

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON OCTOBER 18, 2016 AT 6:00  
P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ:**

**Present:**           **Brenda A. Holt, Chair, District 4**  
                          **Eric Hinson, Vice Chair, District 1-arrived late**  
                          **Dr. Anthony "Dr. V" Viegbesie, District 2**  
                          **Gene Morgan, District 3**  
                          **Sherrie Taylor, District 5**  
                          **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 6:00 p.m., then asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. Silent roll call was conducted by Deputy Clerk, Marcella Blocker.

**AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE, THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN.**

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

**1. Recognition of Mrs. Emily Rowan for her years of service on the Library Commission**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for recognition of Mrs. Emily Rowan for her years of service on the Gadsden County Library Commission. Chair Holt asked Mrs. Rowan if she would like to have her plaque presented with Mr. Rowan or if she would like it done separately. Mrs. Rowan said however it pleased the Board.

Mrs. Emily Rowan and Mr. Frank Rowan appeared before the Board and Chair Holt read the Plaque aloud and presented it to Mrs. Rowan. Mrs. Rowan had a few words to say.

**2. Recognition of Mr. Frank Rowan for his years of service on the Planning Commission**

Chair Holt read the Plaque aloud and presented it to Mr. Frank Rowan.

*Commissioner Hinson appeared at this juncture of the meeting.*

**CLERK OF COURTS**

Mr. Thomas was present and had a few words to say. He thanked the Chair for her words at an earlier meeting and said he took it to heart and appeared before the Legislature and spoke. He said while they did not act on his request they did acknowledge there were changes that needed to be made.

**CONSENT**

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

3. **Ratification to Pay County Bills**
4. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **August 16, 2016-Regular Meeting Minutes**

**ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

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

**Charles Roberts, Jr. 605 Betlinet, Quincy, FL-School activities/ trade**, appeared before the Board and said there was a bunch of paving projects on the agenda and wondered if while things were going on if students attending GTI could observe and learn a trade in real-life time.

Mr. Presnell said they realized the need in the county and was working on it.

Chair Holt said Mr. Roberts had good ideas and he might be interested in serving.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**5. Concord Road Traffic Signal-Bid Award**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was before the Board to award the bid of the Concord Traffic light to Ingram Signalization, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$95,311.27. He said this project was to install a new traffic light at the intersection of Highway 157/Highway 12 in the Concord community.

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

**6. McDonald Ave Sidewalk-Bid Award**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for Board approval to award the bid of the McDonald Avenue sidewalk in Chattahoochee to SandCo, LLC, the low bidder, in the amount of \$290,108.00 and for authorization for staff to negotiate scope and fee reductions to bring the project within the available construction budget. He said it was a LAP project that was awarded to the City of Chattahoochee but the Board was administering the grant for them because the County was the only one LAP certified.

Commissioner Viegbesie made a motion to approve option 1 of this item.

Mr. Weiss said he wanted to make sure it clear on what was being approved; they were not approving execution of the documents attached to the agenda item.

Mr. Presnell explained they were seeking approval to negotiate with the apparent low bidder because if they could not get the project to the grant amount appropriated by the State it was dead.

Mr. Weiss said he was trying to make sure they were not approving the contract documents and

authorizing execution of the contract documents because then they had a contract in the amount of \$290,000. He further said if he understood the agenda item correctly, what the options were that was not what they were doing but it was confusing when looking at the documents and wanted to make sure things were clear.

**Justin Ford, Dewberry/Preble-Rish**, appeared before the board to explain. He said when the bids were received, the project was over-budget; they reached out to the State to see if there were any additional funds available and there was not. He asked the State if they could negotiate the contract and was told no; by Federal regulations that are associated with LAP dollars, they could not negotiate prior to awarding the contract. He explained they award to the low bidder and then can negotiate and if are able to get within budget, they could move forward. He further explained in other Counties, they issue the Notice of Award but not execute the Agreement or the Notice to Proceed; notify the contractor of the county's intent to award, and then they could formally negotiate. He said they had already identified the necessary cost-savings; already sent the revised concept to FDOT for their approval in the event this moved forward and they were OK with it. He assured them if they moved forward with it, they would get it within budget but could not formally negotiate with the contractor until it was awarded.

Chair Holt read aloud Option 1 and was approving the bid.

Mr. Weiss said they could approve the award of the bid to the apparent low bidder.

Commissioner Viegbesie suggested adding to approve notice of award to the low bidder contingent to everything else. Mr. Ford said that would be sufficient and they had done the homework and knew everything was in place but could not formally do that until it was awarded. **UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO APPROVE THE NOTICE OF AWARD OF THE BID TO SANCO, LLC AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE COST SAVING MEASURES WITH THE CONTRACTOR TO BRING THE PROJECT WITHIN BUDGET AND SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, COMMISSIONER TAYLOR HAD QUESTIONS.**

Commissioner Taylor asked since the contract was not detailed would it come back before them and Mr. Ford said yes, he would prefer to bring this matter back and the change order would come back.

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

**7. McPhaul Road Paving-Bid Award**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to award the bid of the McPhaul Road paving project to Peavy & Son Construction Company, the low apparent bidder, in the amount of \$325,094.

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

**8. Appointment to the Gadsden County Planning Commission for an Unexpired Term in District 3**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said Commissioner Morgan had submitted Libby Henderson's name to replace Mr. Frank Rowan on the Gadsden County Planning Commission.

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

Commissioner Morgan thanked Mr. Frank Rowan for his service on the Board and said he had been a loyal member and his service was very much appreciated.

**9. Appointment to the Library Commission**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said Ms. Jill Williams name was submitted by Commissioner Morgan. Commissioner Morgan said both Mr. and Mrs. Rowan were very involved in the community and she had made a positive impact on the board and Mrs. Rowan had spent well over an hour with Ms. Williams and in doing so, Ms. Williams felt very comfortable in stepping into the role and would be an excellent addition.

Commissioner Hinson asked if each commissioner had an appointment or if it came from the Board. Mr. Presnell said each commissioner historically picked one for the Board and there was an at-large member.

**Tabitha Washington, Director of Library Services**, appeared before the Board and said typically each commissioner would choose someone from their district.

Commissioner Hinson asked if that was in the Statutes or the rules and said he was yet to pick someone. Chair Holt said normally each district has appointed one and Commissioner Hinson asked if they could look at the Statutes. Mr. Presnell said it was a County Ordinance and Commissioner Hinson asked to look at the Ordinances. Mr. Weiss said the Ordinance stated that all members were appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and were chosen for interest in Public Library service and he was unsure historically what the practice had been. Chair Holt asked Ms. Washington if one was appointed from each district currently and she said yes.

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

**10. Approval of Non-Profit/Human Services Funding Agreement to Provide Services for Midway Seniors for FY 2016-2017**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the 2016/2017 Non Profit/Human Services Funding Agreement for services for Midway Seniors to one of two groups, but added that since the agenda item was written, Helping Hands of North Florida, Inc. had asked to be removed. The group before them for approval was Lamb's Temple Resource Ministries, Inc.

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

**11. Transportation Agreement Between Gadsden County BOCC and Big Bend Transit, Inc. to Provide the Quincy Shuttle Bus Service from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this item was back before them as requested and was for Board approval of the Quincy Shuttle Service between Gadsden County BOCC and Big Bend Transit and for authorization for the Chairperson to sign. He added he did meet with the City of Quincy, they discussed it at their last City Commission meeting and did not vote to take action. He

added the City Manager was instructed to bring back an action item for the Commission with several options for the funding. He said there was interest in doing so but there was a logistics problem with the shuttle service. He further stated the Board had budgeted for the funding and if they choose to do so, they could approve it and bill the City.

**COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO FUND THE PROGRAM AND NEXT YEAR IN BUDGET START DISCUSSION TO INCLUDE MUNICIPALITIES. SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE.**

Commissioner Morgan said he felt this would set terrible precedence in doing this, City of Quincy should pay part of the funding of service and he thanked BBT for picking up services. He added he was but sure the reason City of Quincy was not participating but felt it was not a very good business decision and felt they were "opening up a can of worms". He urged them to hold off and felt they should push back on the taxpayer dollars funding something that should out of the City of Quincy budget. He added he had no issues with anyone of that Board but they should have some skin in the game regarding the service.

Commissioner Hinson echoed what Commissioner Morgan said but due to the urgency, he felt they needed to give people time along with the City of Quincy and did not want to stop traffic. He added they need to let people know months in advance of what was happening.

Commissioner Morgan asked why not give a 30 day extension and pay that part of it and give the City of Quincy an opportunity to participate and would give them notice and time and keep the services running.

Chair Holt said that was a business and was not sure about a 30 day extension because of the contract.

Mr. Presnell said the City commission had a discussion about recreation and County residents using recreation and Mr. Presnell said the County could apply the same concept to library services or bus services that the County funded throughout the County. He said the City Manager's recommendation and some of the Commissioners were to try to find it in the budget, bring back an action item and to see if they could get the vote for a portion of it or the full \$18,000.

Commissioner Morgan pointed out that once they committed to the funding that would end the discussion.

Chair Holt said when they had the joint meeting with the City of Quincy, they were asked for their concerns at that meeting and that was not a valid argument on the citizens or children in the County using City facilities because they pay a higher fee but the concern was how they could work together. She said if they were considering doing that, approving a six month budget would not hurt.

Commissioner Viegbesie called for action on the item.

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

**12. Approval of the Inter-local Agreement with the City of Chattahoochee for Animal Control Services**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Chattahoochee for Animal Control Services.

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

**13. Appointment/Reappointment to Serve as Gadsden County's Representative on the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for an appointment or re-appointment to serve as the Chairperson of the Gadsden County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and to select an alternate. He added that Commissioner Hinson had chaired the Board in the past.

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

**COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER MORGAN AS THE ALTERNATE, SECOND MADE BY COMMISSIONER HINSON. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. COMMISSIONER MORGAN OPPOSED.**

**14. Renewal of the Contract with Con-Techs Health & Safety to Provide Drug and Alcohol Screening Services and Training Services**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval to renew the services contract with Con-Techs Health and Safety to provide drug and alcohol screening services as well as training services to the County.

Commissioner Hinson asked if everything was legal and Mr. Weiss responded it was actually an extension and was the Board's pleasure if they wished to extend it one more years.

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

**15. Approval of the Position Description for a County Health Coordinator**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said as directed Staff had prepared a position description for a County Health Care Coordinator and was before the Board for direction or approval.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had no problem in approving the job description since there was no costs involved but suggested the title be changed to Health Care and Human Services Coordinator position because that was more in line with Item 10 that was on the agenda that they just funded for the Non-Profit Human Services which had to do with Seniors and to add that the Administrator assign a position number.

Chair Holt said they were looking for someone in this position to gather data on the healthcare providers, inventory what we have, come up with a plan to do what was best for the County, increase the standing in the ratings and help improve health care of county. She added she was

not sure they could do that AND what Commissioner Viegbesie had mentioned.

Commissioner Viegbesie said when they first discussed this position, he was looking at with regards to the job description was a person to coordinate indigent care programs, Medicare reimbursement programs, which were all educational aspects of the community and did not think it was too much for a coordinator position. He added they needed to create it and approve the job description and if it needed modifications, let the Administrator modify it.

**COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JOB POSITION WITH MODIFICATIONS IF NEEDED. CHAIR HOLT MADE THE SECOND.**

Commissioner Taylor said she was not supporting this item tonight. She said she did talk with Dr. Cooksey and based on that conversation, Dr. Cooksey was interested in having discussions with the Board to see if it could be implemented through her department because she had the entire health department that could help. Commissioner Taylor said she saw the need ,but asking one person to take on responsibilities that was outlined and the additional tasks tacked on by Commissioner Viegbesie, felt it was unattainable and next to impossible. She suggested before they moved on this item, they talk with the Health Department Director.

**Charles Morris, 23201 Blue Star Highway, Quincy, FL**, appeared before the Board. He said with United Gadsden they had a series of candidate forums and the first two questions asked were concerning health care and what could be done to address the negative statistics. He stated that on the County website it stated they were interested in approving the quality of life and if something different was not done, they would continue to get the same results. He expressed his disappointed in the last meeting he attended because all three commissioners that answered the question in different ways voted against some measure to try to increase the health of the County and if they did not do something now, there was a guarantee the County will be 67<sup>th</sup> again. He suggested that they needed one person to coordinate and oversee everything and the County had total control over the position.

Commissioner Morgan said he appreciated the remarks from the Pastor but disagreed with some of them. He added there was no-one on the Board that did not want to see improvement in the current health care rankings. He said he had no problem in redirecting some needed funds if they prioritized that as a Board and take money they were spending in other ways that were less important and put it in this position, but was not in favor of creating a position description for a potential new employee that there was no budget funding yet. He said he did feel it was something worth looking at and needed to have all the players at table to discuss this.

Commissioner Viegbesie said it was very pertinent to understand this position did not duplicate what Dr. Cooksey did; that she was the Executive Director of the Health Department and was not an employee of the County and did not answer to the Board. He added that the County needed to uphold our role and responsibilities with regards to the health and human services for the citizens of the county and not to make a political campaign of this matter.

Commissioner Hinson said this was interesting, when he first started as a Commissioner, he asked to increase the budget and it was increased from \$50,000 to \$135,000 and he believed in health and was committed in helping people, but also believed in being strategic. He added that the BOCC had put a lot of money into healthcare. He pointed out that according to Mr. Presnell and

the Budget Director, they put in \$810,000 into Medicaid, and with Indigent Services, they had put in \$50,000; They had given Capital Medical We Care Network \$5,000, Primary Care Services \$50,000, the Health Department \$135,000 for a total of \$1 Million, then to add in the surtax, He listed other and said it totaled \$2.4 Million. He added he was a champion for the people and that was the reason he fought to increase healthcare.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he glad that Commissioner Hinson listed all the services that were being provided, but the services were fragmented and there was no-one putting them all together and that was what this position would do. He added they have had a Florida Department of Health Executive Director here and there were still problems and was very disproportioned and needed someone to be able to pool the monies being spent so they were centralized and coordinated. He added the motion was to approve the job description; it did not approve the hiring of putting someone in that position. He said he hoped it was approved by this body so they could put the framework in place to better improve the quality of the healthcare with the County.

Chair Holt said she felt each person was concerned about health care and the reason she argued for the position was they needed a coordinator to pull everything together. She said all she was saying was there was a need for one person not under any group to work with the group and look at the information, inventory the groups and report to the BOCC and have accountability. She further stated she asked Dr. Cooksey and was told it was a lot for the Health Department to do. She further added this was an opportunity for them to do something. She added they were paid to be there, working two days a month and they should stop letting people come in here and take advantage of the elderly, handicapped, sick and the children in the County.

Commissioner Hinson asked Mr. Presnell if there was news regarding infant mortality and Mr. Presnell said as the Board directed and in their priorities at the retreat, that was one of their highest options and they started working with the Dr. Jessie Furlow Center to begin delivering babies and providing prenatal care, etc. He said based on the immediate health care needs of the constituents; would they better support health or utilizes the funding for transportation to increase the accessibility, marketing of current resources available in the County to increase awareness, etc. He said it was not about a person, but they needed to make the community aware of the programs that were available. He further stated they were talking about paying someone \$100,000 to be a Coordinator, and once they do a retreat and understand the need, they could put \$20,000 into marketing and let people know what was available in the County.

Chair Holt said the person would not be receiving \$100,000, if they hire an employee they had to pay health care, retirement, etc. She then read off essential duties and responsibilities. She said they were giving money to the entities but they were not required to show it was how spent.

Commissioner Taylor said if they put in a position, eventually they would fund it. She asked Commissioner Hinson to stay where he was so they could get more people on the ground to help make this happen and be able to get more people involved.

Commissioner Hinson said a lot of folks don't know what services were available and felt they needed to move quickly and felt they needed to have a retreat. Chair Holt said she had no problem with having a retreat, approve the position and then they could have a retreat.

Commissioner Hinson said if there were hiccups about things, maybe they needed to have a

workshop before deciding.

Chair Holt said there was a motion and second on the floor and Commissioner Morgan asked that it be restated.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE TO APPROVE A HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION DESCRIPTION AND AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ASSIGN A JOB NUMBER TO IT AND SECOND MADE BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 2-3 BY VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONERS MORGAN, HINSON AND TAYLOR OPPOSED THE MOTION. MOTION FAILED.**

**16. Approval and Signature for Satisfaction Assessment Lien Dated September 26, 2013 against Lula Mae Zanders**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval and signature to satisfy a \$250.00 Special Assessment lien that was agreed upon by the homeowner and the BOCC.

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

**17. Approval of the Florida Association of County Managers Consulting Agreement**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said it was for approval of the Florida Association of County Managers Consulting Agreement and to authorize the Chair to sign.

**COMMISSIONER VIEGBESIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR. BEFORE THE VOTE, COMMISSIONER MORGAN HAD QUESTIONS.**

Commissioner Morgan asked the Administrator if the basic services referred to by Mr. Long were included and Mr. Presnell said basically yes, with the exception the County would be making copies and paying for some of the advertisements.

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

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**18. Update on Various Board Requests**

Mr. Presnell said the Annual Report was in front of them, they were aware of one typo and it would be corrected.

He mentioned the Trunk and treat coming up at the Courthouse on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and they were sponsoring.

Commissioner Viegbesie asked if the Trunk and Treats was being sponsored by the County, did it involve them helping to pass out treats or sponsoring candy. Mr. Presnell said the Board was encouraged to attend, it was a good thing for the community, and was in conjunction with the City; there would be a fire truck and ambulance there. Commissioner Viegbesie asked if there was somewhere to get money to purchase the candy or was there a need for a motion for \$300.00 to purchase it. Mr. Presnell said that amount would be sufficient. Commissioner Viegbesie asked if

they needed to make a motion. Mr. Presnell said could be done under the ordinance similar to monies used at ribbon-cutting but would feel better if it were in a motion.

Commissioner Taylor said she was concerned because some of this group may be politically involved with the elections and had no problem in treating the children but when it came to spending taxpayer dollars, it needed to be agendaed and to go outside of that, they were treading on their own rules they needed to abide by. She said she was willing to contribute to the children, have no problem with that, but their policy was it should be advertised before they could approve funding.

Commissioner Morgan said he had contributed money.

Mr. Weiss said the ordinance did state that non-emergency items that would impact general revenue should be agendaed and since this involves money, he tended to agree with Commissioner Taylor and was trying to recall the Ordinance the Administrator referred to. Mr. Presnell said it was the Public Purpose statement for refreshments, drinks, etc. Mr. Weiss asked if that specifically required authorization from the Board and Mr. Presnell said only if it were over \$500.00. With that, he agreed with Commissioner Taylor that it was not appropriate for the Board to do unless it was considered to be an emergency tonight without it being agendaed, but under the ordinance...Commissioner Taylor said he had the privilege. Mr. Presnell said they would not spend any more time on it. Commissioner Viegbesie said he asked for clarification.

Mr. Presnell said the Sheriff has his day each year he walks for breast cancer awareness and asked them to observe the Courthouse, that it would be pink until the end of the month.

He then said he was concerned about the mural bid, it had been bid twice and was finally awarded, the individual lives in Canada, they have to involve INS and getting a temporary work visa. He said they were no closer in getting him here and asked without interrupting the process if they could put another bid out or if they had to cancel the process to do another bid. Mr. Weiss said if they had awarded the bid to a contractor he would not recommend awarding another bid to another contractor until this was resolved. Chair Holt suggested putting a certain amount of time on it for it to be done. Mr. Presnell said he was interested in doing it but INS was causing roadblocks and that was part of the deal that we had to get his temporary work visa and had been a nightmare. Commissioner Taylor asked if per the contractual agreement with the individual, part of the agreement was they had to have him legally enter this country and Mr. Presnell said yes, they agreed to that portion of the contract.

He informed the Board they were applying for FRDAP grants and part of the process was it needed to be in the 5 year Capital Improvement Elements, which fit perfectly with the plan they had been working on for Pat Thomas and St. Hebron.

He said the Scottown Park rededication would be the next Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. , the park turned out nice and the community was proud of it.

He said he appreciated the Chair and Vice Chair touring the Coastal Lumber Plant; there was a program there in observance of Work Enforce Week that the Governor and Cabinet had designated

He said the Attorney had sent him an email dealing with the Lease Agreement with Dr. Hart and they had run into a couple of bumps and referred it to Mr. Weiss to discuss. The attorney explained the first piece was the right of first refusal in favor of CRMC. He explained any unleased space within the hospital, they had to first present it to CRMC and give them the opportunity to match the office space; second, anytime County property was leased, they had to competitively bid before they could move forward unless they were leasing it to the United States, a municipality or a qualified non-profit. He said he was unaware and did not expect Dr. Hart to be a non-profit, but if it were, they could use that to not competitively bid. He added they had to comply with that before they could execute a lease and he was waiting for approval of revisions that he had proposed to the lease agreement and once he had that, he would forward it to CRMC. Chair Holt said this should have already been done. Mr. Weiss said there was a period of time the terms were being negotiate. Chair Holt said that should have already been done and it could have been taken care of and they could have put it before CRMC. Mr. Weiss said there was nothing to present to CRMC until it was approved by this Board and there was nothing to present to CRMC and they were putting the cart before the horse. Mr. Presnell said the problem was they instructed him to let her utilize that space for her practice and the attorney was now saying that they could not just designate space for an organization, they had to lease it. Chair Holt asked the Administrator if he had worked out the terms of the lease and he said yes; she asked if he had given that to the Attorney and he said yes; she said that was what they should have been looking at it tonight. Mr. Presnell said the problem was the bid and how did he bid something that there was no value. Chair Holt said the attorney said the lease should be presented to CRMC first and that should have already happened. Commissioner Taylor said what they had said was clear as mud. She asked with regard to the agreement with CRMC, all leasing of the building, they have the first right of refusal and Mr. Weiss said yes. She asked if someone contacted the County inquiring about space, do they refer them to CRMC. Mr. Weiss said they were in contact with CRMC and one of the questions was would Dr. Hart be interested in potentially using some of the currently leased space that CRMC had and the answer was no. He felt the appropriate way to proceed would be to work out terms with Dr. Hart on a lease agreement but they had to have something to take to CRMC to have their right of first refusal.

Commissioner Taylor said she had requested the Administrator and the Public Works Director to look at the she asked to look at the last piece of money in her coffer and she wanted to build a trail using some of those dollars and wanted to look at that. She then asked the Attorney if there had been a ruling on the Casino yet and he said no.

Commissioner Viegbesie said he had asked the Administrator at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, he had requested a presentation regarding Teen Court be made before the Board and said parents have asked for alternatives of kids going before the Judge and at the same meeting had suggested they consider undertaking a leader control initiative campaign in the unincorporated area pf the County so people would understand that throwing trash out of their windows created devaluation of property. He then added that at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting he suggested a formation of Park and Recreation Improvement Authority that would consist of a body of citizens that would aggressively assist the Board with exploring sources for building up major park and recreation facilities and other related projects in the County and was unsure of the status. Mr. Presnell said a Teen Court presentation was being scheduled and with regard to the trash, he spoke with Public Works and there was an Adopt-A-Road program in the County and there were very few communities and churches that had adopted segments of roads but had never been successful. He said the Parks and Rec agenda item would be coming before them.

*Commissioner Taylor stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.*

Mr. Presnell asked the Attorney if should mention the Agreement Letter received and the Attorney said they should discuss it further.

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

### **19. Update on Various Legal Issues**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**

### **20. Report and Discussion of Public Issues**

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

Chair Holt said the money coming out of Quincy CRA, there was \$300,000 plus that comes out of county dollars and was a good reason to work with the City to see if they could do some partnerships that they may or may not be doing. She asked the Attorney to bring back a sheet of what the CRA responsibilities were when it came to spending of the dollars.

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

Commissioner Viegbesie asked how events organized and held in the County were brought to the attention of the public and said he had seen Mr. Jenkins at many events taking photos but had not seen photos of events published in local newspapers and not seen television coverage and felt they needed to publicize events so citizens would know what was going on in the community and asked if there was a place on the website that could inform citizens of the goings on. Mr. Jenkins said they have that and Commissioner Morgan responded that he had received an email about the event at Coastal Lumber. Chair Holt said she was on it yesterday and some people were looking at the events and when they would click on the event, nothing came up and the person suggested putting it on Facebook. Mr. Jenkins said they utilized Facebook a lot and Chair Holt asked if it were there for the general public and he answered yes, the professional page he created to control the County's page was completely public.

*Commissioner Hinson stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.*

Chair Holt stated she was not getting it on her page and Mr. Jenkins said all of their newsfeeds were set to public. Mr. Presnell asked her if she had joined it or liked it and Mr. Jenkins explained to her how to set it. Chair Holt asked about working with the marketing guy that was with the Tourist Development and Mr. Jenkins said they worked together and exchanged a lot of pictures. Mr. Presnell explained for the public to get it through Facebook, they had to go to BOCC and like it.

*Commissioner Hinson returned at this juncture of the meeting.*

Commissioner Viegbesie said his comment was not made out of criticism; they had come a long way in the short time he had been in the County.

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

Commissioner Hinson said he had been asked to mention the Fall Festival sponsored by the Midway (inaudible) Ministry on October 29th 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Brickyard Road and there would be food, drinks and prizes.

*Commissioner Viegbesie stepped out at this juncture of the meeting.*

Commissioner Hinson then asked for a Proclamation for an Association having their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and when Mr. Presnell asked who it was for Commissioner Hinson said he would get the information to them.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HINSON FOR A PROCLAMATION FOR THE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY, SECOND WAS MADE BY CHAIR HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 3-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS MATTER.**

He thanked the Board for approving the bid coming out for the Concord traffic light. He asked Mr. Presnell when they would start work and Mr. Presnell said immediately, the necessary paperwork would be issued the next day and after the last meeting Mr. Ford contacted the low bidder to try to get idea and get it on the fast track. Commissioner Hinson asked if they could put speed bumps down and Mr. Presnell said no, there were rumble strips were on Highway 157. Commissioner Hinson asked if they could put a big speed bump down and Mr. Presnell said no then Commissioner Hinson asked if they could go on Highway 12 and Mr. Presnell said no, only on a county maintained road and they had to follow the DOT rule book for all transportation issues.

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

**Midway lights** Commissioner Hinson asked Mr. Presnell the status of lights off of Martin Luther King Road and Mr. Presnell said he had sent him prices. He asked when the bid for Brickyard Road would come out and Mr. Presnell said it would be very soon. He said they were doing one bid a meeting and the next meeting would be the Phase 3 paving and added there were \$7.6 Million projects to be bid and opened in next few months. Commissioner Hinson asked what was holding them back from starting now and Mr. Presnell said they had to design and get approvals for each one and go through DOT process; it was bid and then awarded, etc.

Commissioner Hinson then asked about the Housing Rehab program, the \$750,000 grant and asked if it was approved and Mr. Presnell stated yes, the official paperwork had not come in yet, the gentleman from the State came over to do the follow-up inspections, and said we were the highest ranked in the State and had the best prepared application he had seen and it would be funded.

Commissioner Hinson then thanked Board for approving the light in Concord and said he would be coming back to see if he could get \$112,000 back from Board to put back in his paving fund.

**Commissioner Gene Morgan, District 3**

Commissioner Morgan commended the Administrator and Mr. Jenkins on the annual report and said there had been good feedback from the community where they had been placed.

He said his other comment tied into something Commissioner Viegbesie had mentioned in his remarks regarding better presence for people to be able to access what was going on with local

events and he spoke to one of the constitutional officers in the County about this idea and they might want to consider as a new idea and felt Mr. Jenkins could help coordinate, was to highlight each constitutional officer for a month or two with a link through the County page and highlight the primary functions of their office with them making comments of what their office did and make the public aware or more aware of services they provided.

**Commissioner Sherrie Taylor, District 5**

**Receipt and File**

21.
  - a. Letter from FDOT
  - b. Proclamation Honoring Ms. Camara Phyllis Jones, MD, MPH, PhD
  - c. Letter from FDEP

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

22. November 8, 2016-Regular Meeting

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR HOLT DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.**

**GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**SHERRIE TAYLOR, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners**

**ATTEST:**

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**NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk**