

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FL ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.,
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:

Present: Ronterious “Ron” Green, Chair, District 5
Kimblin NeSmith, Vice-Chair, District 3
Eric Hinson, District 1
Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4
Edward J. Dixon, County Administrator
Clayton Knowles, County Attorney
Crystal Jimenez, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Green started the meeting at 6:06 pm. He proceeded with a silent prayer and then led to the Pledge of Allegiance of the U.S. Flag.

Amendments and Approval of Agenda

Mr. Dixon said there were no amendments.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER NESMITH AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

Citizens Requesting to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items (3-minute limit)

Anyone wishing to speak on agenda items or non-agenda items should schedule or notify the County Administrator's Office before attending the meeting and will be asked to follow the Gadsden County Public Meetings Citizens Access Guidelines. Also, Public comment for Commission meetings can be submitted via email to CitizensToBeHeard@gadscdencountyfl.gov until noon on September 26, 2022. Comments submitted after the deadline, but prior to the meeting, will be added to the official record, but the County cannot guarantee that Commissioners and staff will have adequate time to review comments prior to the meeting.

Chair Green read the above statement.

Commissioner Hinson walked in at 6:09 pm.

Public Hearing

1. **Public Hearing: Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-002**, An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, renewing and extending the Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Ordinance of Gadsden County, Florida, Ordinance No. 2012-003, as amended by Ordinance No. 2015-005, previously renewed by Ordinance 2019-014, currently codified at Chapter 74, Article I, Section 5 of the Gadsden County Code of Ordinances, providing for 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.

Attorney Knowles went over the ordinance and how it works.

Chair Green said this is a public hearing and said they will probably need to read the whole description. Mr. Knowles read the description of the ordinance.

Commissioner Nesmith asked Mr. Dixon when this ordinance was first adopted? Mr. Dixon said in 2012. Commissioner Nesmith asked if it has made an impact? Mr. Dixon said it has been impactful for the businesses that has used it. They continue to request the Ad Valorem refund from them. It has been in play with a couple of groups and for them to continue to receive it, they have to renew it.

Commissioner Nesmith asked if there were any particular changes needed to enhance it? Mr. Dixon said you wouldn't want to change it right now. He suggested to let it ride and they can make changes later. Mr. Knowles said this still has to be approved, so their action here is to put it on the ballot.

Commissioner Holt said this isn't the only referendum to pass. They can always do something later but this is something that was started.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER
NESMITH, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE FOR OPTION 1.**

Motion to Adjourn

**WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR GREEN DECLARED THE
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:16 PM.**

**RONTERIOUS GREEN, Chair
Board of County Commissioners**

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk