget workshop on Thursday and he felt that it was unfair of them to ask Mr. Price to speak to budget issues at this meeting.

Clerk Thomas said he had no problem with them taking fund balance for one time expenditures, but urged them not to use it to balance the new budget.

Public Input:

**Robert Hill**, Liberty County Clerk, 14468 NW Hoecake Road, Bristol, FL asked the board to support this investment in Gadsden County and surrounding counties as well.

Clerk Thomas stated once again that he has no problem with taking money for capital projects from Fund Balance.

Mr. Lawson said that many good points were made in favor of funding a very worthwhile project. However, from a management point of view, he was totally opposed to taking the money from Fund Balance.

Chair Taylor agreed that Fund Balance should not be used to balance the budget. She pointed out the investment in the Gretna project will generate revenue. She proposed taking the money from Fund Balance in this fiscal year, then repay it later.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 2 – 3 TO APPROVE TAKING \$250,000 FROM FUND BALANCE. THE MOTION FAILED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN TO APPROVE SETTING ASIDE 10% OF THE 95% OF AVAILABLE DISCRETIONARY SALES TAX REVENUE TO BE EARMARKED FOR THE 2011/2012 BUDGET TO PAY FOR WATER SEWER PROJECTS AT THE I-10 INTERCHANGES THE VIA APPROPRIATE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT. THE DETAILS OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS ARE TO BE WORKED OUT BY THE CLERK, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE MUNICIPALITY . THE FINAL AGREEMENT TO BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION. THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0 IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.**

City Manager Antonio Jefferson countered that the City of Gretna needs to have the money now so that they can leverage it. This is critically urgent.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO MOVE THE MONEY FROM FUND BALANCE FOR GRETNA AND REPLACE IT FROM THE DISCRETIONARY SALES TAX IN THE NEW BUDGET CONTINGENT THAT IT CAN BE USED CONTINGENT UPON IT BEING A PROPER EXPENDITURE.

A question was raised regarding whether the discretionary tax could legally be used to replenish the general fund.

There was a consensus that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next regular agenda.

Mr. Jackson requested joint meeting with City of Gretna and the County Commission. Clarified – meeting will be between Lawson and the City. Then later have a joint meeting of the boards.

**16. Request for Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gretna, The Town of Greensboro and Gadsden County to Implement Grant Number LP6721 from DEP to Construct a Waterline to Serve the Highway 12 Corridor**

Attorney has reviewed the agreement. All attorneys are in agreement.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAMB, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NAMED ABOVE.**

**17. Inter-local Agreement with Sheriff re: Emergency Management and 911**

The proposed agreement would memorialize the transfer of the division of Emergency Management to the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office except in time of a declaration of an emergency or disaster under Chapter 252, Florida Statutes.

**UPON MOTION ON COMMISSIONER LAMB AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0 TO APPROVE THE ABOVE AGREEMENT WITH CHANGES AS NOTED BELOW.**

Attorney Minnis – changes were made – paragraph 15, where it allowed the County Administrator to be the point person if the chair could not be reached. It was changed to the Vice-Chair, not the administrator, if the VC is not available, then it would go back the EM Director. The County Administrator would not be involved. – Amend language Chair, Vice-Chair in consultation with the County Administrator.

Other Change – Paragraph 16 - Property to be tagged as county equipment. If agreement is terminated, all equipment to be returned to the county.

Commissioner Croley – Agreement says the County is to establish the minimum training and qualifications of the emergency director. Do we have standards developed for that? Mr. Lawson was asked to bring back information on that question.

**THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 0 (Commissioner Holt was not present for this vote.)**

**18. C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. Request for Approximately Six Month Extension to Continue Operating an Asphalt Recycling Operation and for Commissioner Authorization for Chairperson to Execute**

This agenda item presents a request by Mr. Charles Roberts, President of C.W. Robert’s Contracting, Inc. to the Board for approximately six month extension of a previous agreement to cease operation of the company’s asphalt recycling operation located on Highway 267, South of Quincy. The original agreement called for the operation to be closed no later than July 21, 2011. The extension request is requested to allow the company to complete a contract with FDOT to widen and resurface Highway 267 and to allow the remaining recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) to be transported to other sites in the most economical manner possible.

The Planning & Community Development staff has conducted monthly site visits and inspections since 2009 and can verify that continuing progress has been made to clear the site of RAP.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAMB TO APPROVE THE SIX MONTH EXTENTION AS REQUESTED.**

**Ed Allen, 268 Chicapin Way, Lake Talquin** was opposed to the extension.

**Cathy Anderson** – 17767 Blue Star Highway - proponent for the extension.

There needs to language added to say that he must reapply

**Vote – 5 – 0 in favor of the motion to approve the six month extension.**

**Commissioner Croley withdraw his affirmative vote.**

**Commissioner Lamb withdrew his affirmative vote and the second to the motion.**

**COMMISSIONER LAMB MADE A MOTION AND COMMISSIONER CROLEY SECONDED IT TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS MOTION TO APPROVE THE SIX MONTH CONTRACT. THE BOARD VOTED 4 – 1 TO RESCIND.**

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAMB AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, THE BOARD VOTED 5– 0 TO ADD LANGUAGE TO THE AGREEMENT THAT AT THE END OF THE SIX MONTH EXTENTION THAT MR ROBERTS MUST EITHER CLOSE THE LOCATION OR FILE FOR A LAND USE CHANGE DURING THE SIX MONTH EXTENSION.**

**19 Approval of Contract Extension between the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and Ron Sachs Communications, Inc. for Implementation of Phase III of the Contract for Services as Recommended by Gadsden County Tourist Development Council**

Jeff Dupree, TDC Chair present.

Ron Sachs Communications, Inc. was hired by the board in September 2010 to develop/design a web-site for the Tourist Development Council to promote tourism the Gadsden County. The Sachs firm has also won Emmy and Addy awards for their work and several years ago they received recognition as one of the nation’s top 75 public relations firms.

The Council is completely satisfied with the work they did in Phase I and II which are complete. They voted 5-0 to recommend to the board to extend the contract until June 30, 2012 for the implementation of Phase III. The extension will be based upon a \$5,000 monthly retainer which will be equivalent to \$60,000 for 12 months for public relations services, on-going marketing, publicity and promotion of Gadsden County. Also included with Phase III is \$40,000 for promotion of special events. The \$40,000 to come from the fund reserves.

Received supplemental material from Ron Sachs.

Board discussion followed.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN THE BOARD VOTED 3 – 2 TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR PAHSE III OF THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL. COMMISSIONERS HOLT AND TAYLOR OPPOSED.**

**19. Approval of the Renewal of Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services with Preble-Rish, Inc.**

On May 3, 2011, the board directed the staff to negotiate a renewal of the agreement with Preble-Rish, Inc. and to set a term of three years. Staff and Preble-Rish have reviewed the contract language from the original agreement, which was signed in 2009. Two amendments were made to that agreement: term of three years and a termination for convenience clause for both parties was added.

Services to be rendered are as follows: Roadway and bridge design; Stormwater and flood plain management; Project planning and management; survey services; Environmental engineering to include water and sewer; Site Planning and design; Traffic Planning; Permitting (Local, state and federal); Architectural services. Staff will negotiate prices for each project based upon the scope of the project in conjunction with the fee schedule included in the professional services agreement.

Staff recommended approval.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAMB AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 3 – 1 TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH PREBLE RISH. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER MORGAN WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.**

**20. Renewal of Legal Services Agreement with the Law Firm of Ausley and McMullen as the County Attorney**

The contract with the county attorney expired on May 30, 2011. At the June 7, 2011 regular BOCC meeting, the board directed the interim administrator to negotiate a new contract with the county attorney. Pursuant to those negotiations, staff proposed a three year contract. The changes are listed below:

<b>Year of Contract</b>	<b>Retainer Amount</b>	<b>Minnis Hr. Rate</b>	<b>Associate Hr. Rate</b>	
06/01/11 - 05/30/12 -	\$7,000	165.00	125.00	No Change
06/01/12 - 05/31/13	\$7,500	175.00	130.00	Increase
06/01/13 – 05/31/14	\$7,750	180.00	135.00	Increase

Ms. Debra Minnis will continue to serve as the county attorney and Michael Glazer will serve as the deputy attorney.

Staff recommended approval of the contract as proposed.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAMB AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY, THE BOARD VOTED 3 – 2 TO APPROVE THE THREE YEAR CONTRACT WITH AUSLEY MCMULLEN LAW FIRM. COMMISSIONERS HOLT AND TAYLOR OPPOSED THE MOTION.**

**21. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S AGENDA**

**22. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

**23. COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSION ITEMS**

24a. **Commissioner Eugene Lamb, District 1**

Appointment of Carol Edwards to the Library Commission

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAMB AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CAROL EDWARDS TO THE LIBRARY COMMISSION.**

Appointment of Ronny Butler to the Planning Commission

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAMB AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY, THE BOARD VOTED 5 – 0 TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF RONNY BUTLER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

24b. **Commissioner Doug Croley, District 2**

- Reports: June 20, 2011 CRTPA met – FY2012-2016 Plan adopted. Fed/State/Local funding should receive \$91,066,000 million in transportation funds. Can't guarantee anything, but it should work. Subject to Federal Highway Commission Includes the Quincy By-Pass.
- Solar Power Farming Project – Do we need to make sure in LDC – is solar power farming a permissible use? Growth Management Director Anthony Matheny answered – Comp Plan any utility use in any land use designation, but by special exception to be permitted. Can it be changed to “By right” issue in AG 1, 2, 3? There is no impact environmentally. It could be done via public hearings as change to the Comp Plan. It is an option.

**COMMISSIONER CROLEY MADE A MOTION TO AGENDA THE FOLLOWING FOR DISCUSSION: ALLOW STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD TO READY GADSDEN COUNTY TO GO FORWARD TO ALLOW SOLAR POWER FARMING TO BE AN ACCEPTABLE USE IN AGRICULTURE LAND USE DESIGNATIONS. COMMISSIONER MORGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

- Old Bailey Bridge in District 2. (military type bridge) Department of Defense – has innovative readiness training assistance program that might help with the bridge. Allow staff to proceed with making contacts to see if this bridge could be considered as a military training project. Have the engineer company to look at it. Also have the attorney to look at it.
- Budget – guardrail on Frank Smith Road – large drop – requested the administrator have staff look at this.
- Privatization of County Probation – need report on this. Committee was assigned to look into it.
- Roadside mowing privatization - need response from the staff about direction given to look into this.

24c. **Commissioner Brenda A. Holt, District 4**

Economic Development

Would like to hear from the Chamber on the projects that come before the board. We need input.

Need to look at Capital Regional Medical Center about adding beds to the hospital

Franklin County has received another NACO grant. Need to have someone representing our board to the conferences. Gadsden needs to be applying for grants.

Want to streamline the Comp Plan procedures to make it business friendly.

Add to the agenda: When items regarding her district of any district are added to agenda, please inform that district commissioner.

24d. **Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3**

Chamber of Commerce – commended them for their efforts in recruiting the solar farm business.

Attorney Mike Glazer – received recognition.

Compliments to Connie McLendon for her efforts in the Interlocal agreement between Greensboro and Gretna .

Florida State Hospital Public Record request – agenda this at next meeting.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAMB TO AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING AN UPDATE ON THE FLORIDA STATE HOSPITAL PRIVATIZATION AND DISPLACED EMPLOYEES.**

Asked that BCC approach the State of FL for funds for funding for upgrades to Tax Collector’s office.

24e. **Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5**

Discussion of Future Meetings with Individual Municipalities Regard Lobbying Services Covering Goals and Objectives, Growth and Development, Public Safety and Health Issues

Source 2 – need to look at this.

Auto Desk – Planning & Zoning – fast tracking – will send information to staff.

Conflict Resolution – Florida in NO. 1 for convictions by politicians.

Congratulations to Croley and Morgan for becoming advanced commissioners.

Need some in-service training on the issues for Driver’s License responsibility.

Look at the discretionary surtax – may need to revisit for other purposes.

Ask Planning and Zoning to come back with fast track initiatives.

Asked for travel funds to go to NACO to take advantage of grant fund opportunities.

**FILED FOR THE RECORD**

- 25a. Public Hearing Announcement from the City of Quincy regarding a resolution for the purpose of financing certain redevelopment in accordance with the Quincy Community Re-development Agency (CRA) Plan . The hearing was to be held on June 14, 2011
- 25b. Letter from Clerk Thomas acknowledging receipt of City of Quincy’s CRA audit for FYE September 30, 2009
- 25c. Letter to Mike Long at the Department of Environmental Protection Agency from Interim county administrator requesting information regarding current leases of properties that are potential disposition candidates.
- 25d. Letter to Chair regarding availability of Census information

**ADJOURNMENT**

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD AND UPON MOTION BY CHAIR TAYLOR, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.**

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**Sherrie Taylor, Chair**

**ATTEST:**

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**Muriel Straughn, Deputy Clerk**