

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JUNE 20, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.,
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HELD, VIZ:**

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

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Taylor called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m., asked everyone to stand for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Presnell said he would like to pull Item 1 and Item 13 Renew Sublease for EMS Station located at Florida State Hospital as there was no contract yet.

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

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1- Resolution Honoring Ms. Jeanette Wynn

Pulled

CLERK OF COURT

Mr. Thomas was present and wanted to update them regarding two cash related issues:

He said EMS was now a negative \$362,000 with a \$90,000 payroll this week and needed to be fixed by the end of the fiscal year and they would need to transfer from General Fund to the EMS fund to take of it. He added on a positive note, three years ago when they extended the contract with CRMC, part of the negotiations was they got the dividends and interests back from the Trust and he reported that the fund has \$666,000 in it and that money could be used eventually for build-out or major repairs at the hospital and they have used approximately \$90,000 to replace the chillers.

Chair Taylor asked questions regarding EMS debt. She said he mentioned that EMS was \$362,000 in debt and Mr. Thomas said yes and he said by end of fiscal year it would double. He explained they originally budgeted \$281,000 to transfer from General Funds and that was done in the first few months of the fiscal year to cover the shortfalls and they were currently looking at an additional deficient. He added there was still money coming in but wanted to inform them of the upcoming debt. He said they have always had to subsidize that fund. Chair Taylor asked the amount that was being generated per month on an average for that department. Mr. Thomas said

he did not have those figures but could get them and email that to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Holt asked the Manager if there were more in transports from here to Tallahassee and if it was money lacking in the transports and he said transports were increasing slightly but there was a lack of reimbursements. Commissioner Holt asked to see a break-down to see where they may be able to concentrate on where they could work on. Mr. Presnell said over last few months, they had targeted on reducing costs, but there was not much they could do on the revenue side.

Commissioner Hinson said in looking at the numbers, they will double or triple in next few months and he thought they may need to do an independent audit so they may be able to stop the bleeding now. He felt the Board should consider doing an independent audit to review the day-to-day operations.

Chair Taylor said it was obvious they needed to budget more.

Commissioner Hinson said another thing was they needed to improve the census report, there were more people moving into the County.

Commissioner Morgan said he wanted to go back to the budget workshop previously held, because of the negative trends that they were hearing even before the report from the Clerk, it was not so much a budgeting issue but they needed to look at the overall model of what they had in place and need to consider a different approach that they have not tried in the past. He said there were other ways to provide service and it could minimize the negative impact for the taxpayers and could potentially provide better service.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

2. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Brenda A. Holt, District 4

Commissioner Holt asked if GCDC could come up.

*****There was an Economic Development Workshop before regular meeting and did not have time for Commissioners to ask questions of GCDC during the workshop.*****

Jim McShane, Chairperson, GCDC, appeared before the Board.

Commissioner Hinson stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Holt asked him to explain some of the things he mentioned in the economic development workshop that they provide for the County.

Mr. McShane said they provided expertise in working with the Administrator in getting a grant from DEO last year, \$387,575 to start with and has grown by approximately \$77,000. Mr. McShane said they worked with the County in bringing Four Star Freightliner here and still working with additional work on the road to it and trying to obtain additional grants to help pay for it.

Beth Kirkland appeared before the Board to address questions the Commissioners had. She said the grant for the road had been awarded and was before them this evening.

Commissioner Hinson returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Antonio Jefferson appeared before the Board and said he and Beth were working on a grant, working with Dewberry/Preble-Rish and Melvin Engineering to need to work through the process and need from the County to get the property properly zoned and was concerned about a potential cut to the budget. Commissioner Holt asked the timeframe and how would the Citizens Bill of Rights affect the zoning change. Mr. Jefferson said it has not impacted but a lot of site consultants and companies will look at the Land Development Code and ask if the site was a place they could build their business and if they look that Code and see that the Board required a super Majority vote that was a strike against them and they do not need to put up more barriers. If they look and see they could get a simple majority in Jackson as opposed to super majority in Gadsden, they will locate there. Mr. Jefferson said the needed to unleash the power and hoped in the coming year the GCDC could work with the Commission and said nothing was wrong with “coopertition”-cooperation and competition.

Mr. Jefferson said they were in the final phase of negotiating options with the FLZ site and hoped to take that model to the other sites in the County and replicate the same thing and that was the key to success of Golden Triangle in Columbus, MS. Commissioner Holt said if they have the option and have the zoning change, they were looking at what businesses would see on the computer and what they wanted for that location. Commissioner Holt asked if they do business retention and if a business is closing she wanted to know what they could do to retain the business. Mr. McShane said when they know a business is closing they have a group that goes in to see how they could retrain the workers and help them apply for a job.

Richard Williams reappeared before the Board. He said if there is a business here, they need to understand the issue and try to keep the business here.

Commissioner Hinson thanked them for their leadership role and liked that they brought Enterprise Florida and Opportunity Florida here and like with Armada Ammunition, he wanted to make sure to have a “feel-good” conversation. He said he was also cautious that they do not change policy that would be good to the community and wanted jobs here but did not want to tap into the wetland area to get jobs because that’s when hurricanes and bad weather start. He said he was all for growth and with CBOR, felt only three votes were needed but they need to think of the person’s property. He thanked them for working with the schools and thanked the Board for making tough decisions.

Commissioner Taylor asked while he had floor, if he had any concerns. He said he would come back.

Commissioner Anthony “Dr. V” Viegbesie, District 2

Commissioner Viegbesie asked for Motions for Resolutions. He said Waste Pro Management has applied to DEP for a permit for an exploratory well at Springhill Landfill in Campbellton, FL and would allow them to pump into the ground “garbage juice” and would have a negative effect on the aquifer and citizens in the western part of Gadsden County. He asked that this Board pass a Resolution opposing approval of such permit.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR THE RESOLUTION AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE THE SECOND WITH A COMMENT.

Commissioner Holt said wanted to have research attached. Commissioner Hinson said he did not have information in front of him and knew the Board did away with fracking and wanted to make sure he had all the information before he voted. Commissioner Viegbesie said this “juice” would be drilled approximately 3,450-3,700 feet below the aquifer. Commissioner Morgan said he had not read anything about it and asked Mr. Presnell if he had spoken to Waste Pro regarding this and Mr. Presnell said was Waste Management not Waste Pro for the record and DEP had placed a hold on the matter and no-one had asked the Board and they were not involved in the process at all.

Mr. Weiss asked for clarity, the motion made was to prepare a Resolution for consideration and bring back. Commissioner Hinson asked if he was familiar with this and he said he was not.

Chair Taylor asked Commissioner Viegbesie if he would amend the Motion to have resolution prepared and it brought before the Board as an agendaed item and for discussion. Commissioner Viegbesie said time was of the essence.

Mr. Weiss said he heard they wanted to have a Resolution to come back before the Board.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AMENDED HIS MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH RESOLUTION AFTER THE ATTORNEY RESEARCHES IT AND BRINGS SUPPORTING INFORMATION, SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS MATTER.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF DR. CARTER BROWN, HISTORIAN WHO WAS WRITING THE HISTORY OF THE AME CHURCH, AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson informed the Board that Howard Randolph, a former City Commissioner passed away this week and Ella Barber and said they needed to do something special for them. He also mentioned that Caroline Francis’ son passed away today.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION FOR A PROCLAMATION FOR NICK BERT, RESOLUTION FOR HOWARD RANDOLPH, ELLA BARBER AND CAROLINE FRANCIS’ SON THAT PASSED AWAY AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

He then mentioned it was the rainy season and asked if they could make sure to go through District 1 and cut the grass and said he believed the tractors would not be there until September.

Commissioner Holt said she forgot to mention at the TDC meeting day earlier, they discussed the fact that this Board wanted to have a Chairman that was a bed tax provider and the TDC board wanted to allow everyone the opportunity to be Chair.

Commissioner Hinson asked if he could get names of everyone on Board because he thought there were two Commissioners on the Board. Chair Taylor asked Mr. Presnell to compile a list of names and dates and provide that information to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said he felt the Economic Development workshop was very informative.

He said he discovered this week while researching the Public Hearing they were considering regarding amending the Ordinances regarding the Flood Zone areas, etc., discovered on ISO ratings and how some of the ratings had recently changed because of the shortage of certified volunteer firefighters and was causing changes in the rating and wondered if there was a to address the issue. He also encouraged the Commissioners to check if that would impact their district. Mr. Presnell said a class was currently going on and there were thirteen participants.

Commissioner Morgan added he was appreciative of the firefighters that there were.

Commissioner Sherrie D. Taylor, Chair, District 5

Chair Taylor asked if any of them received a call from the Governor because she thought it was a prank call. He said he was concerned because of rain and gave her his cell number. She said if he called, why they haven't heard from Emergency Management.

Discussion on Stevens School

Chair Taylor said neighbors were beginning to get restless with the debris being there and deteriorate their property values along with people trying to steal things they could make money on and some had even told police Chair Taylor gave them permission and she did not.

Commissioner Hinson talked to Ms. Kruize (lady that had the Black History Museum at the school) and thought she could move her stuff into the building on the side. Chair Taylor said currently the clean-up was more important. Mr. Presnell said they received the check last Friday and there would be an ad in the paper this Thursday for bid to contractors to clean up the site.

Chair Taylor asked if there was a conclusion to the fire report and Mr. Presnell said no, the Fire Marshal was still investigating. She asked if they could Agenda this item and have someone give a report.

Commissioner Viegbesie said since they had been here since 4:00 p.m., maybe this could be agendaed.

Clyde Collins, Building Official, appeared before the Board and said he was in touch with the Fire Marshal and they think the fire started in the wood-working shop in the basement but was unsure of what caused it.

Chair Taylor said she wanted to know what they could do regarding Economic Development, because someone said there was movement, but it was slow. She said they talked about branding, regionals, deliverables, etc., she said there was so much they talked about. She said the best tool was when you see people working. She felt both did a yeoman's job but someone from the two entities needed to figure out how to bridge together. She said no-one had deliverables. She said to GCDC and Chamber a way to stimulate was with business retention.

CONSENT

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS.

Morgan/V Hinson had questions

Commissioner Hinson pointed out that the Board Minutes from two workshops had errors in them and asked that corrections be made.

CHAIR TAYLOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **March 14, 2017-Workshop**
 - b. **March 28, 2017-Workshop**

4. **Ratification to Pay County Bills**

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

John Coffman, owner and CEO of Armada Ammunition, 2230 Greensboro Highway, Quincy, FL, Funding for GCDC, appeared before the Board and said the past year he had been fighting for money for Armada for business retention, they spent \$1.6 Million moving here, development, training, research and development, working with CareerSource and said a lot of funding was promised by GCDC and never saw dime of it and said he was opposed to any additional funding to GCDC. He said they had been trying to work with law enforcement agencies the past six months and had an agenda presented to GCDC in December and not one of the items has been approached, not one brought to their attention as to what was going on and as a player in the community and someone who was promised multiple things from GCDC, he opposed any additional funding to them and request they be audited and find out where the money was going to because when they were promised \$700,000 through the grant funding program, which was one initiative why they came up here, and then not receive it, he said he could not stand by and let other companies get baited into this.

Antonio Jefferson, GCDC, said he had been a part of GCDC since its creation and to his knowledge, every promises ever made by the organization has been delivered upon and with Armada Ammunition, assured them as one of their fellow public servants, everything told to Mr. Coffman was delivered upon and they stand ready for any audit that may be directed as to how GCDC invests/reinvest not only the County's funds but money that comes from City that he manages as well as other partners. He said he was concerned, as an organization, that they have people concerned. He added he did not believe GCDC has misled anyone. He said every City Manager and the County Administrator serves on the Board and has since the entire time and if there has been any "hanky-panky" he was sure, outside of himself, he was sure the other colleagues would have stopped it in its tracks. He further stated if someone says GCDC was not to be funded, he challenged them to prove it.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if there was a procedure in place to handle "I said, you said". Chair

Taylor said when they have an item not agendaed, they generally have the Administrator be the arbitrator between the two but does not think it would matter. She had heard about issues and concerns and said what needs to happen is go to him and this could not be formally discussed tonight.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Chair Taylor said this was not agendaed and she could direct him (Mr. Coffman) to meet with the Administrator, it was not an agendaed item and they could not discuss it tonight.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2017-006 for the Amendment of Chapter 42 of the Gadsden County Code of Ordinances, Floods, to adopt Flood Hazard Maps, To Designate a Floodplain Administrator, To Adopt Procedures and Criteria for Development in Flood Hazard Areas; Amending the Florida Building Code, Residential, With Respect to Elevation Requirements Related to the Flood Plain, and for other Purposes; providing for Applicability, repeal, severability, Inclusion in the Gadsden County Code of Ordinances, modifications that may arise from consideration at public hearing, and correction of scrivener's errors; and providing for an effective date.

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and deferred to Mr. Weiss to explain.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Mr. Weiss explained this was a technical amendment to Chapter 42 of the Gadsden County Code of Ordinances and a technical amendment to the local Florida Building Code, Residential with respect to elevation requirements related to the flood plain. He added the State asked it be updated because they were not in compliance and asked it be consistent with the State.

Chair Taylor announced this was a public hearing and asked if there were any comments and there were none.

Mr. Presnell said this was regarding changes in the Florida Building Code and their Ordinance would be in line with the new Regulations and this would adopt the changes.

Commissioner Morgan asked if they had been approached by State for not being in compliance and Mr. Weiss said that was what he understood and deferred to the Building Official.

Clyde Collins, Building Official, appeared before the Board. Commissioner Morgan asked if they were out of compliance and Mr. Collins said yes.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

6. Peck Betts Road-Bid Award

Mr. Presnell introduced the above motion and said this was for Board approval to award the bid of

Peck Betts Road SCOP paving project to Peavy and Son Construction in the amount of \$777,661.00.

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

7. Brickyard Road-Bid Award

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to award the bid of the Brickyard Road SCRAP paving project to Peavy and Son Construction in the amount of \$721,979.60.

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

8. Adoption of Resolution No. 2017-18, Bridge No 500087 along Interstate 10 that Connects Jackson County and Gadsden County over the Apalachicola River to be designated as the “Rep. J. Troy Peacock Bridge”

Mr. Presnell said this item was for approval of Resolution 2017-018, Bridge Number 500087 along Interstate 10 that connects Jackson County and Gadsden County over the Apalachicola River to be designated at the “Rep. J. Troy Peacock Bridge” and to authorize the Chair to Sign necessary paperwork.

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

9. Re-Appointment to the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval from the Board to re-appoint Mr. Ashley May as the Gadsden County representative to the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority.

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

10. Re-Appointment to the Career Source Capital Region Board

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this was a request for re-appointment to the Big Bend Jobs and Education Council d/b/a CareerSource Capital Region for Mrs. Pam Gay to be reappointed.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Hinson asked what the qualifications were to sit on the Board and Mr. Presnell said he was not sure, that CareerSource was present earlier.

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

11. Appointment to the Circuit 2 Alliance Community Action Team (Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla)

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval for re-appointment to the Department of Children and Families partnership with local communities known as the Circuit 2

Alliance Community Action Team and currently Commissioner Hinson served in that capacity.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

12. Approval to Award Bid 17-15 for Video Services

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to award Bid 17-15 for Video Services to the lowest bidder, Southerland Enterprises, Inc., the current provider and for authorization for the Chair to sign documents.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE WITH COMMENTS.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was glad this contract had been re-awarded and suggested they inform him of County events that need to be taped outside of meetings and would like to see him at events to record and upload them to the website. Chair Taylor agreed and commented she was sure there would be added costs for extras and may need to come back before the Board.

Commissioner Hinson said he thought they needed to go to \$850 instead of \$750 and Chair Taylor said that could not happen because it was a bid item. He added he felt before they voted on this, they should go back and negotiate the price. Mr. Weiss pointed out if they changed the scope of services, it needed to go back out for bids.

Mr. Southerland appeared before the board. He said if they look at the details of the proposal, it said twenty-four meetings and he would be available for additional events. He also mentioned he would like to have more than a one year contract.

CHAIR TAYLOR CALLED THE QUESTION. COMMISSIONER MORGAN ASKED THAT THE MOTION BE REPEATED. COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

13. ~~Renew Sublease for EMS Station located at the Florida State Hospital~~

Pulled

14. Approval of Public Works Mosquito Control Budget FY 2017-2018

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of the Public Works Mosquito Control Budget for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

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

Commissioner Hinson said he was fighting hard for this and asked that chemicals be explained and that they were not killing the bumblebees. He asked for some type of release be emailed to him saying they approved another position and truck. Mr. Presnell said they would do a Public Service Announcement.

15. Approval of the Purchase of a New Diesel Engine for the Public Works Water Truck

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval for the Public Works Department to purchase a new Running Complete Diesel Engine for the 2000 Sterling Water Truck.

Chair Taylor asked if this was already budgeted and Mr. Presnell said yes.

Commissioner Morgan asked about the three bids received and noted the difference in the prices. He said the low bidder was from Indiana and Mr. Presnell said the local vendor, Caterpillar, was higher.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION FOR OPTION ONE AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HOLT. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Hinson asked how much a new truck would cost and Mr. Presnell responded probably around \$100,000-\$120,000, that the Engine and transmission were the two biggest components.

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

16. Approval of Amended Contract #21831 for the William M. Inman Agricultural Center Funding

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of contract amendment number 21831 extending the initial contract for an additional twelve months and for authorization for the Chair to sign.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AND THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

17. Approval to Award Bid 17-08 for Professional Grant Administration Services

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and explained this was for approval to award Bid 17-08 for a Grant to extend sewer, gas and water lines to Gussie's Gardens.

Commissioner Viegbesie said was there were four responses submitted but when he looked at the Evaluation Form, there were only two.

Brad Johnson, Assistant County Administrator, appeared before the Board and stated there were two that came to a tie after the committee graded them out. Commissioner Viegbesie asked if it would have been appropriate if they had listed all four and two were a tie and could not bring the tied ones to the Board.

Commissioner Hinson said to keep down confusion, he knew of DPB and Associates and would be fair to everyone that everything come to the Board and felt it was hard to vote on this item.

Chair Taylor asked if Mr. Jenkins could come forward and if he could shed more light. Mr. Jenkins said grading criteria was spelled out and they did grade all proposals.

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

18. Approval of RFQ 2017-014 for Consulting Firm to provide ongoing Professional Planning Consulting Services

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of RFQ 2017-014 and for authorization for the County Administrator to negotiate a contract the “The Planning Collaborative” to provide professional planning consulting services for long term and current planning projects including the update and revision of the documents that comprise the County’s land development regulations.

Commissioner Viegbesie commended the County Administrator for satisfying one of his concerns with regards to advertising this and said it was one of the most extensive bids advertised.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT OPTION ONE AND COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE SECOND. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Hinson asked when this came up with merging departments, people called him asking if a Planning position was open and he was approached by three or four people thinking so. He said this was the same Board that would not pay for a health care coordinator and now they want to hire planning services. Chair Taylor said they saved \$100,000 with the reorganization and was now trying to bid for services.

Commissioner Holt said she had been waiting for six years to look at the Land Development Codes and her concern was they needed someone to go after and clean up the Comprehensive Plan and they need someone that could do it. She added they must take out the antiquated parts and put in where it should be. She said a Planning and Zoning Director was needed but they also needed to clean up the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Presnell said this would be a one-time expense.

Commissioner Morgan asked the Administrator what the total savings was from the reorganization and Mr. Presnell said it was roughly \$100,000 with salary and benefits and added if this was approved, he would go to the vendor and will be brought back with everything laid out. Mr. Presnell stated he had advertised this position twice for a Planning Director before the reorganization decision was made. Commissioner Morgan said anytime they could have the same quality of services provided with fewer costs for benefits and other, it would free up dollars for services they could provide.

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

19. Project Breaker-DEO Grant Award Amendment

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to execute an amendment to grant agreement #D0097 from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for the cost of the road and utilities to the Four Star Freightliner site.

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

20. Project Breaker Entrance Road-Construction Award

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to award the construction phase services for Project Breaker Entrance Road project to BKW, Inc. in the amount

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of \$408,141.30.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

21. Update on Various Board Requests

Mr. Presnell said he had no updates for the Board.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

22. Update on Various Legal Issues

Mr. Weiss said he had no updates for the Board.

Receipt and File

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 23. July 4, 2017-Regular Meeting –CANCELLED
- July 13, 2017-3:00 p.m.-Budget Workshop
- July 18, 2017-6:00 p.m.-Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR TAYLOR DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M.



ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SHERRIE TAYLOR, Chair
Board of County Commissioners