

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JULY 7, 2015 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 5:59 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**

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

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

**1. Reinstating Election Integrity**

(Rick Soskis, Citizen Advocate of Election Integrity)

**Rick Soskis, Citizen Advocate of Election Integrity**, appeared before the Board and spoke on election integrity and asked that a non-binding Resolution be passed by the Board in support of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would effectively reverse the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in 2010 on *“Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission”* and he then explained the resolution to the Board and public.

*Commissioner Hinson arrived at this juncture of the meeting.*

Mr. Weiss said he had looked at the item and it was a voluntary request as was explained by Mr. Soskis and there was a decision that they might be familiar with and the Supreme Court basically held that corporations had the right to free speech and that money was a form of speech effectively. He said the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act that prohibited corporations from funding ads that mentioned candidates within certain time frames of elections was an unconstitutional ban on free speech. He said the request was that the County adopt a resolution that was trying to combat that to amend the Constitution accordingly.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he felt this item was presented for appearance and it was a very important item and said this was the same issue the gentleman flew the bike/airplane into the White House to make a point and said if it was appropriate, would like to move that the item be placed on the agenda for action at the next meeting.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.**

**2. Resolution (Recognition of Freedom Faith Summer)**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for recognition of Freedom of Faith Summer.

Chair Holt and the Board members stepped forward to read aloud and then to present the Resolution to the group.

**CLERK OF COURTS**

**3. BOCC Investment Letter**

Mr. Thomas said he had prepared a report and was available to go through everything and answer any questions if the Commissioners had any.

Chair Holt asked if there were any questions or comments for the Clerk and there were none.

**CONSENT**

Mr. Presnell said the Consent Agenda was before them.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, BEFORE THE BOARD VOTED COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD A QUESTION.**

Commissioner Hinson asked if there was a possibility of adding another mosquito truck and Mr. Presnell said a new director was coming on board and that would be appropriate once he was settled in and if he felt there was a need for it, he would be open to that.

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

- 4. Approval of Public Works Mosquito Control Budget**
- 5. Resolution No. 15-004 For the Continued Support of the Adams Street Restoration and Sidewalk Project**
- 6. Approval of Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation**
- 7. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. May 29, 2014 Budget Workshop**
  - b. July 24, 2014 Budget Workshop**
  - c. April 7, 2015 Regular Meeting**

**ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**REQUESTING CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

**Ben Chandler, 10511 Winters Run, Tallahassee, FL, with Chattahoochee Main Street.** Mr. Chandler said recently some nominations were made for Secretary of State Florida Main Street Awards and they received two: one was for Outstanding Public Private Partnership award and to the Gadsden County Development Council Business Retention and Expansion Consortium Corporate Visitation Program. He thanked everyone for their support to the program and said it was being recognized on a statewide level.

Commissioner Morgan said this was a great example of a local organization the Board shoes to help provide seed money.

Commissioner Taylor said she did have one question for the Clerk for his presentation. She asked with regard to the Investment Letter and said she understood the possibility of the prime interest rate going up and how it might affect their ability to pay debt service and if there were any ideas or contingency in play in the event there were any issues.

Mr. Thomas said he did not address that in the letter, he only reflected on the interest rate going up and being able to earn more money because most of the things they were allowed to invest in were tied to the interest rate.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**8. PUBLIC HEARING: (Quasi-Judicial) Conceptual/Preliminary Site Plan for the Crossroad Academy Charter School Expansion (SP-2015-02)**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this was for approval for a conceptual/preliminary site plan for the Crossroad Academy Charter School Expansion ((SP-2015-02).

Chair Holt asked if the Commissioner had any questions regarding the project.

Commissioner Taylor asked that the representative be allowed to explain quickly the item.

**Brad Beatty, Barkley Consulting Engineers 3494 Martinhurst Road, Tallahassee, FL,** and said the current gym did not meet their needs and they were addressing expanding and adding a couple of other rooms that would be added in the future for a pre-school and music building.

Chair Holt asked how the Planning and Zoning meeting went and Mr. Beatty stated it went well and was approved with conditions and they had since submitted back to the County the conditions to show they were willing to meet them.

Commissioner Hinson asked if the attorney had any concerns and he did not.

Commissioner Morgan said he had questions for Allara Gutcher.

**Allara Gutcher, Director of Planning and Community Development,** appeared before the Board.

Commissioner Morgan asked her to address the process from this point forward.

Ms. Gutcher said they would satisfy the conditions and then the final could be approved after they resubmit or amend their documents as necessary based on the conditions. Commissioner Morgan asked if it would come before the Board again and Ms. Gutcher said this Board was seeing this for the only time.

Chair Holt asked if there were any public comments for or against the item and there were none.

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

**9. PUBLIC HEARING: (Quasi-Judicial)-Crossroads Academy Charter School Variance Request (V-2015-002), Approval of Variance Final Order**

Mr. Presnell said this item went along with the previous item and was to allow removal of three (3) protected trees located on the property.

Chair Holt asked if there were any comments from the public and there were none.

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

**10. PUBLIC HEARING: (Legislative)-Approval of Vacation of Easements (Conservation & Drainage) for the Comfort Creek Phase I and Cottage of Comfort Creek Minor Subdivisions (VAC-2015-01)**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it had been around for several years and had been dormant since 2007 and now had new owners. He said they were seeking for the Board to abandon the conservation and drainage easements that had been part of the development when it previously went through the process. He stated that when the Planning and Zoning Board heard this, they voted unanimously to only vacate the drainage easements that had been deeded to the County, but the County had never formally accepted them. He also said when this was previously approved, the Board did so allowing one community dock and boat house and the developers were now looking to have docks on each individual lot.

Chair Holt asked that the map be pulled up and there were technical difficulties in doing so.

**Allara Gutcher, Planning and Community Development Director**, appeared before the Board to address the questions the Board had. She reiterated the property had been through several property owners since it originally was before the Board and the original property owner deeded the conservation and drainage easements to the County without the County's knowledge. She added that the Planning Commission recommended that the County release the drainage easements but retain the conservation easements that lie within the property. She also stated it was a much larger project when it was first introduced in 2006 and the reason they had to have the easements was the property was in Ag I category and in order to get the reduction to the size and the lots to 2 acres, they have to have fifty percent dedicated to a conservation easement of the property.

Commissioner Morgan asked what the total acreage was that was involved in the development.

**Elva Peppers, Florida Environmental & Land Services, Inc., as agent**, appeared before the Board to address questions the Board had. She explained the northern part of the property was the

Comfort Creek Phase I section and had six lots. She also explained that initially the road was going to be county maintained and would no longer be and was why the County did not want nor need the drainage easement and it would go to the Homeowners Association. She added that the conservation easements would be recorded either left alone as they are to the County or deeded to the Homeowners' Association and the conditions of the conservation easement would remain intact and exactly the same.

Commissioner Morgan asked the attorney if he had reviewed this item and Mr. Weiss had. He asked Mr. Weiss if he had any concerns and Mr. Weiss said the County did not want the drainage easement and whether or not they wanted the conservation easements was their discretion. He added to satisfy the condition of the Land Development Code, the conservation easements would have to be recorded, whether identical to the current ones or not.

Commissioner Viegbesie said his only qualm was there were a lot of issues that was currently unanswered and suggested they table the item and do a better job so when the Planning and Development Department comes up, they are very informative to this body as to what the benefit is and why they should or should not vacate the easements.

Ms. Peters said if there was a specific question, this was not a huge issue as to whether they were going to vacate or not and the Homeowners' Association could hold the easement.

Allara Gutcher re-appeared before the Board and said there was discussion on the pros and cons of who owned the easements and read the prohibited activities listed in the Conservation Easement.

Chair Holt stated that it needed to be made clear that this would be a private road and not county-maintained and Ms. Peppers re-appeared before the Board and said that Ms. Jeglie had done a magnificent job of having them enter those words "This is a private road, you are responsible" on the proposed Homeowner Association documents and deeds.

Commissioner Taylor said when they conserved property in those neighborhoods they were taking away revenue from the County and asked how they derived those particular areas of property for the conservation. Mr. Presnell responded that it was for protection of the water quality.

Commissioner Hinson said his rule of thumb he has had for the past twelve years as a Commissioner, when there is a concern, to table it and he said he would second Commissioner Viegbesie's motion to bring this item back in two weeks so everyone could get their questions answered.

Chair Holt stated that Commissioner Viegbesie's motion had been to table the item and Commissioner Hinson was making the second. Mr. Weiss asked for clarification if the motion was to table or to continue. Commissioner Viegbesie said it was to continue until the next meeting. Mr. Presnell asked if it was continued would they be ok on the advertisement because that would not give them enough time to re-advertise.

*Chair Holt stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.*

Commissioner Viegbesie said when they state "vacation of easement, it means you are giving up

your control of the property for conservation and for drainage and if you give up your control, that could lead to abuse of the property, that's my interpretation. Then why are we giving it up, what is the impact of giving it up to the County, detrimental or beneficial impact of vacating. That is what I still have not gotten clarity on it because the developer's interest is the developer's interest, which is for the homeowners and to sell the property. That is the developer's interest. What I really want to hear from the body that is for the County interest to argue the County's position for or against the vacation. That's what I haven't gotten...I really need clarification before I go forward with this; I still haven't gotten clarity because I am not a land developer."

*Chair Holt returned at this juncture of the meeting.*

Mr. Weiss said with the drainage easement you needed to have proper drainage according to whatever improvements, whether the road is paved, unpaved, however it is, but there were requirements, regardless of who holds the drainage easement, the easement would be what it would be based on adopted standards based on engineering. He further explained the County did not want to hold a drainage easement without having public right of way because they did not want to be responsible for maintaining it. He said there was no reason for the County to continue to hold the drainage easement because the regulations would be there for whoever held it. He said the conservation easement was the same and the developer would still be required to record a conservation easement that would be identical to what they were seeing and be in compliance with the Land Development Code and the Florida Statutes and would be in favor of another qualified entity.

Commissioner Viegbesie withdrew his motion and Commissioner Hinson withdrew his second.

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

**11. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of the 2015-2016 Tourist Development Council Strategic Plan**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to consider the adoption of the amended Tourist Development Strategic Plan.

Chair Holt asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

Commissioner Viegbesie stated in the Agenda request it stated 2 cent and the new Ordinance stated 2 percent and asked which was correct. Mr. Weiss stated two percent was correct, which would be 2 cent on the dollar.

Commissioner Hinson asked where the amendments were. Mr. Presnell explained the old plan was completely struck through and was being replaced by the new plan.

Allara Gutcher appeared before the Board and stated the entire document had been amended and was being replaced with a brand new document. Commissioner Hinson asked what was wrong with the old plan and Ms. Gutcher stated it was dated from 2009 and they should be updated every year based on circumstances, programs and marketing ambitions and it was being updated to reflect the next program year.

Commissioner Morgan asked Allara if he wanted to reference the old plan versus the new, where

the information was.

Ms. Gutcher said the old one was dated 2009.

Mr. Presnell said it was emailed to everyone a couple of weeks ago and Allara said a hard copy was placed in their box a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Weiss stated the old document started on page 30 of 100.

Commissioner Hinson asked that she tell them the highlights of the amended Plan and she said one of the major concerns they had with the old plan, there was an allocation of funds to marketing/grant applicants and the terms were used interchangeably throughout the plan so when an applicant came forward the TDC was struggling as to where the money came from, the marketing money or the grant money and it was now more clearly defined as to where the money would come from.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had no issues with the plan as long as this made the old one void.

Commissioner Morgan said when he was on the TDC, the reason the strategic plan was developed was there was concern that they were not meeting some of the State statutory requirements and wanted to make sure minimum State requirements were being met. She replied that State statutes were being met, they had to outline how they were funding the money and what percentages were marketing and what were administrative costs and what were grant monies they were going to give out.

Chair Holt said she had no problems with the plan and they needed to try to bring in revenue for the County.

**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**

### **12. 2015 Striping Project-Bed Award**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to award the bid of the 2015 Striping Project to Oglesby Construction, Inc., the low bidder in the amount of \$71,992.10. He said they had received 3 bids and this bid came in lower than they thought and two things would happen, if they are happy with the work, they will come back with a change order to spend more dollars because there was \$200,000 bid and there was a possibility of adding more roads by doing a change order.

Commissioner Hinson asked since this was such an inexpensive rate, why could they just not add to it now and Mr. Presnell stated no, they would have to bring back specific road names with pricing for approval. Commissioner Hinson then asked the County Attorney if that was a possibility and Mr. Weiss stated the Administrator was correct.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if roads were categorized and Mr. Presnell said yes, they were categorized from worse to better.

Commissioner Taylor asked if it were fair to the other bidders to do it as a change order with a continuation and said she felt it better to approve this tonight and then put another bid out to make sure it was fair.

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

**13. Approval of Contractual Agreement between CenturyLink and Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval for the contractual agreement between CenturyLink and the Gadsden County BOCC and for authorization for the Chair to sign. He added this was a Contract for the dispatch system at the Sheriff's office.

**COMMISSIONER MORGAN MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF OPTION ONE AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND. BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS.**

Mr. Presnell said they had looked into this matter because there were concerns with the same issue last year, but the problem was when you buy certain types of equipment, you select that equipment, software, maintenance agreements, etc. and limits you to that manufacturer.

*Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.*

**Buddy Peddie, E911 Coordinator**, appeared before the Board to address questions.

*Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.*

Mr. Peddie explained this was a "sole source" item.

Commissioner Taylor asked him to explain "sole-source" so everyone would understand what he was talking about.

Mr. Peddie said the State required if it was not be bid out, that they had to have a sole source letter as to why it was not bid out and he further explained it was not bid out because it was their equipment and they maintain it.

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

**14. Big Bend Jobs & Education Council, Inc. d/b/a CareerSource Capital Region Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners, Leon County Board of County Commissioners, and Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Interlocal Agreement**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to request approval of the Interlocal Agreement between CareerSource Capital Region, Gadsden County BOCC, Leon County BOCC and Wakulla BOCC.

**Jim McShane, Chief Executive Officer, CareerSource Capital Region**, appeared before the Board.



He explained the reason they were back with the Interlocal Agreement update was their laws changed as of July 1<sup>st</sup> and they came into a new Federal law. He then explained who they were and what they did.

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

**15. Resolution 15-003 Supporting Proposed Legislation Providing a Statewide Prohibition on Hydraulic Fracturing, Acid Fracturing, and Well Stimulation Performed for the Purpose of Exploration or Production of Oil or Natural Gas in the State of Florida**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for the Board's consideration of Resolution 15-003 supporting proposed Legislation providing a statewide prohibition on hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing, and well stimulation performed for the purpose of exploration or production of oil or natural gas in the State of Florida.

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

**16. Committee's Evaluation Results of Legal Services Proposals**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was the evaluation committee's results of their evaluation of proposals received from firms desiring to provide Legal Services to the County.

Commissioner Viegbesie commended staff for a job well done. He pointed out the Williams Firm was lower than the other firms.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND SECOND BY CHAIR HOLT, COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR VOTED NO. BEFORE COMMISSIONER HINSON WOULD VOTE, HE STATED HE HAD QUESTIONS. CHAIR HOLT SAID VOTE WAS IN PROCESS. COMMISSIONER HINSON STATED COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE GOOD POINTS AND THEN VOTED NO. MOTION FAILED 2-3.**

**COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION FOR THE AUSLEY LAW FIRM. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND.**

Commissioner Taylor said they had always come back with a meeting with the applicants.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 BY VOICE VOTE TO HAVE ALL FOUR APPLICANTS APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND CHAIR HOLT OPPOSED. MOTION PASSED.**

**17. Invoices for Hospital Equipment**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to pay for replacement equipment at Gadsden Memorial Hospital Campus.

Mr. Arthur Lawson appeared before the Board to address questions.

Commissioner Viegbesie suggested they honor the agreement but felt the contract needed to be reviewed and revised.

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

**18. Appointment to the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval from the Board to appoint Mr. Roy Pippin as one of the Gadsden County representatives to the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority.

**COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A SECOND. BEFORE VOTE WAS TAKEN, COMMISSIONER HINSON CALLED FOR QUESTIONS.**

Chair Holt pointed out the need to advertise for Board appointments of any vacancies on Boards or commissions because people would not know and might be interested in serving.

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

**19. Approval to Apply for the State Funded Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Grant #16-BG-83-02-01-019 and the Federal funded Emergency Management Performance Grant #16-FG-02-03-01-086**

*Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.*

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item.

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

**20. Approval to Submit Payment for Emergency Repairs Completed on County Owned Fire Truck**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to submit payment for emergency repairs that were completed on the County owned fire truck located at the City of Quincy Fire Department.

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

**21. Post Approval for Enforcing the Code Violation Order for Daryl Dockery and Angela R. Dockery Parcel #2153N4W0000001342500**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for **post** approval of a Code Enforcement case that was before them previously, it had been before the Magistrate, bidding was done, bid was awarded to the low bidder but the paperwork did not have the complete name of Daryl Dockery and Angela Dockery and did not specifically approve the demolition of their home.

*Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.*

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

**22. Update to CDBG Housing Assistance Plan (HAP) Policy Request**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to update the CDBG Housing Assistance Plan (HAP) Policy.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION 2.**

**23. Approval to Accept the 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**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to accept a contract with Emerson Network Power, Liebert Services, Inc. to service and maintain the battery Module in the 911 Dispatch Office at the Sheriff's Office and to allow the Chair to sign.

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

**24. Approval to Transfer and Upgrade the Existing Security Panel for the Intrusion Detection System and to Repair the Fire Panel/Fire Keypad to the Fire Alarm Control System at the Gadsden County Public Library, Quincy**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of transfer and upgrade of the existing security panel for the Intrusion Detection System and Repair to the Fire Panel/Fire Keypad to the Fire Alarm Control System at the Gadsden County Public Library.

**COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND A SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR. BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, MR. WEISS POINTED OUT IT DID NOT CALL FOR A CONTRACTOR AND THERE WERE SEVERAL LISTED. THE MOTION AND SECOND WAS WITHDRAWN.**

Commissioner Taylor asked the Attorney if they were safe adding in the contractor at this point and he said it was just a matter of making it clear for the agenda item and he suggested adding the contractor to the motion.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE UPGRADES AND REPAIRS AND REDWIRE AS THE CONTRACTOR.**

**25. Approval to Transfer and Upgrade the Existing Security Systems for the Intrusion Detection and Install and Maintain Burglar Alarm Systems with Fire Alarm Monitoring for the Chattahoochee Public Library and the Havana Public Library**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and stated it was the same as the previous item.

Commissioner Taylor said the previous motion included all libraries.

Mr. Weiss said for record purposes since this was a separate item he suggested they approve this

item.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION THREE FOR REDWIRE.**

Chair Holt said she thought the Havana library had been given to the City years ago and Mr. Collins said the County still took care of it. Chair Holt said they needed to look at the contract.

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

#### **26. Update on Various Board Requests**

Mr. Presnell said there was some interest in dental equipment in the Quincy and Chattahoochee health departments and one would be coming before them soon. He explained the School Board was starting a dental program at the middle school in Havana and was interested in one of the chairs from the Chattahoochee health department to do some educational things.

Mr. Presnell said he had dates for them to remember:

July 17<sup>th</sup> was the tour of economic development sites starting at 9:00 a.m.

July 23<sup>rd</sup> budget workshop was scheduled at 4:00 p.m. and a ceremony at the Courthouse starting at 3:30 for the new Veterans van at the Courthouse.

He then said he went to the July 4<sup>th</sup> in Chattahoochee and they had great activities and commended Chattahoochee Main Street for the effort they put forth there.

Chair Holt asked about the dental equipment and asked if possible that they get a dentist and Mr. Presnell said that he was negotiating for a dentist at the Quincy site.

*Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.*

*Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.*

Commissioner Morgan said if they had equipment available for use and the citizens could benefit from, it should be used and thought the equipment in Chattahoochee that he was referring to at the school, they would be performing services for the children also and would be an added benefit and felt the County did not need to give up ownership of the equipment. He said at the appropriate time he had a question for the attorney.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

#### **27. Update on Various Legal Issues**

Mr. Weiss said he would respond to Commissioner Morgan's question regarding the dental equipment first.

Commissioner Morgan asked if they had other people using the equipment, they needed to make sure in the Agreement the Board did not assume any liability from their actions as a result of exams from the equipment.

Mr. Weiss responded that if they were leasing the equipment to a private party it would have to be publically bid.

Commissioner Morgan also pointed out there could be expensive moving costs in moving the equipment.

Commissioner Morgan asked the Attorney regarding the tour that was scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup>, he asked if there were any issues and asked him to talk to Sunshine Law and what could be discussed and if someone showed up and wanted to ride on the bus to make sure they were covered.

Mr. Weiss said it had been noted but was not technically a public meeting and if someone showed up and wanted to ride on the bus and there was space, they were allowed to do so. He advised the Board members that they could not discuss anything that might come before them for action at a public meeting amongst themselves.

Commissioner Morgan then asked that there was a lot of information received by the Board members by email from the Administrator, Staff, etc. and if there was a comment, they need to be careful not to reply to everyone, only reply to the sender.

Mr. Weiss then gave an update on the Gretna racing appeal and said that DPBR had filed a Motion for Rehearing and that was pending and an Opposition had been filed with regard to that Motion and the Court has not yet ruled on it.

Mr. Weiss then said the Hospital lease has come up several times and they were not opposed to revisiting the terms of the lease and had discussed various ways to do so, one being a workshop or to allow Mr. Glazer to approach the Hospital with items that could be targeted and amended.

Commissioner Taylor felt it better to look over the contract and workshop it first.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was glad to hear of that direction and added that the hospital was getting too much out of the County and too little was coming back to the County.

Chair Holt asked Mr. Presnell to schedule a workshop regarding that.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**

### **28. Report and Discussion of Public Issues and Concerns Pertaining to Commission Districts and Gadsden County**

#### **COMMISSIONER ANTHONY "DR. V" VIEGBESIE, PhD, District 2**

##### **CRPTA**

Commissioner Viegbesie said they would be working on a Transportation plan update in preparation of updating the Comprehensive Plan and at the last CRPTA meeting he requested that they provided the County with general planning consultants to help conduct with the transportation technical assistance in the update. He added this service was provided by specialists and cost upwards of \$21,000 and he was able to get CRPTA to fund the service. He said the County only had to put together a plan on how the money would be used. He said this has also

been offered to Jefferson County and he has asked the County Administrator to reach out to the Jefferson County to put together a plan so it could be provided to CRPTA for their September meeting.

He also added that at the last meeting, he looked at the Transportation project and was not very satisfied because he did not see many Gadsden County roads on it and asked before the approval of the 2017-2021 list, that the CRPTA planner to meet with the County Administrator as well as the Transportation Director to explore some of the roads in Gadsden County and have the roads added hopefully to the list.

#### **Animal Control**

He said he was receiving calls regarding dog issues and complaints about street dogs.

#### **Job Announcements**

He said there was a current job opening for Operations Supervisor and asked for clarification so when someone looked at the job description, they would know exactly what the position was, the pay was and said the one advertised simply had job title, position number, Public Works, the salary range and when the position closed and had no description of what the position was. He suggested when they were advertising maybe something could be forwarded to churches across the County.

#### **COMMISSIONER GENE MORGAN, District 3**

Commissioner Morgan had no comments.

#### **COMMISSIONER SHERRIE TAYLOR, District 5**

Commissioner Taylor said she wanted to put the additional bid for striping in the form of a motion.

#### **UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO BRING THIS ITEM BACK REGARDING A SEPARATE BID.**

She said she had been asked questions and had no answers regarding the Gadsden County Health Department and asked if they were actively looking for a director and how it was progressing.

Mr. Presnell said there was an active search going on and they were interviewing for a new Director and were being handled through the Department of Health and not the County.

*Commissioner Viegbesie stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.*

#### **COMMISSIONER ERIC HINSON, Vice Chair, District 1**

Mr. Weiss said that he forgot to inform the Board they had received a response from Havana Heights' Registered Agent and their response was not what they wanted and said they said they were doing what they did for safety reasons because of the drug use and prostitution going on in the parking lot and they claimed it was safer for them to handle it that way instead of opening up the parking lot. He did add that the response said they would be happy to sit down and discuss it with them. He added the good news was they now had someone they could talk with but bad news was this was not the response they were hoping for.

*Commissioner Viegbesie returned at this juncture of the meeting.*

**COMMISSIONER BRENDA HOLT, Chairperson, District 4**

Chair Holt asked that Mr. Presnell advertise board positions.

Commissioner Morgan felt it was critical when they advertise to include basic requirements because people might volunteer to serve and might be unsure of what they were to do.

**Emergency Management**

She said she was at the planning council meeting at Pat Thomas Academy and they may need to look at Emergency Management and what the County wanted to do with it.

Commissioner Hinson said he had heard rumors that Major Shawn Wood was retiring in October and Mr. Presnell said that started the conversation and it was overheard at the planning council that Major Wood would have his time in in October and Mr. Presnell said he had discussed it with Major Wood if it had been announced that they did not want to hold the summit here anymore and he had not decided at this time his future plans. He did admit to making the statement of not having this again because of the frustration of everyone not agreeing and the criticism received.

Commissioner Hinson suggested when the time came to do a national search because this was “a big time position”. Mr. Presnell said when it did happen, they needed to be on top of it, but under current arrangements, the Sheriff did the advertising and selecting and the Board was required to confirm the appointment.

Commissioner Viegbesie said it was his understanding from one workshop the Emergency Management was under the County Commission and not the Sheriff and Chair Holt stated that was correct.

Commissioner Taylor said she was leery with the Emergency Management falling under the Commission because of lack of expertise and if something devastating happened, there was no one with experience, knowledge and resources to handle.

Commissioner Hinson said the Sheriff’s Office was a tiny piece to Emergency Management.

Chair Holt asked if any way could look at other auction information and getting it out to the public. Mr. Presnell said the website was a tool along with the County’s Facebook page and Twitter account.

Chair Holt then mentioned the negative press that was on the television about the flyers at her business and asked that everyone please get along and added that she turned everything over to law enforcement.

**COMMISSIONER ERIC HINSON, Vice Chair, District 1**

**RECEIPT AND FILE**

**29. CRMC 2015 Community Report**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners  
July 7, 2015-Regular Meeting

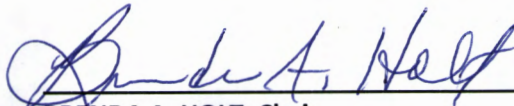
- 30. July 21, 2015, Regular Meeting  
July 23, Budget Workshop

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**


**THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:22 P.M.**

**GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**



  
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BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
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NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK