

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: February 2, 2016

Date Submitted: January 21, 2016

To: Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board

From: Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator
Allara Mills Gutchner, Planning and Community Development Director

Subject: Appointment to the Gadsden County Planning Commission

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks Board approval of the replacement of Ms. Mari Vanlandingham with Mr. Douglas Nunamaker as one of the District 3 members on the Gadsden County Planning Commission.

Background:

The Planning Commission is designated as the Local Planning Agency in Gadsden County. This commission is required by Florida Statute to be the agency responsible for the comprehensive plan, including comprehensive plan amendments. This commission also reviews “proposed land development regulations, land development codes, or amendments thereto, and make recommendations to the governing body as to the consistency of the proposal with the adopted comprehensive plan.” (§163.3174(4)F.S.)

Gadsden County has a twelve (12) member Planning Commission. Each county commissioner has two appointments. In addition, there is one at-large member, and one member who represents the school board. The school board member is appointed by that agency. See Section 2-174 for Planning Commission membership below.

Sec. 2-174. - Membership. (in part): The local planning agency shall be comprised of 12 members. Each duly elected member of the county commission shall have two appointments to the local planning agency. These ten regular members shall be augmented by one at-large member who shall be appointed to the agency. In addition, a representative of the school board shall serve as the 12th member of the agency, with full voting rights.

Analysis:

Mrs. Mari VanLandingham, who was one of Commissioner Morgan’s appointments, has indicated that she wished to be replaced. Commissioner Morgan has selected Mr. Douglas Nunamaker for her replacement.

The appointee does not have to live within the district of the Commissioner appointing the individual.

Fiscal Impact:

n/a

Options:

1. Appoint Mr. Douglas Nunamaker to replace Mrs. Mari VanLandingham.
2. Do not appoint Mr. Douglas Nunamaker.
3. Board direction.

County Administrator's Recommendation:

Option 1