

**AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR
GADSDEN COUNTY, FL ON NOVEMBER 9TH, 2022
AT 5:00 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 – Not Present
Brenda Holt, District 4
Edward J. Dixon, County Administrator
Clayton Knowles, County Attorney
Crystal Jimenez, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Green welcomed everyone to the emergency meeting at 5:00 pm. He proceeded with a moment of silence for the invocation and then led to the Pledge of Allegiance of the U.S. Flag.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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.

Chair Green asked if anyone citizens wanted to be heard. There were none.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approve Resolution 22-035 regarding Tropical Storm Nicole

Mr. Dixon asked the board to review and approve the resolution above due to Tropical Storm Nicole and calling for declaration of emergency in Gadsden County.

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Commissioner Holt asked the attorney if they can vote by call in, in the case of an emergency. They were able to suspend meetings during COVID and she wants to know if there's any

literature that says that. Attorney Knowles said if they are in an eminent dangerous situation, they can do that legally. Commissioner Holt said if there is anything in writing then they don't have to look for this later. Attorney Knowles said there's nothing in writing from the governor in this particular order. It doesn't apply to them and it would also suspend the quorum requirement. So no, there is nothing in writing that they have or that they can promulgate that can supersede the legislatures quorum requirement. Commissioner Holt said they don't want to supersede it, but she wants to know if he could check with the attorney general and see if there's anything out there on something like that. Attorney Knowles said they can request to get the Attorney General's opinion. He said they should look at the ordinance and suggested they authorize the chairman to declare a state of emergency until board can meet. Commissioner Holt said they don't need to worry about it today, it's for future references. Attorney Knowles said if they are inclined to do it, they can make it a part of their ordinance and they can empower the chairperson or administrator to do that if necessary. Commissioner Holt said only if they are within statute. Attorney Knowles said yes, of course.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

UPON NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR GREEN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 5:04 P.M.

KIMBLIN NESMITH, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk