

AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON MARCH 29, 2021 AT 5:00 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 1
Kimblin NeSmith, District 3
Ronterious "Ron" Green, District 5
Edward J. Dixon, County Administrator
Leslie Steele, Public Information Officer
Clayton Knowles, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk
Hannah Pope, Clerks Office

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Viegbesie called the meeting to Order at 5:00 pm. He then asked for a moment of silence and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD (3-Minute Limit)

Due to COVID-19 and the efforts of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners to continue the practice of social distancing, Commissioners want to continue to hear from citizens under the Citizens Requesting to be Heard section of the agenda.

If citizens have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email

CitizensToBeHeard@gadsdencountyfl.gov and anticipate receiving a response within 48 hours.

The Board of County Commissioners would like to thank everyone for their patience and flexibility during this time.

Commissioner Viegbesie offered to read the above statement.

Chair Holt stated she thought since the Chambers were now open to the public, they were no longer accepting emails, so people were now able to come into the Chambers. She invited everyone to now come to the meetings. Mr. Dixon stated it was the will of the Board and it was still on the Agenda. She stated they would not be doing it this way any longer. There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Approval of Approval of Federal Legislative Community Projects Request to be Submitted for Gadsden County (Edward J. Dixon, County Administrator)

Mr. Dixon introduced the agenda item and stated it was a continuation of a previous special meeting regarding the submission of programs to the Federal Government. He stated they had received two from the City of Midway and one from the City of Quincy.

He stated Ms. Dilworth was appearing virtually.

Leslie Steele, Public Informations Officer (PIO), stated that she was not yet available via zoom.

A. City of Midway, Florida (Septic to Sewer Project)

Commissioner Hinson stated he was prepared to make a motion to approve and

Chair Holt suggested they see if there were any comments Ms. Dilworth would like to make.

(Ms. Dilworth had not joined the ZOOM meeting yet and Mr. Dixon suggested they continue with the City of Quincy's request.)

B. City of Midway, Florida (Expansion of Eugene Lamb, Jr. Recreation Center for COVID and Emergency Preparedness)

Dixon stated use the community center for emergency preparedness. The total is 3

C. City of Quincy, Florida (The Quincy North Star Legacy Communities-Women Entrepreneurship Project)

Mr. Charles Hayes appeared before the Board and stated that the City put together this project that was shovel-ready and was called the Quincy North Star Legacy Community and was a project that would help women in the local area that was affected by the pandemic. This program would assist them to obtain funding and help grow their business would help women and act as a hub to help them get started in businesses. He said the total amount of the project was \$75,000.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE A SECOND. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE.

They then addressed the City of Midway's request.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND. CHAIR HOLT POINTED OUT A COMMISSIONER ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MATTER.

Mr. Dixon introduced Midway's item and stated that in 2015, the City of Midway conducted a septic tank study. It presented the need for central sewer to retrofit the sewers and make way for more growth in Midway to move them from septic tanks to sewer systems. The cost for that would be \$40 Million.

The second item was for the expansion of the Eugene Lamb Community Center and a hurricane preparedness opportunity. They projected that the cost would be \$3.6 Million.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF MIDWAY'S PROJECTS A AND B AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Mr. Dixon reminded them of the ribbon cutting scheduled for Hutchinson Ferry Road at 10:00 a.m. the next day.

Commissioner Hinson asked if anyone responded to the email received from FCI. Mr. Dixon stated they had not responded and that FCI was scheduled for the next agenda.

Commissioner Hinson asked for a workshop regarding that item.

Chair Holt asked what was scheduled for the workshop before the next regular meeting.

Mr. Dixon stated computer technology and Granicus.

Commissioner Hinson asked if they could have a workshop before that.

Chair Holt asked if they could schedule that before the meeting that was already scheduled.

Commissioner Hinson said they could hold that meeting on Monday.

Mr. Knowles said it was reasonable notice for everything, whether it be a workshop or special meeting, at least 24-48 hours' notice.

Commissioner Hinson stated he felt they needed more time to discuss it, even with a workshop before the meeting, there were other items on the agenda. He also stated they had already voted on this item and it was a 4-1 vote to approve. He stated he would like to have a special meeting on Monday to discuss it, if anyone had issues, they could come to the special meeting and discuss it and not meet twice.

Chair Holt stated it was on the schedule for Tuesday. She asked if he wanted to meet Monday or Wednesday of the current week.

Mr. Dixon stated they would remove it from the Agenda for Tuesday's meeting and would notice it for Wednesday.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if that would be a workshop or meeting.

Chair Holt stated if they held an emergency meeting, it could be discussed and then voted on.

There was round-table discussion about advertising the meeting and when it would/could be held.

Chair Holt stated when things vary from the regular meeting, people complain. She said whatever the board decided would be what they would do.

Mr. Dixon said they would meet whatever notification needed to have the workshop/special meeting.

Commissioner Viegbesie said what the Administrator just stated was actually the comment he made for verification. There was a difference between and workshop and special meeting. If it was an item the Board was going to decide on after discussions, it needed to be a special meeting.

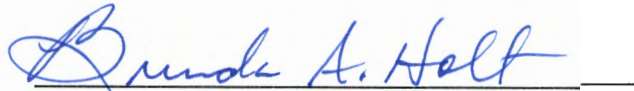
COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021 AND COMMISSIONER GREEN MADE THE SECOND. MR. DIXON SAID THE MEETING WOULD BE AT 6:00 P.M. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
March 29, 2021 – Special Emergency Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

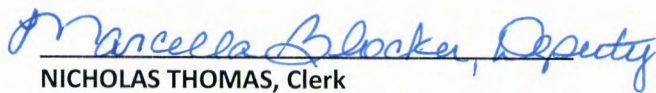
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:25 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA



BRENDA A. HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:



NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk