

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON MARCH 4, 2014 AT 6:00  
P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:**

Present: Eric Hinson, Chair, District 1 (appeared by phone)  
Brenda Holt, Vice-Chair, District 4  
Gene Morgan, District 3  
Sherrie Taylor, District 5  
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court  
Robert Presnell, County Administrator  
Tiffany Roddenberry, Assistant County Attorney  
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

**INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

Vice Chair Brenda Holt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She then asked everyone to stand for a silent prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. A silent roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk Marcella Blocker.

Vice Chair Holt announced Chair Hinson would be attending the meeting by phone, as he was out of town attending a conference.

**AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Presnell pulled items 7, 12 and 15 and added a new Item 12, which would be the donation of the van for senior citizens.

**UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS. ITEMS 7, 12 AND 15 WERE PULLED AND A NEW ITEM 12 WAS ADDED.**

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

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

**1. County Commissioners Briefing & Request to Conduct Realistic Military Training by the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) ISO Emerald Warrior 14**

Mr. Presnell said the first presentation was a briefing and a request for an invitation for realistic military training to be conducted in this area.

**Mr. Travis Hucksby, USSOCOM RMT-CC, Exercise Planner**, appeared before the Board in place of Joe Kruchas and gave a presentation regarding their interests in conducting realistic military training in the area by Emerald Warrior. He stated they own a facility in Altha and rent a facility at the Blountstown airport. He stated they were seeking a Letter of Invitation so they could come into the area and conduct training. He explained the training would help prepare the military soldiers for urban combat and combat terrorism on a global scale. He added the training would be conducted between April 28 – May 8, 2014 and would be in different areas of

the jurisdiction. He further added that they would bring monies into the area by renting the property the exercises would be conducted on; lease buildings to stay in; have caterers and try to give back to the local economy. He advised the Commissioners that wherever they conduct the training, they have deputies and law enforcement officials on the scene so no civilians would be able to enter the scenario because they did not want someone to get hurt or think there was an invasion, etc.

Commissioner Holt pointed out that the Commissioners needed to be apprised of when the training would take place and the areas because citizens would be calling them to find out what was going on.

**UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE OPTION ONE.**

**2. Capital Area Community Action Agency**

**Tim Center, Capital Area Community Action Agency**, appeared before the Board, introduced himself and informed the Board of what the agency offered. He added they were in the position of serving eight different counties throughout the region and in Gadsden County alone last year, they were able to serve 2,500 individuals by assisting them with paying their electric bills, weatherize their homes so they could save money on their electric bills, and give people hope through their self-sufficiency program.

Commissioner Morgan thanked Mr. Center for coming before the Board and said he had mentioned the make-up of the Board from Gadsden County and asked who was on the Board from the public sector.

Mr. Center told him the City of Havana appointed Amy McBride. He added the goal of the Board was to have 3 representatives from the eight counties ranging from Jefferson to Gulf County.

*Commissioner Morgan stepped out at this juncture.*

Chair Hinson thanked Mr. Center for coming before the Board and welcomed him to the Gadsden County community. He asked if the Administrator could have direct contact with Mr. Center in the event the citizens of Gadsden County had problems.

Mr. Center said he appreciated the warm welcome and gave his contact information for the record: 850-212-2684 cell/850-222-2043 x 102 office number.

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

**3. Capital Regional Medical Center**

Mr. Presnell said the final presentation tonight was by Mr. Brian Cook of Capital Regional Medical Center.

**Brian Cook, CEO, Capital Regional Medical Center**, appeared before the Board to give a brief overview of the status of the Hospital. He said they held the VIP grand opening of the physician space at the hospital that was attended by some of the hospital board members as well as Commissioner Croley, who spoke and by some of the physicians who would be utilizing the

available space. He named the physicians that would be sharing space at the hospital, which included a general surgeon, ob-gyn, a podiatrist, infectious disease doctor and a cardiologist. He also informed the Board that the hospital was primary stroke certified at both the Gadsden and Leon County campus and was also spine certified. He also shared with the Board members how proud he was of their work in the cardiology arena and shared that an EMS worker on shift in Chattahoochee had an active heart attack and his partner brought him to the Gadsden ER with a 51 minute (inaudible) balloon time and he was doing very well. His goal is to continue to bring additional specialists, keep the folks in Gadsden County and provide them with the needed services. He said phase one was the specialists' clinic, phase two was opening the adjoining primary care clinic and that is his goal this year with expanding the campus.

Commissioner Croley thanked Mr. Cook for everything he has done to date at the Quincy facility.

Chair Hinson concurred with Commissioner Croley and thanked Mr. Cook for an informative presentation.

Commissioner Holt asked about beds in the future, even if they were observation beds.

Mr. Cook said getting doctors here was the first step; beds could be a possibility down the road, but not in the next twelve months.

A resident in the audience stepped forward to say he had a family member that had gotten sick and they did not stop in Quincy because they understood there were no beds for them to stay over-night at the hospital. Mr. Cook responded and said they could treat them at the Quincy ER and if they could be stabilized, it meant they might be able to go home or if they had to be admitted, then they would direct admit them to Capital Regional in Tallahassee or if the patient chooses and their doctor is at TMH, they would be transported to TMH.

#### **CLERK OF COURTS**

Mr. Thomas said for information purposes, he had forwarded them a spreadsheet analysis of revenue as a result of questions by Commissioner Taylor in January and said they should collect 95% of revenue, but EMS would probably need to be monitored a little closely.

He wanted to confirm they had received the 2012 complete final audit and 2013 financials from Quincy CRA last Thursday and the money was disbursed to them on Friday.

He said he misstated the figures he had previously given them regarding the Havana CRA, the amount was actually \$13,198.00 and corrected it for the record.

He also went on record requesting financials of the economic development council.

#### **CONSENT**

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

#### **4. Approval of Minutes**

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5. **Ratification of Approval to Pay County Bills**
6. **Approval of Spring 2014 E911 Rural County Grant Application**
7. ~~Approval and Signature on the Spring 2014 E911 Rural County Grant Application for Software Subscription/Evergreen Maintenance~~ **ITEM PULLED FROM AGENDA**
8. **Appointment of Gadsden County Economic Developer Representative to CareerSource Region Board of Directors**
9. **Approval of EMS Consultants 2014 Annual Support Agreement**
10. **Approval of Physio Control Technical Support Agreement for Cardiac Monitoring Equipment**
11. **Gadsden County Courthouse Partial Reroofing Renovations Change Order No. 1**
12. ~~Approval to Renew the Services Contract Solutions EAP~~ **ITEM PULLED FROM AGENDA**
12. **REQUEST APPROVAL TO DONATE THE 2004 FORD (e350) BUS TO THE GADSDEN COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS**

**ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**CITIZENS REQUESTING TO HE HEARD ON NON-ADGENDA ITEMS**

There were no citizens requesting to be heard.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**13. Appointments to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said the Board needed to make an appointment to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and Vice Chair Holt appointed Chair Hinson to this Board.

**UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE CHAIR HINSON TO THE BOARD.**

Commissioner Croley asked for clarification, if this was being coordinated through the CRTPA staff and asked if this was something different.

Mr. Presnell if there has been a change, he has not been made aware of it and they had requested this appointment.

**14. Right-of-Way Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Havana for Proposed 2013 CDBG Neighborhood revitalization Grant Project**

Mr. Presnell introduced the above item and said this was for a right-of-way Interlocal agreement

with the Town of Havana because they are installing a new well which requires them to run some waterlines on one of the County's right-of-way.

**UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HINSON AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT.**

**15. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Midway to Provide Building Inspection and Permitting Services**

Pulled from agenda

**16. Approval of Interlocal Agreement Between Gadsden and the Town of Greensboro for Animal Control Services**

Mr. Presnell said this was for approval of another interlocal agreement between the County and the Town of Greensboro for animal control services.

Commissioner Morgan asked if they were proactively approaching the municipalities regarding this type of Interlocal agreement.

Mr. Presnell stated yes and on the upcoming agendas will be one with Gretna and possibly Chattahoochee.

**UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT.**

**17. Moselle Butler Parcel ID #: 2-03-3N-6W-0000-00433-0200, Code Enforcement Case No.: 13-194**

Mr. Presnell introduced above item said this was a Code Enforcement issue in regard to the above property and they were seeking permission from the Board to move forward with clean-up of the property and placing a lien on it.

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

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**18. UPDATE ON BOARD REQUEST**

Mr. Presnell said the attorney asked for formal approval from the Board for them to start attending the TDC meetings. Commissioner Croley made a motion to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Holt.

Commissioner Morgan asked if this matter needed to be advertised and placed on agenda.

Ms. Roddenberry stated she was not sure and could look into the issue if they wished.

Mr. Presnell said it could be revisited.

Mr. Presnell stated the second issue was a problem with Woodrow Butler Road-Commissioner Croley interrupted and asked the status of the county attorney attending the TDC meetings.

Mr. Presnell said they could vote on it, the attorney would check on it and if there was a problem, they could bring it back.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HOLT TO APPROVE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY ATTENDING THE TDC MEETINGS, BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN COMMISSIONER TAYLOR EXPRESSED CONCERNS.**

Commissioner Taylor said it may be a line item that had costs to it and would require it to be placed on the agenda and she could not approve it until she knew what the additional costs would be for the attorney to attend the meetings.

Commissioner Croley said that was why he made the motion, if there would be additional costs, it would come back before the Board.

Commissioner Morgan said he leaned toward what Commissioner Taylor said.

Commissioner Croley withdrew his motion and made a new motion.

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLT, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE THAT THE ITEM BE AGENDAED FOR A DECISION BY THE COMMISSION.**

Chair Hinson stated his phone was about to die and asked that they issue a Proclamation for former County Commissioner Harry Holt, who recently passed away.

Mr. Presnell said he would like to seek approval to have the attorney do research on a road issue where a citizen has erected a gate on the road and there would be costs associated with the research and also have the attorney research internet cafes.

Commissioner Morgan asked if they had to agenda an item just because they would like the attorney to look into an item, he said he understood if they were going to be attending meetings with a set number of hours, but was not under the impression if there was legal advice they needed, they had to agenda that item and bring it back the next meeting-it made no sense.

Commissioner Holt said that was why she asked before about the costs sheet from the attorneys' office.

Mr. Presnell said, as Commissioner Hinson had mentioned, they would like to bring back a Proclamation and have former Commissioner Holt's family here for the next meeting.

**UPON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HINSON, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION FOR FORMER COMMISSIONER HOLT.**

Mr. Presnell said a joint workshop has been scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board with David Theriaque making a presentation to cover legal issues dealing with P&Z and answer questions they might have.

He said with regard to the new veterans' van, he was very impressed with the students and their interaction with the veterans.

He said they had their chili cook-off and raised \$685.00 for Gadsden Relay for Life.

Commissioner Croley asked if there was a standard for size of lettering for road signs and said there was an inconsistency in size of lettering for directional signs and he gave an example.

Commissioner Croley asked if the County government had any control over Internet cafes and Mr. Presnell said won't have to agenda the item, he has been discussing it with David (Assistant County Attorney) and he is getting research done so he can answer questions and do a presentation for the Board.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

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

The County Attorney had nothing to report.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS**

#### **20. Report and Discussion on Public Issues and Concerns Pertaining to Commission Districts and Gadsden County**

##### **COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, District 5**

Commissioner Taylor said she only had a question for the Administrator and asked why the cameras were here.

Mr. Presnell said they were here for the military exercise.

##### **COMMISSIONER MORGAN, District 3**

Commissioner Morgan reminded the Board that the legislative session started today and they need to have their ear to ground on any issues that may concern Gadsden County, one item being the internet cafes and there may be language that will allow them to re-open and maybe they could bend the ear of the legislatures regarding that.

##### **COMMISSIONER CROLEY, District 2**

Commissioner Croley said he would like to file with the Commission through the Clerk's office, a petition signed by nine property owners regarding to closure of the north-end of Jamison Road and asked the Administrator to contact Ted Thomas and explain to him the appropriate process to move forward if this is the desire of the property owners and make sure that the other residents in the Jamison area were notified. He also stated for the record that he had notified and copied Mr. Presnell in the email, their counter-parts in Decatur County which would be affected north of the State line as well as the BASF officials. He had not contacted Coastal Lumber Company officials as of yet. He also pointed out for the record that the Jamison Community may be interested in the emergency management aspect because they only have one way in and one way out now and also there is also an old cemetery that belongs to an AME church in Jamison that is located over the state line in the edge of Georgia and these matters

need to be taken into consideration regarding this item.

Commissioner Holt asked if the petition was against the road closure and Commissioner Croley responded it was nine property owners in favor of the road being closed.

**COMMISSIONER HOLT, Vice Chair, District 4**

Commissioner Holt said the gaming issue is currently before the Governor; she met with the Indians and the City of Gretna and said they had received eight (8) licenses for the State of Florida. They turned back in four and were able to keep four. She said this would be an economic boom for the County because of the size of that facility, not to mention the hotel itself, along with their plans for a civic center and some other items out there. She said that would possibly be their only opportunity and the facility planned for Pensacola is already on Indian land and was something that could possibly open up legally without legislative support or support of the Governor because the Indians could open up gaming. She added this would be the County's opportunity for jobs, not to mention the economic base in taxes and tax revenue.

She said regarding the Internet cafes, the question came to her if they would be receiving taxes from the dollars spent.

**Commissioner Hinson, Chair, District 1**

**RECEIPT AND FILE**

21. a. Clerks of Court Operations Corporation 318 Summary Report-Qtr 1013 to 1213
- b. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Closeout Notice
- c. Gadsden County Small Business Service Center Quarterly Report (January 2014)
- d. Proclamation in Recognition of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Florida Public Health (February 20, 2014)

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- March 18, 2014 - Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- April 1, 2014 – Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners  
March 4, 2014 – Regular Meeting

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER HOLT  
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:16 P.M.**

**GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**ERIC F. HINSON, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners**

**ATTEST:**

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**NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK**