

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER 6, 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-left meeting early
Eric Hinson, District 2-appeared by phone
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 phones be placed on vibrate or mute, asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Jackson said she would like to add Item 9a-Approval to pay County Employees During Hurricane Michael.

Commissioner Hinson said they had received an email and information from the Sheriff regarding Resource Officers. Mrs. Jackson said she had received the information but not in time to add to the Agenda and did not want to bring incomplete information to the Board. Chair Holt said she had met with the School Board two to three times and thought they needed more information before bringing it to the Board. Commissioner Hinson asked for an emergency meeting next week.

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

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

1. Resolution honoring the Havana North Side Class of 1968-50th Reunion

Mrs. Jackson said this was a Resolution honoring the Havana Northside Class of 1968.

Chair Holt asked that everyone step forward, Commissioner Viegbesie read aloud the Resolution and it was presented to them. Everyone then posed for pictures.

2. Resolution honoring James A. Shanks High School "Be Out Day" Committee and Classes

Asked to reschedule.

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.

3. Ratification Memo

4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **September 18, 2018 Regular meeting**
5. **Ratification of Resolution 2018-015 and Resolution 2018-016**
6. **Ratification of Interlocal Agreements between Gadsden County and Municipalities for Disaster Debris Removal Services**
7. **Ratification of the Thompson Consulting Cooperative Purchasing Professional Services Agreement**
8. **Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the Gadsden County Health Department Facility and the Social Security Administration**

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Linda Ritchie, 3899 Tallavana Trail, Havana, FL-Road Debris Ms. Ritchie appeared before the Board concerning the road debris and said the biggest concern is for the health of the residents and the mosquitos.

Reva Marshall, 2575 Tallavana Trail, Havana, FL-Road Debris. She said they were here because they were concerned about their gated community.

Commissioner Taylor said she had constituents with the same problem and thought this was resolved. She said at a previous meeting, one of the representatives from D&J was present and said the private roads would be included in the debris pick-up.

Mrs. Jackson said they just needed to go through the proper channels.

Commissioner Morgan said he asked the same question and was told because of the hurricane, they could go down private roads but it has to be moved to the end of their property.

Commissioner Taylor said she could feel her concern, she asked if there was a timeline as to when they would hear from FEMA so they could answer concerns of the citizens. Mrs. Jackson said she has not heard but has made phone calls.

Pastor Morris, 23201 Blue Star Highway, Quincy, FL – Trunks of Treats; Hurricane Michael; Souls to the Polls Pastor Morris appeared before the Board. He said under the conditions recently experienced he was proud of our County and the Chair for being a source of stability throughout the whole crisis. He thanked Chair Holt, Commissioner Viegbesie, Dee Jackson, Olivia Smith, Roosevelt Morris and others for their assistance during the hurricane. He added they needed to be paid.

Thanked Laurel Bradley for her help in securing the place and everyone else involved in Trucks for Treats. He said this was the biggest ever crowd.

He said the Souls to Polls were the largest effort ever. He thanked them for the use of the Courthouse grounds.

Lisa Randolph, 7041 Havana Highway, Havana, FL, appeared before the Board and said her father passed away in June. Has a huge drainage issue on his property and now has a huge mosquito issue and has concerns with the issues and asking for an answer.

GENERAL BUSINESS

9. Update on Hurricane Michael and the Aftermath

Mrs. Jackson gave an update regarding the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. She mentioned “Operation Blue Roof” where the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers will place a blue temporary tarp on the house but the deadline is November 11, 2018 and she provided a Situation Report from Gadsden County Emergency Management.

Wes Holden, Thompson Consulting, appeared before the Board. He said Thompson has hired 247 locals to work as monitors; D & J Enterprises have certified almost 300 hauling units for debris pick-up; have collected 463,838 yards of vegetative debris; over 55,000 hazardous hanging limbs have been removed; almost 12,000 hazardous leaning trees have been removed; close to \$13 Million in debris pick-up; estimated they were at about 20% completion; have not started mulch haul out, hope to start this week; and they foresee the debris operations to continue throughout 2018.

Commissioner Taylor asked on some of the areas they are picking up, will they go back and will there be second runs? He said yes, they will do multiple passes and have not considered them done with the first pass yet.

Pastor Morris reappeared and wanted to add Curtis Young and his crew to the record and said they needed to be paid also.

Chair Holt said Commissioner Viegbesie would need to leave shortly and with that, no-one else would be able to leave the meeting or there would not be a quorum present. Commissioner Morgan asked with Commissioner Hinson on the phone, did that not count and was told no, had to have a quorum present.

Chair Holt stepped out at 6:30 p.m.

Olivia Smith, Public Information Director, gave a Public Information update.

Chair Holt returned at 6:31 p.m.

Commissioner Viegbesie left the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

She said they had sent out DSNAP information, Operation Blue Roof; Crisis clean-up; information from the Health Department regarding mosquitoes; FEMA assistance; waiver of permit fees; burn ban; and information from DEO for small businesses, among other information that was sent out.

She said DSNAP in-person interviews will start tomorrow (Wednesday) at the Livestock Pavilion

and tomorrow would be the last day for phone registration.

9a Approval to Pay County Employees During Hurricane Michael

Mrs. Jackson explained that while the County was under a State of Emergency, there was staff in various departments that were required to work and the Administrator advised all Staff that they would be paid double time for every hour worked. However, staff was paid time and a half for hours physically worked over 40 hours. Staff who worked less than 40 hours received straight time pay. EMS staff received nothing.

Commissioner Morgan said he needed more information; obviously they had just received this and it was not advertised and asked for more background. He said the questions he was getting, if people were on administrative leave, they were already receiving pay and there just needed to be some explanation as to why she was thinking it was what it was and asked her to talk through it a little bit.

Mrs. Jackson said she would try her best. She said everyone who works for the County Commission were on Administrative Leave, everybody, offices were closed for two weeks. However, there was some key staff that had to come in to work. Those who had to come in to work, she did not feel it fair that everybody, regardless of whether they came to work or not, received administrative pay for two weeks when others were required to work. She said she felt those who were required to work should be paid double time for the fact that they worked.

Commissioner Morgan asked if she meant by double time, she meant receiving the administrative pay plus the regular salary and Mrs. Jackson said correct. Commissioner Morgan said the ones that did not work were not getting double time pay, only receiving administrative leave.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IT WAS DETERMINED AT THIS POINT THAT COMMISSIONER HINSON WAS NO LONGER APPEARING BY PHONE.

10. Approval of Resolution No. 2018-18 Amending the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP) Local Housing Assistance Plan (Technical Revision) for FY 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for approval of Resolution 2018-18 amending the SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan for Fiscal Years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 and for authorization for the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Morgan asked the overall intent of this item. Mrs. Jackson said it was previously intended to help families and this is for emergency repair.

Commissioner Taylor said that was the program they already had in place and wished it had remained and asked if there was an amount they were looking to add on or were they going to amend the language to the SHIP Program so they could use that. Mrs. Jackson said they were three other funding sources they were going after for housing but would like to use the \$600,000 in SHIP dollars.

Suzanne Lex appeared before the Board and said once the Board gave their approval to change the LHAP they would go through a process of applying for the additional funds and the grant would be

specifically for disaster recovery. She said they were seeking the maximum available amount available. Mrs. Jackson added they had received the funding for this fiscal year and the following year.

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

11. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution 2018-19 Governing FEMA Assistance to Individuals and Households for Placement of FEMA Temporary Housing

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for Resolution 2018-19 to amend the Code to allow FEMA housing and temporary mobile homes.

Suzanne Lex appeared before the Board and said they have been working very closely with the State Intergovernmental Housing Representative with FEMA and this was one provision that will open doors should there be no other housing alternatives available. She said FEMA required that they inventory all available housing, all available locations and identify every resource available for the placement of the temporary structures or rental units that may be available. She said there was a housing shortage and critical issues here. She said a determinations will be made by FEMA; this was a waiver to allow flexibility; there is a six month permit and the key point was they have to document they are making an attempt toward recovery.

Commissioner Morgan said it has been seen in surrounding counties, the temporary housing was set up and later sold and placed on properties to become permanent housing. Ms. Lex explained the benefactors of the temporary housing would have to reapply every six months and would only be for eighteen months. She added that these were investments that range from \$50,000 - \$100,000 per unit and they want to protect their investment and there will be monthly inspections. Commissioner Morgan asked if this would be a Resolution for families impacted by Hurricane Michael only and was told yes. He asked again that it could not go beyond 18 months and was told no. Ms. Lex also stated they would be looking for other resources to assist families to be able to get back into their homes. She also said this would be FEMA's last measure to assist with resident replacement and temporary housing.

Commissioner Taylor asked with regards to this Resolution, was there language that would allow anyone from neighboring counties to come in and set up temporary housing or was this restricted to Gadsden County residents. Mr. Weiss said it was restricted to Gadsden County regulations and someone would have to have a house that was damaged by the hurricane in Gadsden County in order for this to apply to them.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, CHAIR HOLT HAD COMMENTS.

Chair Holt said FEMA representatives asked for them to look into available rental properties so trailers would not be brought in.

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

12. Approval to House and Maintain State Generators

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said this was for Board approval to partner with SERT

to house and maintain ten generators.

Commissioner Morgan asked if there was any fiscal impact and was told no.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE THE SECOND WITH A QUESTION.

Commissioner Taylor asked where they would be housed at and Mrs. Jackson said they would be housed somewhere where they could be plugged up and they would have State tags.

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

13. Approval of Library Strategic Long-Range Plan 2018-2023

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of the Gadsden County Public Library System's Long Range Plan 2018-2023.

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

14. Approval of Library Annual Plan of Service 2018-2019

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said this was the second part of the 2018-2019 State Aid to Public Libraries application that was due by December 1, 2018 and required submission of a Board approved Annual Plan of Service.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

15. Public Hearing-Legislative-Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2018-018 for the Amendment of Chapters 1 and 7 of the Land Development Code, specifically regarding the Citizen's Bill of Rights (LDR 2018-01)

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said this was a Public Hearing to adopt Ordinance 2018-018 for the amendment of Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement and Chapter 7, Development Orders, Development Permits, and Development Agreements of the Land Development Code, to amend the Citizen's Bill of Rights and move it from Chapter 7 to Chapter 1.

Commissioner Morgan asked the attorney if they had to have a super majority vote for this to pass and if there were not four present to qualify for a super majority, they could not go forward and Mr. Weiss said that was correct.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO MOVE TO TABLE THIS ISSUE. CHAIR HOLT ASKED IF THERE WAS A SECOND AND THERE WAS DISCUSSION.

Commissioner Morgan said they could not vote on this item and Chair Holt said since he put the motion out, she asked for a second.

Chair Holt asked if this would affect anything doing with the hurricane and the disaster and Mrs. Jackson said no. Chair Holt asked if they had to have four out of the five Commissioners and not a super majority of the ones present and he said that was correct. He said the way the Ordinance read, they need a super majority of the entire board. Chair Holt said they needed to have that language when it comes back.

Mr. Weiss pointed out since it was advertised as a public hearing, to ask if there were any comments from public. Chair Holt asked and there was no-one. She explained this item would not be voted on tonight since they did not have a super majority present.

Commissioner Morgan asked if there was a second on his motion and Chair Holt said she did not hear a second but did not think it was needed.

16. Public Hearing-Creation of a New Fund for Hurricane Michael Expenditures and Transfer of Funds from the General Fund

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was a Public Hearing for approval to set up a new fund and department number to address all payables associated with Hurricane Michael. She said further, the Board needed to transfer \$850,000 from the General Fund to supplement Hurricane Michael related expenditures for FY 18/19.

Commissioner Morgan said he no problem approving option 1, and asked if this was a request from Clerk's office and Mrs. Jackson said yes

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND FOR EXPENSES TO BE REIMBURSED TO THE COUNTY AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

Chair Holt asked for public input regarding this item and there was none.

17. Public Hearing-Approval to Increase the Summer Youth Program from \$50,000 to \$132,250 in the FY 18-19 Budget

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was presented for approval to increase the FY 18/19 Summer Youth Program from \$50,000 to \$132,250.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

Chair Holt said she had no problem with these items coming back; she just wanted to clear up all the things they are moving money and she was fine with bringing it back.

Chair Holt announced this was a Public hearing and there were no comments.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION FOR OPTION 2 TO NOT APPROVE AND CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 2-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO NOT APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED.

18. Public Hearing-Approval to Restore the Emergency Housing Repair Account to \$100,000 in the FY 18-19 Budget

Mrs. Jackson introduced the above item and said it was presented to the Board for approval to

restore the Emergency Housing Repair Account to \$100,000 in the FY 18/19 Budget by transferring from the General Fund Balance.

Chair Holt said if they were going to go after SHIP money, they should wait on this item and apply for new money.

Chair Holt asked for public comments and there were none.

COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 2 TO NOT APPROVE THIS ITEM AND CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR HAD A COMMENT.

Commissioner Taylor said this was one program that they needed immediately and felt this should be approved tonight to be able to help people out now and maybe they could be reimbursed.

CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 2-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO FOR OPTION 2 TO NOT APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIOENR TAYLOR OPPOSED.

CLERK OF COURT

19. Updates

There was nothing to report from the Clerk's Office.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

20. Updates

There was nothing to report from the County Administrator.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

21. Updates

There was nothing to report from the County Attorney.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

22. Report and Discussion of Public Issues

Commissioner Eric Hinson, District 1

Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3

Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5

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

Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4

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Receipt and File

- 23. Ausley & McMullen Invoice – October 8, 2018**
DEO letter – October 19, 2018

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 20, 2018-BOCC Regular Meeting
December 4, 2018-Regular Meeting
December 18, 2018-Regular Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:27 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BRENDA HOLT, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk