

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 AT 6:00
P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:**

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

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt asked that everyone either turn their phones off or place them on vibrate and if anyone would like to speak on an item to please fill out a Speaker Request form and give it to the Deputy Clerk. She said the Attorney was running a few minutes late and they would go ahead and start. She asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO ADD DISCUSSION OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION TO THE AGENDA AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND, THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND CHAIR HOLT OPPOSED. MOTION FAILED.

Chair Holt said there was a request to add an item to the Agenda, a request regarding the straw ballot amendment to be brought back before the Board and for it to either be altered or not be placed on the ballot.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO ADD TO THE AGENDA DISCUSSION OF AN ITEM THAT WAS REFLECTIVE OF THE FLORIDA STATUTORY AUTHORITIES GIVEN TO THE STATE AND CITIZENS TO ADD ITEM RELECTING THE LANGUAGE ON THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD QUESTIONS.

Mr. Weiss arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Commissioner Viegbesie said there was a request that the language for the initiative that the citizens collected signatures on, the attorney said did not meet statutory authorities and as a result there should be some initiative added on the ballot and was coming back now so they could approve the language that was within their statutory limits and his motion was for that discussion to be added to the Agenda. Weiss said if for discussion

Chair Holt said it was to be added for discussion and not for approval or disapproval and told the attorney this was for the straw ballot to go on the agenda for discussion and the group has asked that it either be altered to be one question or be taken off the ballot.

Mr. Weiss apologized for running late. He said if it was for discussion purposes it would not alter any

action that has been taken. He said their Ordinance generally stated that they could not add things unless it was an emergency or grant items that would not impact general revenue and if the Board considered this to be an emergency on the basis this would be the last opportunity to potentially make a change before it went to print on the ballot, that would be the basis for making this an action item.

Chair Holt said from what she was told that was the reason for adding it to the Agenda, they wanted to see if it could be one question or other than that, remove it from the ballot.

Commissioner Viegbesie said whether it was one question or three questions, Florida Statutes states all they could do was a straw ballot, did the language need to be reflective of a straw ballot and Mr. Weiss said whatever questions were placed on the ballot, it would be a straw ballot and not for a binding referendum.

Commissioner Morgan said he understood their request to potentially have this removed and understood the reason for having it removed was because of the timeline due to the printing of the ballot. Beyond that there was no emergency for further discussion on how the wording is to be done or how many questions are to be asked. He said if they were going to do that, they need to properly place it on the Agenda and have further discussion. He asked if that was the understanding.

Mr. Weiss said that was generally correct.

Commissioner Viegbesie said his motion was to discuss it as to the number of questions.

Chair Holt said there was a deadline with the Supervisor of Elections office.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO ADD THIS TO THE AGENDA AS ITEM 8A.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Resolution Honoring the National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc.-Gadsden Chapter

Mrs. Jackson said there was one presentation for National Hook-Up of Black Women and was requested by Commissioner Hinson.

Commissioner Hinson asked that everyone step forward, he read aloud the Proclamation and it was presented to the group and they posed for pictures.

CONSENT

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

2. Ratification Memo

3. Approval of the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Annual Report

4. Approval and Signature for Special Assessment Liens-SHIP

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

M. H. Allen, 61 Clearwater Street, Quincy, FL – CW Roberts, Item 8

Georgia Ackerman, 145 B 5th St., Executive Director of Apalachicola Riverkeeper appeared before the Board. She said they were founded 20 years ago by a group of concerned community members and their focus will continue to be an outreach in education efforts and they do a lot of collaborative research work, working with the University of Florida.

Rebecca Jetton, 3126 Camelliawood CI W, Tallahassee, FL - Apalachicola Riverkeeper-appeared before the Board. She said since the Apalachicola River runs through a six county region, Apalachicola Riverkeeper stays abreast of local issues that could affect the water quality and the volume of flume involving the river. She said the honey and seafood production economy has fallen drastically and there is now another threat of potential oil spills to the River. She said Calhoun County was now allowing oil drilling within the agricultural district. She said the first well produced no oil but there were currently applications for six more in front of the Department of Environmental Protection. She said they were concerned that the oil spills into the wetlands and floodplains could further damage the river's ecosystem. She said the Riverkeeper began examining the Comprehensive Plans and they have gone to each County and asked that they amend their Plan and Code to prohibit oil drilling in the wetlands and floodplain along the river and prohibit the underground disposal of toxic chemicals. She said Gadsden County was the only one out of six that has already addressed the issue.

John Coffman, Armada Ammunition, Inc., 2230 Greensboro Hwy, Quincy, FL appeared before the Board and invited everyone to the First Annual Veteran's Assembly Day and said they would be hosting Honored American Veterans Afield (HAVA) at the Florida Public Safety Institute on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Morgan thanked Mr. Coffman for bringing this item and said this had been in the planning phase for many months and was a great event and would highlight the County. He added that Mr. Coffman was a relatively new business owner in the County and this was a way for him to give back and he applauded him.

Don Stewart, 102 Timber Row, Land Use Poll on Ballot

Ed Allen, #8

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had a doctor's appointment earlier today and was given some medication and he may be leaving the meeting early and wanted to state that.

5. Public Hearing-Legislative-Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2018-011 to amend the Traffic Circulation Element of the Comprehensive Plan (LSPA 2018-02)

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was a legislative public hearing for consideration of adoption of Ordinance 2018-011 to amend the Traffic Circulation Element of the Comprehensive Plan and renaming of the element to the Transportation Element, which was last amended in 2001.

Allara Gutcher, The Planning Collaborative, appeared before the Board and explained the item.

Chair Holt asked if there were any comments from the audience and there was no-one.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked Ms. Gutcher if she was bringing back the language that was sent to DEO for approval and if it was the same and she stated yes.

Commissioner Taylor asked that Ms. Gutcher give an overview.

Ms. Gutcher stated it had not been updated since 2011 and there were quite a few updates required pursuant to Florida Statutes.

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

Commissioner Morgan thanked her for updating all this and asked if this met all State Statutes and she stated yes. Commissioner Morgan said the way he understood this, all new businesses would be required to provide at least one bicycle parking area within the development site, by including a bicycle parking rack. She stated that was not a State requirement, it was a policy that was decided at the local level.

Commissioner Taylor said Commissioner Morgan brought up a good point and wanted to make sure regarding bicycle racks that they would not take up parking space.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he recalled with CRTPA, they are now requiring motorcycle parking that would take up less space than a car.

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

6. Public Hearing-Legislative-Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2018-012 to Amend the Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan (LSPA 2018-03)

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was a legislative public hearing to consider the adoption of Ordinance 2018-012 to amend the Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan to update specific policies for clarification purposes.

Ms. Gutcher appeared before the Board and explained the Ordinance.

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

Commissioner Hinson asked if she could list the changes. Ms. Gutcher read over the changes and said there were no comments or objections from the State regarding the amendment. She listed the changes and it was pointed out there would be a correction to the numbering in Objective 8.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if they were going to adopt with the correction of the numberings or leave like they were. She said she thought the way Mr. Weiss had the Ordinance structured in

Section IV, they were able to correct scrivener's errors.

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

Commissioner Taylor said there was a letter addressed to Chair Holt from DEO and had questions concerning same. Ms. Gutcher said they had no comments regarding the County's amendment.

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

Mr. Ed Allen appeared before the Board and had a question. He said he was trying to understand, and Ms. Gutcher reappeared before the Board and stated they had no comment on the amendment they reviewed.

7. Public Hearing-Legislative-Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2018-013 to amend the Comprehensive Plan by deletion of Chapter 9, Concurrency Management Element (LSPA 2018-05)

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for consideration of the adoption of Ordinance 2018-013 to amend the Comprehensive Plan by deletion of the Concurrency Management Element, also known as Chapter 9.

Ms. Gutcher said this was an amendment that was transmitted in July and was an existing element of the Comprehensive Plan referred to as the Concurrency Management Element. She said the request was to delete this Element of the Comprehensive Plan and let the Land Development Code govern the Concurrency Management in Gadsden County.

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

Commissioner Viegbesie left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Commissioner Morgan asked Ms. Gutcher to explain for the public why this was important. She said it was an element that had to do with how developments impact the systems that were in Gadsden County and primarily would be the transportation network, parks system, school system, which was another element altogether and was not a part of this element.

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

8. Public Hearing-Legislative-Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2018-014 of an Amendment of the Future Land Use Map +/-145 Acres from Agriculture -3 to Conservation and Mining of the Comprehensive Plan (LSPA 2018-07)

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and stated this was a legislative public hearing for consideration of adoption of Ordinance 2018-014 for an amendment of the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Gutcher re-appeared before the Board and explained the item for an amendment of the

Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan for approximately +/- 145.5 acres on Highway 267 and was seeking to change from Agriculture-3 to Conservation and Mining. She said approximately 65.65 acres would be classified as Mining and 79.85 would be classified as Conservation. She said this was the same information that was transmitted in July and the State agency had no objections and the recommendation was for approval.

Bob Flowers, President of CW Roberts, appeared before the Board. He said they had a public hearing at the Bear Creek facility and no-one showed for the hearing.

Elva Peppers, Florida Environmental Land Services, appeared before the Board. She said she did not have new information to present but was available for questions. She said no concerns were raised about project.

Chair Holt asked about the recommendations. Ms. Peppers said there were three; to get a gopher tortoise relocation permit; provide bear-proof trash cans; and during construction if a Florida Pine Snake was seen to allow it to move out of the way.

Chair Holt asked if anyone wished to speak that opposed the item to step forward.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at 7:12 p.m.

M.H. Allen, 61 Clearwater Street, Quincy, FL appeared before the Board. She said no-one showed up for meeting because no notice was received by them. She read aloud a prepared statement and resented it for the record.

Commissioner Morgan returned at 7:14 p.m.

Mrs. Jackson said for the record, if she was referring to the meeting at Country Boys, it was advertised. Ms. Allen said it was mentioned there was a meeting at Bear Creek and she had no notice of that meeting.

Ed Allen, Lake Talquin, appeared before the Board and distributed a packet for the record. He said he understood the Department of State was concerned about burial sites, historical value and archeology sites and asked if they did not recommend that another survey be done.

Ms. Gutcher re-appeared before the Board. She said he was referencing a letter from the Florida Department of State dated July 17, 2018. It stated that the project area had not been surveyed and was unsure of what could or could not be there. He said it was recommended "that the project area be subjected to a professional cultural resources assessment survey." He said he would like to recommend that also.

Mr. Allen said at the last meeting, he stated land had not been mined in over 20 years; it had been an asphalt plant. He said after that statement, Ms. Peppers said it was mining property. He said another sand pit was not needed there. He read several statements from previous Agenda Requests regarding this item. He told the Board if they supported this item, they would not be supporting their own Ag Use.

Vinette Godelia, Esquire for CW Roberts, appeared before the Board. She thanked Ms. Gutcher

for her staff analysis that looked at the policies that worked and found that this was consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan. She said there were comments were made about illegal mining and said the Ag-3 category was the category under which mining took place and then the Comprehensive Plan came into effect. She said there had been a history with the property; it had been used for mining and used for storage of materials. She said there was a request to remove storage that was on the site and come back for a process to get the correct land use on it. She said there were also several comments about compatibility; to be clear what Ag-3 allows is mining, logging and what the Plan allows.

Elva Peppers reappeared before the Board. She said she spoke with Ryan Phillips and he went through recommendations with her, he did not request to get onto the site. She added there would not be a big hole in the ground when they finish but would be a lake after the mining was completed.

Chair Holt asked about areas where timber was clear-cut and if there were any plans to re-plant. Ms. Peppers said the logging was on another piece of property.

Commissioner Taylor said she had comments to make at the appropriate time.

Chair Holt asked if there were any more questions or comments from audience and there was none. She then said regarding the comments made about campaign contributions, (that were mentioned in M.H. Allen's statement that was read aloud), it did not matter who gave her a campaign donation, she works for the citizens of the County and had been doing so for years. She added that CW Roberts knew how she felt about this project from the beginning years ago.

Mr. Allen said took them five years to get the asphalt removed from the property. Chair Holt said she understood their concerns and wanted the project to follow all guidelines they were supposed to follow. She added that she wanted this to move forward, follow the Comprehensive Plan, the Stipulations, make sure they make the recommendation there and if there was to be any re-planting, wanted that done also. She said the County could also inspect and not wait for the State.

Commissioner Hinson asked if this would require a super majority vote and was told yes.

Commissioner Taylor said she appreciated the comments made, have known M.H. Allen and Ed Allen for a long time. She said a meeting was hosted at Country Boys and was well attended. She learned from the majority of people at the meeting was they did not mind the company coming. She said yes, she indicated she was interested in the application moving forward but it was really a meeting so the citizens to get CW Roberts to provide some amenities while they were there to make the mining not intrude on their property and privacy. She said to CW Roberts in that meeting: they wanted a buffer and they agreed, they wanted a buffer where the mining process was not visible from the street; they wanted regular meetings to make sure they were only mining for sand; they asked for a turning lane and the number of trucks were discussed and it was concluded was impossible for that many trucks to come and go within an hour. She said they had to think about economic development and growth. She also said to CW Roberts, if they do not hold true to what was asked of them, they cannot come to her for anything else.

Commissioner Hinson thanked Commissioner Taylor for her leadership in the community.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER MORGAN REQUESTED A ROLL CALL VOTE.

COMMISSIONER HINSON	YES
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR	YES
COMMISSIONER MORGAN	YES
CHAIR HOLT	YES

ITEM PASSED 4-0

8a Straw Poll Ballot

Chair Holt asked that the item be pulled up from the previous meeting regarding this matter and it was done.

Mr. Weiss explained at the last Commission meeting, the Commission approved a Resolution to adopt a Resolution requesting that the Supervisor of Elections put three non-binding straw questions for expression of voter sentiment on the ballot for the November election. He said he understood from the motion to add this item to the Agenda this evening, there was now potentially concern over the questions, interest in maybe rescinding that motion and Resolution or an attempt to change the language of the questions that were approved by the Commission by the Resolution.

Sam Palmer, 1225 Berry Street, Quincy, FL appeared before the Board. He said the NAACP and DEC were the ones that sponsored this initiative and said they did not sponsor for a non-binding Resolution but after they got into it, they found out that the Statute dictated that it had to be a non-binding Resolution. He said they felt that basically the information was there, but things there that they did not request and to put an opinion on the ballot was not what the citizens signed for. He asked that the initiative be deleted and said they will come back before Commission to deal with concerns of citizens. He added, as the committee, they do not want a straw vote or a non-binding vote and recommended they do not approve this to go on the ballot.

Commissioner Hinson made a motion to approve.

Mr. Weiss said the appropriate motion would be a motion to rescind the Resolution. He said in crafting the questions, his intent was to put on paper what he thought the intent was.

Chair Holt asked for a rescission of the motion.

COMMISSIONER HINSON WITHDREW HIS MOTION AND MADE A MOTION TO RESCIND THE RESOLUTION AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE.

Don Stewart, 102 Timber Row, Havana, FL, appeared before the Board. He said he was also a member of the Gadsden DC, was not at the June meeting and did not vote on the Petition when Mr. Palmer put that forward. In the July meeting, they had a State Party person there and that consumed the meeting and he knew nothing about this until he read it in the Herald and started conversations between him and Mr. Palmer. He said he would have been a descending vote and

did not think it was a good idea to do away with the CBOR but they did agree that they did not want this on the ballot but to have citizen workshops regarding this. He said they would like to go back to the drawing board and work with the Commission. He said he did look forward to working with the Commission.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at 8:09 p.m.

9. Approval of the Inter-Local Agreement for Animal Control Services between Gadsden County, FL and the City of Midway, FL

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval of an Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Services with the City of Midway and for authorization for the Chair to sign the documents.

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

10. Approval to Award Bid 18-19 to Lease Space in the Gadsden Memorial Hospital Building to Eye Associates of Tallahassee

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval of Bid 18-19 to lease space in the Gadsden Memorial Hospital to Eye Associates of Tallahassee, P.A. in the amount of \$1,000 monthly.

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

11. Funding Request from the Gadsden County Law Enforcement Education Fund (LEEF) for Less Lethal Instructor and SWAT Less Lethal Courses

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it sought funding from the LEEF fund to pay for a less lethal munitions training package to the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office by Amtech Less Lethal Systems (ALS).

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

She asked the fiscal impact and Mrs. Jackson explained the funds would come from the Sheriff's LEEF fund.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR QUESTIONED WHO MADE THE SECOND AND WAS TOLD SHE DID WITH A QUESTION AND SHE STATED SHE DID NOT, SHE HAD A QUESTION. CHAIR HOLT THEN MADE THE SECOND. THE VOTE REMAINED 3-0.

12. Funding Request from the Gadsden County Law Enforcement Education Fund (LEEF) for Basic SWAT Course

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval of funding from the LEEF fund to pay registration for 16 deputies to attend a National Tactical Officer Association Basic SWAT Course.

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

13. Funding Request from the Gadsden County Law Enforcement Education Fund (LEEF) for Tactical Carbine Operator Course (TCOC)

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said this was also to seek funding from the LEEF fund for registration costs for four classes of the Tactical Carbine Operator Course provided by Talon Training Group, LLC.

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

14. Funding Request from the Gadsden County Law Enforcement Education Fund (LEEF) for Firearms Training Ammunition

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was also to seek funding from the LEEF fund for firearms training ammunition to be used for in-service training.

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

15. Approval of the Fall 2018 E911 Rural County Grant Application for E911 System and MapSAG Annual Support and Maintenance

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval and signature on the Fall 2018 E911 Rural County Grant.

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

16. Approval of the Annual Contract Between the GCBOCC and the Florida Department of Health for the Operations of the Gadsden County Health Department

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the annual contract between Gadsden County BOCC and the Florida Department of Health for the operation of the Gadsden County Health Department for the contract year 2018-2019.

Commissioner Morgan asked how this had changed from the previous year and Mrs. Jackson explained there were no changes.

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

17. Approval to Award Bid No.: 18-15 for the Replacement of the Second Floor Windows of the Edward J. Butler Governmental Complex

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval to award Bid No. 18-15 for the replacement of the second floor windows of the Edward J. Butler Governmental Complex to Bill Bond Construction, LLC.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE

BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

18. Approval to Award Bid No.: 18-16 for the Supply and Install of 4 Split Heat Pumps and Duct Work in the Stevens School Building

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval to award Bid No. 18-16 for the supply and installation of 4 split system heat pumps and duct work in the Stevens School Building.

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

19. Approval to Award Bid No. 18-17 for the Demolition and Replacement of the Electrical Wiring and Fixtures at the Stevens School

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval to award Bid No. 18-17 for the demo and replacement of the electrical wiring and fixtures with 600 amp 3 phase 280/120 service upgrade in the Stevens School Building.

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

CLERK OF COURT

20. Updates

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

21. Updates

Mrs. Jackson said she had no updates but was available for questions.

Chair Holt said the Planning Board met with the County Commission. She said the Planning Board consistently requested for education opportunities and wanted to visit some of the developments. Chair Holt said she asked if they wanted to plan a bus ride to look at some of the commercial and neighborhood developments. She said they also came up with the idea to go to the plant in Mississippi and were willing pay their own way and would only be responsible for the Planning Commission and the BOCC.

Commissioner Taylor asked if it should be agendaed and Chair Holt said she was getting to that.

Commissioner Hinson said the BOCC travel budget was cut in half and they will have problems regarding travel.

Commissioner Taylor said one of commissioners brought up a concern and they probably need to move forward and put language in the Policy and Procedure regarding representatives on the Planning Commission in districts. She said she thought they needed to formalize that and she also understood they have had attendance issues, and need language regarding the number of absentees and the Commissioner needs to be notified when they have attendance issues. She added she wanted to make sure there was a Representative from each district and the number of absentees before there was a red light.

Chair Holt said they could bring back the travel information; one thing did address was attendance and felt if they had direction, it would improve the attendance level. She said also there was no pay, this was totally volunteer and consisted of quite a bit of work.

Commissioner Morgan said with the discussion he heard, he thought it was important to have equal representation across the county. He said there were resources they could find available through FAC and felt they should pursue that. He said he was against a stipend; it was a chance to give back to the community. He said he had no problem with travel to certain areas and it would need to be discussed.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

22. Updates

Mr. Weiss said he had nothing to report but was available for questions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

23. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Eric Hinson, District 1

Commissioner Hinson said he had a few concerns; basically about the budget and hoped they could amend and bring back some of the programs that were cut. He said they cut \$82,000 from the Summer Youth Employment. He said they now had 40 something jobs and in past had 120 jobs.

He said it was also hurricane season and they cut \$100,000 from emergency housing repairs. He said he received a phone call today and they need to help seniors as they are on fixed incomes.

He said they also cut nearly \$50,000 from Veterans Services and thought there were a few things they needed to amend.

He said he met with two students that were former FSU football players and others to see how they could connect to give them experience in the County.

He said they needed to figure out a way to help people.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan said there was a Veterans event for November 3rd that was mentioned by Mr. Coffman and hoped the Board and the public could find time to support it, not just with attendance but with the specific request for support that he asked for.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO ADD THE DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION TO THE OCTOBER 2ND AGENDA MEETING. COMMISSIONER HINSON SAID IT WOULD NOT WORK BUT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 2-2 BY VOICE VOTE. MOTION FAILED. CHAIR HOLT AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor made a motion

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO PUT THE PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUE ON THE AGENDA AND DIRECT THE ATTORNEY TO COME UP WITH LANGUAGE FOR AN ORDINANCE TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD FROM EACH DISTRICT FOR FAIR REPRESENTATION AND LANGUAGE FOR ATTENDANCE AND COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE THE SECOND.

Chair Holt asked if they wanted it for discussion or an Ordinance because they had had to discuss the Ordinance first.

Commissioner Taylor said she wanted an Ordinance.

Mr. Weiss clarified that this would not be to actually adopt it, but to put some proposed provisions to the Ordinance on the Agenda.

Chair Holt asked Mrs. Jackson if there was something in place and she responded they had some draft By-laws but was told they had been operating from understood rules.

Commissioner Hinson said also the Florida Association of Counties put Commissioner Viegbesie on a committee for Finance and thought it was "cool".

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE FOR THE PREVIOUS MOTION. THE BOARD VOTED 3-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE. CHAIR HOLT OPPOSED.

Commissioner Taylor mentioned abandoned houses and said she mentioned they needed to start a program to tear down some of the "raggedy" houses.

Commissioner Morgan left the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, Vice-Chair, District 2

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said anything in the budget could be worked and could be done, did not mean there was the money to do it and felt they should come up with a funding mechanism outside the budget such as grants.

She said they needed to look at the grant writer position. Commissioner Taylor asked about Mrs. Jackson and was told she was doing the Interim County Administrator job now.

Mrs. Jackson said she currently holds the position and two grants were submitted last week.

Receipt and File

- 24. August 22, 2018 Letter from DEO
Proud Dad Fatherhood Conference 2018 Resolution
Resolution Honoring Ms. Janice Maxwell**

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
September 18, 2018-Regular Meeting

25. October 2, 2018 Regular Meeting-6:00

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:41 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk