

**Board of County Commissioners  
Gadsden County, Florida  
Regular Public Meeting  
July 5, 2016  
6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4  
Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1  
Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2  
Gene Morgan, District 3  
Sherrie Taylor, District 5-appeared by phone  
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court  
Robert Presnell, County Administrator  
David Weiss, County Attorney  
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and asked everyone to please silence their phones. **Commissioner Taylor appeared by phone.** Chair Holt asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. A silent roll call was conducted by Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk.

**AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Presnell said he would like to add Item 4a-Approval of Resolution 2016-014 to Administer the Gretna City Sidewalk Project through the County's LAP Certificate.

*Commissioner Viegbesie arrived at this juncture of the meeting.*

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD APPROVED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO ADD ITEM 4A TO THE AGENDA.**

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

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

**1. Presentation on Fracking**

Mr. Presnell said there was a brief presentation regarding Fracking.

**Ulysses Jenkins, Special Projects Coordinator**, made a presentation to the Board regarding opposition on fracking. He added that as of November 2015, 20 counties had banned fracking and by March 2016 the number had increased to 38 and as of November 2015 40 municipalities had banned fracking and by March 2016 the number had increased to 48. He also explained the State's position on local bans regarding fracking. He added that currently in Florida Cholla Petroleum and Dawson Geophysical were seeking permits from DEP to do seismic testing south of Calhoun County and immediately north of Gulf County.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO MOVE THAT THIS BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA TO BAN FRACKING IN GADSDEN COUNTY PENDING STATE LAWS AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON. BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.**

Commissioner Morgan asked if there had been any interest by anyone to conduct seismic testing in Gadsden County or the area and Mr. Presnell said not to date. Commissioner Morgan then asked the Attorney with what they were putting in place, what would happen with what the State might do and Mr. Weiss said it was a policy procedure.

**CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE THIS.**

#### **CLERK OF COURTS**

##### **CONSENT**

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

2. Ratification to Pay County Bills
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. May 16, 2015-Joint Workshop
  - b. May 18, 2016-Community Health Rankings Action Symposium
  - c. May 19, 2016-Joint Workshop
  - d. June 7, 2016-Regular Meeting
4. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Property and Equipment

#### **ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

5. **Appointment to the Circuit 2 Alliance Community Action Team (Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla)**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this item was for an appointment to the Circuit 2 Alliance Community Action Team.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE FOR COMMISSIONER HINSON TO CONTINUE AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.**

6. **Approval of Ethical Hacking Book Camp Training for IT Staff**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval for the County's IT staff to

attend an Ethical Hacking Boot Camp Training.

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

**7. Approval of Book Check and Detection Device Agreement with Bibliothecal/3M Library System**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval of the annual service agreement for book check and detection devices to be provided by Bibliotheca/3M Library Systems for the William A. "Bill" McGill Library.

Commissioner Morgan asked if this was in the budget and Mr. Presnell said yes.

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

**8. Approval of Public Works Mosquito Control Budget FY 2016-2017**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and added that annually the Public Works Department must apply to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for matching funds according to Florida Statutes, Chapter 388 for the Public Works Mosquito Control Budget for 2016-2017.

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

**9. Approval of 2016 Small County Consolidated Grant Agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item. and said it was for approval of a funding agreement between the Gadsden County Board of County BOCC and The Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Solid Waste Program.

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

**10. Approval to Award Contract for Bid No. 16-14 Library Technical Services Support**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to award Bid 16-14 to Paul Clark, MLS in the amount of \$35.00 per hour at 30 hours a month and for authorization for the Chair to sign documents.

Chair Holt asked if this item was bid and Mr. Presnell stated it was and it was specialty work.

Commissioner Morgan asked if the agreement was similar to the one in place previously and Mr. Presnell said yes and it was budgeted.

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

**11. Request Board Direction and Approval of the Gadsden County Permit Application for the Courthouse Grounds and the Guidelines for the Utilization of the Grounds**

Mr. Presnell said this item was for Board direction and approval from the Division of Facilities Management for the Gadsden County Courthouse grounds application and guidelines for the utilization of the grounds and was coming back for discussion and there had been a number of calls regarding it.

Commissioner Holt said when this was discussed previously; she wanted language in there stating **“No political events and/or campaign rallies will be approved”** and groups needed to “specifically say what they wanted to do on the grounds”. She further stated that people passing out hand-outs were fine as far as she was concerned but did not think they should cater to an individual because it was public property.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if any reason why they did not specifically state the statute on the application that restricts use of the Courthouse grounds. Mr. Presnell said the application had been in use a long time and the attorney said he also had other suggestions for changes regarding the application.

Commissioner Taylor said she was glad this was brought back up and she had no problem with a candidate using the grounds to inform the public of their platform.

Commissioner Morgan said he strongly suggested language on the application that was to be no alcohol and no fundraisers. He also asked that they not overlook the person needed to be a legal adult that was 21 years of age or older and a refundable deposit to cover damage.

Commissioner Hinson said he would follow what Commissioner Taylor said and would like to look at what other counties was doing.

Chair Holt said she felt the State Statute should be on one side and the application on the other side but did not want it so restricted so the public would not use it.

Commissioner Viegbesie said anything that would restrict education of citizens should be considered and agreed with what Commissioner Hinson said with looking at what other counties were doing.

Commissioner Taylor said at the proper time she would like to make a motion go back to the original application they had in place until they had an opportunity to look into what other counties with similar demographics as this was doing.

Chair Holt said she agreed with her on part and did not want anything to happen like what happened before and there be no campaign rally for an individual.

Commissioner Viegbesie said the last time this item was up for discussion, they created a document that currently did not include these items and asked for clarity and hoped Commissioner Taylor’s reversion to the existing document would be what was last created before it went to staff to come up with a new policy.

Chair Holt asked Commissioner Taylor if she wanted the “red-line” on the application and Commissioner Taylor said she did not.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND LET STAFF ADD CHANGES AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THAT MOTION.**

**12. Approval to Award RFP #16-18 (Re-Bid) to an Artist to Create a Public Mural in Downtown Quincy**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was to request approval to award RFP #16-08 re-bid to C5 Artwork of Winnipeg Manitoba Canada.

Commissioner Taylor said she wanted it publically known that she did not disagree with the mural but she did disagree with the funding source and felt they did not need to use emergency money to fund this. She also said she was thinking about another position and said she thought others should be considered for the mural and honor people of the County.

Chair Holt said she worked with Dr. Woodward for years and a committee looked at the mural and the choices and it was not because of the physician, it was because chosen because of the side of the building being on "colored" street and was not intended to leave anyone out but to include the culture of that section of what was going on during that time.

Commissioner Viegbesie said the mural was to depict three historic African-Americans of Gadsden County and said the County had never been only African-American and suggested this mural represent more of the history of Gadsden County and not only one ethnicity.

Commissioner Morgan said the item was asking to approve funds for a mural and looked to be no dead-set mural chosen yet and there were suggestions in the packet. Chair Holt said no, they chose one and asked Mr. Jenkins to bring it up on the television screen and showed the mural. Commissioner Morgan asked the Administrator about the money for the mural and said the way it was written, up to \$25,000 was to come from contingency funds. Mr. Presnell said the Board voted previously for up to \$25,000 and it was identified to come from the contingency fund. He further stated the way the bid was done, \$18,500 was the cost and it was before them now to award the bid if they chose to do so and as written would come from contingency funds. Commissioner Morgan asked the purpose of the contingency fund and Mr. Presnell said it was \$50,000 they set aside each year for unforeseen contingencies. He said there was no fire on this issue and suggested they use the appropriate dollars from the Tourist Development Council to fund this project and then may be able to receive more input. He added that a public mural would be very attractive and a good thing for the City and County but foolish to take funds from the contingency fund when there was bed tax collected through the TDC from people traveling through and was made to use for that reason. He added he would support this type of project but felt it was wrong to take the money from the contingency fund.

Commissioner Holt said vote at that time was a 5-0 vote from the Board and Commissioner Morgan said he did not realize that was what they were doing. She then said if they wanted to add Dr. Woodward in, it would have to be approved by him because he was still living.

Commissioner Hinson asked what the vote was on the contingency fund and Mr. Presnell said he would have to go back and look if it was a 5-0 vote or not. Commissioner Viegbesie said he thought it was a unanimous vote by those present, but could not remember if it was a 3-0 or 4-0

vote. Chair Holt said Commissioner Morgan may not have been present. Commissioner Morgan asked Commissioner Viegbesie with him being an Economics gut if he felt it made sense and he said the way he looked at it from a professional point of view, he understood the fact there was a particular entity that generated funds for things related to tourism and since the vote had been approved from contingency, was there a different way to handle it and Chair Holt said no.

Commissioner Hinson said everybody loved Dr. Woodward and there was the same argument about his wife when they did the roads naming them for a white and black person and he was corrected that that particular person was his Mother and he had to “stand up a be a grown person in the room and say let’s go with his Mother and move forward on this situation”. He added he thought with what Commissioner Morgan said he had a problem with it coming from the contingency fund, move forward and focus on this another day and his vote would be to go ahead and approve this.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 3-2 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR OPPOSED.**

Chair Holt said she agreed with the opinions of Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner Taylor regarding the contingency and said they were coming up on the budget season and if more money was needed in the contingency, they would move more money over into contingency and would not be a problem.

**13. Request Direction on Legal Services for Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board direction regarding legal services for the Gadsden County BOCC.

Commissioner Viegbesie said this item was presented at the last meeting and the vote was 2-2 and had to come back again. He added for procedural reasons, this item should be treated like something that is a service and the process of getting who provided the service should be through bids and RFP’s should be issued and a bid should be gotten. He further stated if they were unable to do this in a timely manner, then they could go on a month-by-month base with the current provider until the process was determined who would get the contract annually.

Commissioner Hinson said he felt based on the situation and everything that was going to be happening needed to be consistent and felt they should entertain this in January because they had other things going on that needed to be dealt with first.

Chair Holt asked him what he meant, if they should bid it now...

He said he felt they should start the process but since they were going through the County Administrator situation, they should wait until that process was over.

Chair Holt said she was in favor of the RFP and even if they decided to do a bid process, they should have looked at this back around May/June because it would take a while and if they kept pushing it back too far is when trouble would come.

Commissioner Morgan said that the Assistant Administrator was retiring in September this year

and the Administrator's contract expires on October 30th this year and have an existing attorney firm with the option of the agreement to extend for one more year. He said he was hearing from Commissioner Viegbesie and Commissioner Hinson that they should put out bids for the County Attorney while they were also going through losing the top two leadership spots with the County. He added he felt Commissioner Hinson was looking for stability from a short-term prospective as they moved through the process and they had a twelve month extension in the existing agreement. He further stated he would not mind going through the RFP process once they were through with the County Administrator and Assistant County Administrator process.

Commissioner Viegbesie said the way he looked at this was the contract expires on September 1<sup>st</sup> and if they needed to go to a month-by-month until they were able to go through the process of selecting the replacement. He said legal issues were the law and the law did not change no matter who interpreted it and he was a stickler for process and the process was the contract ended September 1<sup>st</sup> and if they needed legal services while going through the RFP, it could be done on a month by month with the existing legal service provider and when the process was complete and if they were the ones that won it again, then they would continue with a new contract. He added he failed to see how having a different law firm would interfere with the administration of the County.

Commissioner Taylor said she felt a little different with regards to Commissioner Viegbesie and said right now County was handling sensitive cases in Court and who would handle and know the history of the cases. She said heard him when he said one did not impact the other but it did and felt the two complement each other. She added she was in favor of going through October and then going month to month until the transition was complete.

Chair Holt said they had twelve months to do this and this was something they needed to do and they needed to go out for bid to see what was out there and other people had the right to apply.

**COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT UNTIL FEBRUARY 7, 2017 AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR.**

Chair Holt asked Commissioner Hinson if by chance there was a board change in November, would he not want them to have the opportunity to make that decision. He said that was why he suggested they start the process and if and when new person came on, by February they could help in the decision making. ...

Commissioner Morgan said he heard comments about attorneys and taxpayer dollars and added when he came on board, they were paying 60-70% more on legal fees and was very important to consider and did make a difference on who the attorney was. He further stated as far as the contract went, there was a current agreement in place that allowed for a second twelve month extension and was following the process.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if Commissioner Hinson was willing to accept a friendly amendment for the contract to be extended another three months after maturity of the current contract and if the process was not complete at that time, to go month to month until the process was complete. He said competition may drive fees down.

**COMMISSIONER HINSON AMENDED HIS MOTION TO SEND OUT THE RFP BY OCTOBER 15 AND**

**EXTEND THE CONTRACT UNTIL FEBRUARY 7, 2017 AND COMMISSIONER TAYLOR AMENDED HER MOTION. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.**

**14. Request Board Direction Concerning the Engineering Services Contracts for Gadsden**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board direction concerning the Engineering services for the Board.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was going back to his belief in the process and had no problem with DBP and Associates and Preble-Rish and added that in reading the Agenda Request, it said that DBP and Preble-Rish were the current firms under contract with the County and he thought they added DBP at the last meeting and thought the contract was with Preble-Rish, not DBP and Preble-Rish. Mr. Presnell explained they added them last year and had been under contract for two years. Commissioner Viegbesie asked what they voted on last meeting and it was explained they voted on the merger of Dewberry and Preble-Rish.

Commissioner Hinson said he had no issues with the firm and was ready to make motion to state his position when they were ready.

Commissioner Morgan said there was also the option to extend the contract another year and Mr. Presnell said that was correct. Commissioner Morgan said that was his motion.

Chair Holt said she was interested in bidding.

Commissioner Taylor said she seconded Commissioner Morgan's motion.

**COMMISSIONER MORGAN MADE A MOTION TO EXTEND THE EXISTING AGREEMENT ONE YEAR AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR. COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE HAD COMMENTS BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.**

Commissioner Viegbesie said he was back to the process and was not comfortable in assuming the extension of an existing contract without going through the entire process of soliciting an RFP. He further stated he had no problem with the firm but want to go back to the process.

**CHAIR HOLT CALLED FOR THE VOTE. THE BOARD VOTED 2-3 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER HINSON, CHAIR HOLT AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE OPPOSED THE MOTION.**

Commissioner Hinson said he would like to go through the process and felt they were doing an extraordinary job, but was great to go through the process.

Commissioner Viegbesie started to speak and Commissioner Hinson said he thought he had made a motion already.

**COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO GO THROUGH THE BID PROCESS IMMEDIATELY WITH THE ENGINEERING FIRM AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE THE SECOND AND HAD A COMMENT.**

Commissioner Viegbesie said the contract would expire on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and if Commissioner

Hinson did not mind, he asked to amend the motion for the RFP to start immediately so hopefully by October the process would be complete.

**COMMISSIONER HINSON AMENDED HIS MOTION AND COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE AMENDED HIS SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED.**

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

#### **15. Update on Various Board Requests**

Mr. Presnell said the Library had asked for a couple of announcements to be made.

-Havana Library will host a Zumba class on Friday, July 22nd at 6:30 p.m.;

-Ice Cream social at the Quincy Library on July 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m. sponsored by the Friends of the Library

-Received a seed program and he explained it was garden seeds that could be checked out to get people interested in gardening. He said it started on a trial basis this Spring was something new. Chair Holt said they could not be planted and Mr. Presnell explained they were to grow and did not have to be returned.

He reminded them this Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 p.m. of the Succession Planning retreat to be held at the Gretna casino.

He also reminded them of the Budget planning workshop on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 at the Commissioner Meeting Room.

He said he would be bringing a proposal to them regarding additional savings on refinancing the Hospital Bond and the Library Bond and it could save a half million dollars and approximately save annually \$70,000-\$80,000 savings to the Board.

He said a Grant was awarded to North Florida Medical Services for additional dollars for a dental program and said he had mentioned earlier about dental equipment and a portion would be put up for bid and hopefully the ones interested in the equipment would have a chance to bid. Commissioner Morgan asked if an appropriate value had been gotten on the equipment and Mr. Presnell said that was in the works now and it would come back before them.

Chair Holt said there were concerns from people with services at that site and Mr. Presnell said he had heard concerns as well and he met with the President in waiting and it was discussed. He said they were aware of it and according to them, the only people they refuse to see are ones with behavior issues, they go on a list and will no longer be seen there and some are on the list for financial reasons, but they would work with them and it would have to be someone that totally refused to pay any of the required co-pay under Medicaid. Chair Holt said they needed to be able to talk with them and Mr. Presnell said they would be coming before them in near future.

Mr. Presnell said they discussed meeting with the health service providers and was changing from one on one to a workshop. Commissioner Viegbesie said he felt a workshop would be the best setting to meet with the service providers to see what they are providing and address the issues they were hearing.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**16. Update on Various Legal Issues**

Mr. Weiss said he had nothing to report.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**

**14. Report and Discussion of Public Issues**

**Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3**

Commissioner Morgan asked Mr. Presnell about the Budget workshop he previously mentioned and confirmed it was on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and Mr. Presnell stated yes and the Retreat was on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 at the Gretna Casino.

Commissioner Morgan then congratulated the Chattahoochee Mainstreet Organization and the Greensboro Kiwanis Club for a very successful July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks show celebration.

**Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5**

Commissioner Taylor had nothing to report.

**Commissioner Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2**

Commissioner Viegbesie commended the Public Works Department for expeditiously responding to the road repairs with the ditch on the side of Charlie Harris Loop.

He then recommended they invite Mike Grissom, Senior Vice President, External Affairs with Enterprise Florida and Carl Blischke, Director of Strategic Business Development with Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to present their workshop at a future meeting and asked that GCDC be present also.

Chair Holt felt the Industrial Board, Tourism and Planning and Zoning should also be invited.

She said several of them attended a workshop on Safety and they talked with some counties that used a process and she hoped we could do it here. She further explained they looked at what other counties were doing regarding if a person had lost their driver's license for reasons other than child support, they were offering them an opportunity to help get their licenses back. She stated what they did was allow them to pay a few cents on the dollar if they were suspended for reasons other than child support. She said they had judges present and it was worked out that they paid a few cents on the dollar and it was allowed during a short period of time, i.e., one day, to pay the fine and have their licenses returned.

She said on the re-financing of the hospital bond, if they did that, they needed to be cautious and Mr. Presnell said none were extensions of the term and they never had extended the length of the term.

**Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1**

Commissioner Hinson commended the Board for being so nice today and respecting each other's opinions and moving on.

He said someone's house in his community burned down and said they had tried to get in touch with Community Action and asked how a meeting could be set up and asked if they were funded. Mr. Presnell said no but the Executive Director was a very nice man and was sure he would be happy to talk with them. Commissioner Viegbesie said they were located next to "The Greenery" and was a very nice staff. Mr. Presnell said Red Cross was available for immediate assistance. He also thanked the Gadsden County School Board for their assistance as well.

### **Concord Stoplight**

He said it had been a few months since they made the vote to have a traffic light placed there and not sure why the light was not up yet.

Mr. Presnell asked Justin Ford to come forward.

**Justin Ford, Dewberry/Preble-Rish**, appeared before the Board and said they had to have completed plans for it to be bid out and in an effort to save the County money, they tried to research as much of it as they could and was under the understanding it was recently upgraded five-six years ago. He said they went through the Road Department and it took approximately two months to track everything down and probably saved \$75,000 and should be able to bid out very shortly. Commissioner Hinson asked what "shortly" was and Mr. Ford said 30 days. Mr. Presnell asked if it saved on the engineering costs and Mr. Ford explained it would save on the actual construction because if they could utilize the existing string poles, it would save on having to auger new holes, would help with the utility relocates and on the existing control cabinet on that signal.

### **Paving Project**

Commissioner Hinson said he was told two-three months ago the paving should be in Havana and the roads have yet to be paved. He said he "wanted put on record that, ah, why this subject deliberate, deliberate speed because once y'all give your word they gonna be in that area, then I assume that your word is bond, so I deliberately tell my constituents exactly what you guys tell me and for some reason they pass by my spot, there's only one section away from my place and pass by Fountain Road, pass by Hinson Circle, pass by these other areas in my district and just goes somewhere else and every week 'We gonna get you next week', every week "We gonna get you next week" and so, I'm not sure, when are you guys planning on coming into District 1 and paving those roads or all y'all, that's just a process y'all just gonna extend. Madam Chair, could you have the County Manager answer that question, cause I know he is the Administrator. He know the daily operations. I don't think no Commission understands the daily operations but the County Administrator so I would love for the County Administrator answer that question. Cause my constituents, Madam Chair, would like to know because they had a meeting one day and said Commissioner Hinson must be lying and I don't use the work lie, I'm from (inaudible) Church and so, you know, and so, you know, I just want to know because of the great strategy, super strategy, so I would like to know why those roads at Hinson Circle, Fountain Road, James Road right across from Fountain Road on the Glade, matter of fact the lady called Mother Perry called me today about her road. She said she just wondered, they put a topping on it and that was it. Around Havana Heights, all around that area, those roads supposed to be paved and honestly we got a deliberate process that really and truly doesn't make any sense, and so, I'd like for the County Administrator to answer that question now."

Mr. Presnell said those roads were bid out and Curtis Young was the Public Works Director and dealt with the contractor on a day-to-day basis, but once the roads were bid out and they go to the

low bidder that won the contract, they schedule the work and found it surprising because the plant was in that district and asked if they had paved any roads. Commissioner Hinson said he did not think they had paved a road in his district unless it was done today.

Commissioner Viegbesie piggybacked on Commissioner Hinson's concerns and said there were some roads not prepped yet for paving.

**Curtis Young, Public Works Director**, came forward and there was only one paving crew and the equipment was on the Greensboro side finishing up Commissioner Morgan's district and as of today, they were finishing up there and then would be in district 1 and understood they would be getting some dirt roads in District 4 and then move to district 1. He explained when his crew prepped the dirt roads, they did not want to "babysit" the roads and asked the Contractor as soon as they were ready, they wanted to get some asphalt on them. Chair Holt said that was why bids were put out and if they (contractor) were not doing a good job, then the County did not need to look at them bidding on contracts and needed to be documented so when they come back up for bid on those roads, they would know.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked the Administrator when the County prepped the road for paving and the paving was not done, the road would break down and become "raggedy" again, if that meant the county had to spend time and money to prepare them again. Mr. Presnell said it was not the exact same process but they would have to go over some things.

Chair Holt asked if they put out another bid would it reduce the amount that the contractor received and Mr. Presnell said no, he would still have those roads. Chair Holt asked if he was on schedule and Mr. Presnell said he was within his allowable time, that he had a number of days to complete all the roads. Mr. Presnell said he had met with the contractor on two occasions and said he was not making money on this contract with the way he was moving around and had logistical concerns and Mr. Presnell offered to let him do a change order or opt out and he chose not to do that.

Chair Holt said the Board needed to know about these things and if the contract was going bad, they needed to know. She said if they needed to look at going out for another bid and they needed to not to be at the contractor's beck and call either.

Mr. Presnell said he had been within the realm of the contract and there had been nothing to bring to the Board.

Chair Holt said she would like to see a schedule from the Contractor.

Commissioner Hinson said the reason he was talking about a change order was because in his District there were a lot of roads in the area and if they re-bid again and in going through the process, there was a bad road because the City had cut the road and that one needed to be done first.

Chair Holt suggested he bring this to Manager and added if they did decide to put out another bid, everyone should bring their concerns to the Manager.

## **Transportation**

Commissioner Hinson said he was talking with some people and the issue was there would be a few more pick-up spots in the area but some of the seniors could not get to the pick-up spot. He said something was said about the \$1 ride and was wondering if the \$1 ride could pick them up and deliver them to places. Mr. Presnell said there was one, if they were on Medicaid going for doctor visits and there were some things that Big Bend did under grants but a person had to qualify.

He said he was talking to another senior and they said there were certain places where in Chattahoochee they would bring food to seniors "Meals on Wheels" and asked if services were provided on the east side of town in Havana and Midway. Commissioner Viegbesie said the Gadsden County Senior Citizens did. Commissioner Hinson asked if it was offered in Havana and Midway. Mr. Presnell said he wanted to check before answering. Mr. Presnell said there was a waiting list and only a number of meals available.

He thanked the Board for reappointing him to the Circuit 2 Alliance Community Action Team.

He said he also received his recertification as a County Commissioner as well as Florida Association of Counties Presidential Advocacy Award along with Commissioner Holt.

**Commissioner Brenda Holt, Chair, District 4**

Chair Holt said she was hoping at the next Association meeting, they could get more people in there for training, especially for economic development.

**Receipt and File**

15. a. Letter from FDLE
- b. USDA Letter
- c. Letter from Nicholas Thomas

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

16. July 19, 2016-Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:11 P.M.**

**GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners  
July 5, 2016-Regular Meeting

**ATTEST:**

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**NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk**