

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: December 6, 2016

Date Submitted: November 21, 2016

To: Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board

From: Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator

Subject: Appointment/Re-Appointment to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) – County Elected Representative

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks Board approval for the appointments/ re-appointments for the Apalachee Regional Planning Council. Gadsden County is entitled to have three representatives on the (ARPC). Two of these representatives are appointed locally by the Board of County Commissioners; one must be a county-elected official and one must be a municipal-elected official. The Governor appoints the third representative. Commissioner Brenda Holt is currently Gadsden County's representative, Karen Bass is the municipal elected representative and Dr. Henry Grant is the Governor's appointee.

Background:

The ARPC is one of eleven regional planning councils in Florida. The Apalachee Region is located in the Florida Panhandle and contains nine counties, (Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla) and twenty-eight municipalities. The ARPC is governed by a twenty-seven member Board. Elected officials comprise two-thirds of the Board and appointees of the Governor represent the remaining one-third. The ARPC works with citizens and local governments on a wide range of issues and programs including, but not limited to: Economic Development planning and assistance; Hazardous Waste Generator Assessments; Hurricane Loss, Mitigation, and Evaluation Studies; and Transportation Disadvantaged planning.

Options:

1. Re-appoint Commissioner Brenda Holt to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council.
2. Appoint new member to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council.
3. Board direction.

County Administrator's Recommendation:

3. Board direction.