

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON JANUARY 2, 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
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. asked everyone to stand for moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Jackson said she would like to pull Item 16 and add Item 1a-Major Shawn Wood had a weather update.

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

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1a. Shawn Wood, Gadsden County Sheriff Department, appeared before the Board to give a Winter Weather update. He said there was a good chance of snow and the County was making preparations for same. He said the Schools would be closed tomorrow; they were making preparations for emergency services, and Public Works had dump trucks of sand to put out on County roads. He further stated they were worried about the timeframe between 2:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. tomorrow. He said concerned citizens could call 850-627-9233 or they could call 911.

1. Status and Progress of the 2nd Judicial Circuit Guardian Ad Litem Program

Ms. Deborah Moore, Director of Guardian Ad Litem program, appeared before the Board.

She said one of the ongoing challenges in the County was the struggle to recruit advocates that resided in the County and felt they needed to do a better job with awareness and they had developed a goal for the County for recruitment. She said there was a need for individuals that resided in this community and that was the best way to serve the children. She said they were working to figure out a way to increase the number of Guardians in this county, Franklin and Wakulla. She added that the volunteers needed to be willing to give 200% and they only had approximately 315 volunteers circuit-wide.

Commissioner Morgan thanked her for coming and knew they worked with limited resources; he asked where the most successful advocates were located and she said the majority of their efforts

had been in Leon County and felt that had been more successful, with civic organizations and Churches getting involved. Commissioner Morgan asked what most of the advocates looked like and she responded mostly women; have approximately 315 advocates circuit wide and only 20% were men in six counties.

2. Barriers on Development

Mr. Lex Thompson appeared before the Board. He said he was asked at the workshop to give some background on the development order in the County. He said it was a State requirement that each County have a Comprehensive Plan and Gadsden County chose not to and was told if not done, the State would do it for the County. He said there was a meeting of property owners that wanted to come and they let every property owner fill a form out on what they wanted their property zoned and was why the map was so crazy. He said there were no targets as was in other areas. He said over 70% of the County was zoned Agricultural and the reason was they were told if zoned Ag and the larger the lot size requirement, the lower the property taxes would be. He said the reality was, and he verified it with the Property Appraiser's Office, it made no difference with the taxes. He said they were also told they could change the lot size at any time and made it sound simple, but it was not; it was an eight month process to do that. He said that was the problem with getting businesses and people to come into the County. He said they needed to get property "shovel-ready" and had heard that term for years and no-one had gotten the problem solved. He said after talking to a people in Planning, one of the biggest problems was there was no Zoning, they had a Land Use Map. He said other areas had zoning within the Land Use and he explained. He said if they wanted to change a Zoning, the Board could do that. If they had to change Land Use, the State had to do that and that was where the eight months came in. He said by putting zoning effects in place would help cut time and he further explained that.

Chair Holt said if property was zoned 1-5, it meant there could be 1 house on 5 acres, etc.; and everyone needed to know the terminology.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he appreciated his enlightening information and said they needed a plan to accomplish the goal of economic development.

Gay Steffen appeared before the Board and reiterated the need to make changes to the Comp Plan, and said as it stood right now, they were not "shovel-ready".

Chair Holt said if they could not get the companies here, they could not get the jobs for the people.

CLERK OF COURT

Mr. Thomas was present and had nothing to report.

CONSENT

**COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AND
COMMISSIONER HINSON HAD COMMENTS.**

Commissioner Hinson had questions regarding Item 9 and said the Board had never voted on this before, was never placed on the Agenda before and had never had names before placed on the Agenda. Chair Holt asked if they had to have names on there in order to approve.

Commissioner Morgan asked if they were approving the rest of the Agenda and pulling Item 9 and Commissioner Hinson said yes, he would like to pull it.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM NINE AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT. COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED.

3. Ratification Memo

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. January 3, 2017-Special Meeting
- b. January 17, 2017-BOCC Workshop
- c. April 11, 2017-BOCC/GCDC Joint Workshop
- d. October 3, 2017-Regular Meeting
- e. October 17, 2017-Regular Meeting

5. Approval of Adopt-A-Road Agreement with Mike and Vicki Knox for Tindell Road

6. Approval of Adopt-A-Road Agreement with Mike and Vicki Knox for Reynolds Road

7. Approval of the Resolution for the New Chairperson Facsimile Stamp

8. Approval of Signatures for Special Assessment Liens-SHIP (Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program)

~~9. Approval of Signatures for Special Assessment Liens and Rehabilitation Contract SHIP~~
Pulled for discussion

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

9. Commissioner Hinson said he had a problem with Item 9, in the past they never had showed names on the County Emergency Repair Program and had an elderly woman that had done so much for the community but when trying to help her put, she didn't want people in her business and Commissioner Hinson told her no-one would ever know, there would be records of course, but over years had never showed names.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

He continued that he did not think they had done thin in the past and they had never voted on it. He said according to the County Attorney, everything was legal and as long as met the requirements, did not have to bring back to the Board. Chair Holt told the County Attorney they needed to know his opinion regarding this item. He said he did not entirely understand the question, was not sure why this was on the Agenda and was not his call. He said the Board currently had a policy that was in place and as long as followed the policy, think are entitled to the funds as set forth in the policy.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

He said as far as why on the Agenda and historically, if had been on the Agenda, not sure he was

the right person to answer that question. Chair Holt asked how they could approve a lien if they did not approve who was getting the lien. Mr. Weiss said this particular subject had been the topic of confusion and discussion lately. He said he had talked with the Administrator about potentially trying to work on the policies a little to address issues that may not be entirely clear and was his intent to work on that. Chair Holt asked if they should approve this item tonight because she did not want to hold up anything. Commissioner Hinson said his thing was, he was unsure why it was on the Agenda because “her stuff” had already been paid for and done with last year’s budget and his heartburn was why her name was on the list was because “her stuff” was done in September or October. He said he had told his constituents not to worry, would never be shown and now the information out there and the name was on the list without the Board putting it on the list and now they have embarrassed a lady in Midway. Chair Holt said for them to look at the policy and she felt they were following what they do with State and Federal money. Commissioner Hinson said this had never been done before and the last meeting they had, the Board did not make a move and there was one Commissioner that had heartburn about it but did not mean that one Commissioner trumped the others. Chair Holt said because of the State and Federal, they had always put it on the Agenda, SHIP money had always come before the Board, giving the liens, addresses, etc. She said for them to let the Attorney look into this. Commissioner Hinson said she was right with Assessment liens and Rehabilitation liens with State Housing-SHIP, she was correct, it did come before the Board because it was dealing with Federal dollars, but the Gadsden County Emergency Repair Program had nothing to do with Federal dollars and he said he was trying to be fair about the process to the people.

Commissioner Viegbesie said since this was a State requirement for SHIP programs to be handled in certain ways and Gadsden County Emergency Program was different from SHIP, why not come up with policies to keep them separate and operate under different standards. Chair Holt said for them to let the Attorney look into this matter. Chair Holt said they needed to approve this; the lien had to be approved. Commissioner Hinson said they could approve what they normally approve and exclude this because this had never happened before. Chair Holt said the Attorney needed to look at this and she needed to know what he wanted to do. Commissioner Hinson asked what the minimum requirements were to be accepted to be a part of the SHIP program. Mrs. Jackson said the SHIP program had guidelines that the individual had to meet, depending on the individual and there were a lot of factors, i.e., income, number of people in household, etc. Commissioner Taylor said the work was already done and some people in the past had the work done and then sold their house. She said the lien was placed there for 7 years to prevent that. Commissioner Hinson said he did not have a problem with that and again asked the minimum requirements because people had questions. Commissioner Taylor said they needed to approve this item because what he was asking was a non-agendaed item and Commissioner Hinson said it could be if he wanted it to be. Chair Holt said they hadn’t added it.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ITEM EXCLUDING GADSDEN COUNTY EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM. THERE WAS DISCUSSION.

Commissioner Hinson said once they sign a contract, they know there will be a lien placed on the property. Chair Holt said she would not take that out because they may have gotten money from either one and Commissioner Hinson said she was 100% right. Chair Holt suggested they go ahead and approve this and have the Attorney look into the matter.

COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE

THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Berta Kemp, Lawson and Associates, appeared before the Board. She informed them that Gadsden County Day at the Florida Capitol will be held January 17, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and she was waiting on directions. Chair Holt asked if she could meet with the County Administrator the next day.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

GENERAL BUSINESS

10. Howell Road CIGP-Bid Award

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to award the bid of Howell Road CIGP paving project to Peavy and Son Construction, the low bidder, in the amount of \$264,895.58.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1 WITH ASSURANCE AND GUARANTEE OF NO FUTURE CHANGE ORDER AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Morgan said he had no problem with approving it but did not think the contractor would be able to guarantee no change orders and he could end up saving money and would require a change order. He recommended he amend his motion.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND SECOND MY VOMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

11. Approval of the Geographical Information System (GIS) Services Agreement with the Apalachicola Regional Planning Council (ARPC)

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of a professional services agreement with the Apalachicola Regional Planning Council for Geographical Information System services and for authorization for the Chair to execute the agreement.

Commissioner Viegbesie said outsourcing could be very efficient and asked why there was a problem in filling the Planning position.

Mrs. Jackson said the biggest problem was salary.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

12. Ratification of Clark Tractor Company Invoice

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for Board ratification of a Clark Tractor Company invoice #14502 for \$5,092.82 for repairs to the Massy Ferguson Tractor #471.

Chair Holt said she would like to see a rotation program in place for the equipment.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

13. Code Enforcement Lien Satisfaction Parcel ID No. 3-26-2N-5W-1191-0000A-0010

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and informed them that items 13, 14 & 15 was paid by the same person because that person purchased all three pieces of property.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if the issue that led to the violation had been satisfied.

Roosevelt Morris appeared before the Board to answer questions the Board had regarding the lien and informed them that the property been sold and the lien was paid.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

14. Code Enforcement Lien Satisfaction Parcel ID No. 3-26-2N-5W-1191-0000B-0020

Mrs. Jackson introduced above item and said it was the same as the above item.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

15. Code Enforcement Lien Satisfaction Parcel ID No. 3-26-2N-5W-1191-0000B-0030

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and stated it was the same as the two above.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND SECOND MY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

16. ~~Approval of Resolution 2018-001 Revising the Gadsden County Travel Policy~~

Item pulled

17. Approval and Award of RFQ No. 17-18 for County Web Redesign

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to enter into a contractual agreement for professional services with ReviZe to redesign and host the County's website.

Chair Holt said she had several questions and she and the Administrator had spoken about it. She said if she saw three sections on the website she would be happy and wanted to see Economic Development, Permits and Zoning Issues and Tourism.

Commissioner Hinson said he was curious and knew this was discussed and pulled in July and felt they should probably wait until they knew what they wanted first; and why not create the website themselves-they should have someone on staff that understood and could do this type of work. He also said once they have a permanent County Administrator, they may have a different view and they just created the website last year and what was the rush.

Commissioner Viegbesie said Commissioner Hinson addressed his key concern and the other

concern was if a person would be administering the website or would that involve more administrative fees. Mrs. Jackson said the one-time fee would redesign the website and train staff and would provide 24/7 day services. She said there was a monthly maintenance fee to be on their server and for maintaining the services.

Ulysses Jenkins said the current contract expired and the website was outsourced and the reason was there was a less risk of being hacked and said he was trained to administer the website. He said the IT department preferred it to be hosted off-site to not worry about people trying to hack their web pages and get into the server, it was a less risk.

Commissioner Morgan said he took a different look at this and was not sure why it was before them. He said the issue he had, they have an IT Department they fund \$400,000 a year and if the funds were within that budget, and the item said the funds were identified but did not state from where was coming from, but if coming from the IT Department and was a need and would work, do it.

COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND CHAIR HINSON MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

18. Update on Various Board Requests **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

She said this Board had met twice and both times did not have quorum and is to sunset this month. She asked for Board direction on if they wanted to continue. She said there was a cost that was associated with it because they have to publically advertise the meetings.

Commissioner Hinson said on his side of the County they hunger for a recreation center or a community center and some areas have two or three already.

Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Hinson said he felt the Commissioners should meet with their constituents and get a team together and then report back to the Board. Mrs. Jackson said the Board was comprised of eight members that each Commissioner recommended.

Commissioner Morgan asked where the response was coming from and Mrs. Jackson said from Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Viegbesie's district but there was not enough for a quorum.

Chair Holt said they may not be giving them information to look at and could be why they were not coming.

Commissioner Morgan asked if an effort was made to contact the people from each district and Mrs. Jackson said yes, and she had heard from some Commissioners of their choice and not from others and was still waiting on nominees from some commissioners.

Redistricting

She said at the last meeting she was asked about re-districting and staff reached out to Shirley Knight, Supervisor of Elections, and she said there had been an influx of new voters but she could not determine if there was a 5% population growth. She told Mrs. Jackson that four years ago a study was done by Deborah Minnis and they may want to reach out to her again for another independent study.

Mr. Weiss said Deborah Minnis did not do an independent study and her recommendation was to hire a consultant to run the numbers and he did not think that ever happened.

Commissioner Morgan asked if they have met their obligation as far as re-districting and Mr. Weiss said no, he did not think so. Chair Holt asked what their obligation was and he said to look at it. He said Mrs. Minnis' recommendation at that time was to hire someone to run the numbers to see if they needed to redistrict.

Chair Holt said they had to decide if they were going to pay someone to do this.

Commissioner Viegbesie said one bullet point was: should the Commission proceed with a plan of action for redistricting, an outside firm should be acquired by the Commission to also aid the process.

Commissioner Taylor returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Morgan said this was an update and the Attorney was telling them they had not met what they were obligated to do.

Chair Holt asked the Attorney if he could bring back information on this and he said yes and it could only be done in odd-numbered years, and what he recommended several years ago was to reach out to a firm.

Chair Holt said before there was a committee with one person from each District and the company they hired started collecting data. She said the Commissioners would need to know where their districts were.

Commissioner Morgan said what the important thing was people received fair representation.

Mrs. Jackson said January 17th would be Gadsden County Day at the Capitol and there would be a bus that would leave there that staff will be riding in and the public was welcome to join. Commissioner Morgan asked who had ownership of that project and Mrs. Jackson said it was the BOCC and as well as the municipalities, but the lead was the County.

She told them on January 24th there would be a Staff Economic Development Supervisor training and Dr. Allen Jackson would be coming for ½ day and then they will be meeting with City Managers regarding the Highway 90 corridor as well as Economic Growth.

She said on January 29th at 4:00 p.m. would be the BOCC Economic Development workshop to be held at Tri-Eagle Sales.

Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.

She informed them on February 5th there would be an Emergency Management Workshop at the IFAS Center from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

She said Major Woods spoke earlier and gave a weather update and the possibility there may be snow overnight in certain areas. She said people here were not used to driving in snow and dump trucks would be dumping sand on bridges to prevent problems. She said she was thinking it to be best if they asked staff to not come in tomorrow.

Commissioner Morgan returned at this juncture of the meeting.

Commissioner Hinson said he did not want to close down the County when people may need services themselves.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was unsure of the policy or procedure but the Chair speaks on behalf of the Board and if the Administrator determined it to be detrimental to citizens and was an emergency, it was a judgement call between the Administrator and the Chair.

Commissioner Taylor said he was correct it was a judgment call however, the Board gives the Chair direction to speak and in this case, the School Board also took that direction that all persons, students and personnel that schools would be closed tomorrow.

Chair Holt said if someone called the County, what would happen with the call and Mrs. Jackson said some phones were routed so if there were a call it would go to her cell phone and Clyde Collins, Brad Johnson, and the Executive Assistant was also routed to their phones.

Chair Holt asked what the Board thought. She asked about Public Works and Mrs. Jackson said they were currently working now and would be working around the clock.

Commissioner Hinson said there should be compensation for Public Works showing up; it was not fair for them to show up and everyone else to be off. Mrs. Jackson said they would be given overtime.

Mrs. Jackson thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked the Administrator that in an earlier meeting, Commissioner Taylor mentioned the possibility of using the balance of the road project money for striping and asked for an update and how much he had left in his budget. Mrs. Jackson said she sent out an email a little over a month ago that had the balance in each district and also was waiting on the Clerk's office for the most accurate list based on change orders.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

19. Update on Various Legal Issues

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

Chair Holt said she had inquiries regarding the Commissioners having to stay in the Chambers and she explained to them they could leave for emergencies. She said the inquiries were from some young ladies doing research. Mr. Weiss read a portion from the Ordinance covering this.

Commissioner Hinson asked the attorney to look at the income levels for Emergency Repairs Assistance Program and Mr. Weiss explained it a little further. He said their policy said in regards to the Emergency Repair Program, the income guidelines that applied was based upon the number of persons residing in the home and could not exceed 30% of the area median income as published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He said the policy was dated but listed from a one person household up to an eight person household and the range in the policy was \$13,500 per one person household to \$25,450 for an eight person household and the levels may have increased. Commissioner Hinson wanted the record to reflect he wanted to withdraw his vote for Agenda Item 9 and was told he could not do it that way and he said he wanted to rescind his vote. Mr. Weiss said once a vote was taken, they could not change their vote. He further explained he could as a Board, if he wanted to make a motion to rescind or reconsider something, it could be handled that way. Commissioner Hinson said he wanted the record to reflect he wanted to rescind his vote on Agenda Item 9 based on the information just received.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

20. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Eric Hinson, District 1

Commissioner Hinson thanked everyone for their work and hoped everyone had a great holiday.

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Morgan expressed appreciation to the Interim County Administrator, Mr. Southerland, and City of Chattahoochee among others for working on the issue of the commissioner meetings not being aired in Chattahoochee area and that has now been resolved.

He asked the Interim County Administrator about the live-stream option and livestream on Facebook and asked her to bring them up to speed. She said the IT department was working on an Agenda item regarding that and said there were a number of options that could be used for live streaming.

He asked where they were at with the current County Administrator position and Mrs. Jackson said she had not been directed to do anything.

Commissioner Morgan then said a very unique thing happened at the Clerk's Office last week and said Mr. Stanley Burns, at 92 years old, retired and knew he was a very valuable asset to the Clerk's Office for many, many years and wished him well.

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

Commissioner Taylor asked the Administrator if she would look into people paying their 2018 taxes in 2017. Mrs. Jackson said the Tax Collector gave a press release and said most people here were not affected by the new tax laws.

Commissioner Viegbesie said his understanding was with Florida law, it did not allow residents to prepay because the Tax Roll would not be certified until later in 2018.

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

Commissioner Viegbesie wished all of Gadsden County a Happy, prosperous and healthy New Year.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

Chair Holt said she had two young ladies ask about the housing program and inquired why it was not set up that people could pay monies back to help in the future.

Industrial Board

She said they have one person appointed by each commissioner and they meet once a year and she was told that no-one ever comes up with industry ideas and she said it was because they only meet once a year. She said they need the Industrial Board at the Economic Development workshops.

Commissioner Viegbesie said the Tourist Development Council needed to be an intricate part of this Board as well.

Chair Holt asked for clarity on the Clerk’s process on Policy and Procedures. She said the Clerk served as ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Auditor of Records, Recorder and Custodian of all of County funds. She said they needed clarity on Policies and Procedures so when it went across the street it was not sent back, sent over to come back over again. She said they needed to sit down and get the policy down-pat because what they were telling people to do was to do what they had on paper and it could not be opinionated. She said if by law they could buy something to beautify, even a road or intersection, they should be able to do so and the Clerk pay for it. She said she wanted to make sure if there was anything they needed to vote on or anything they needed to do to make sure things moved smoothly between “us over here” and across over there and did not mean getting along; she meant what the law said and to stop the nonsense. She said it was not professional and not what Government does. She said once they bought a teddy bear for Toys for Tots and was told they could not pay for the teddy bear even though it was going to kids. She said she wanted to go by what the law said they could do and then they (across the street) could do what they were supposed to and take the opinions out.

RECEIPT AND FILE

21. DEO Letter-December 7, 2017

22. Death Resolutions

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 16, 2018-Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
January 2, 2018 – Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:33 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk