AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER 21, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:

Present: **Ronterious Green, Chair, District 5**
Alonzetta Simpkins, Vice-Chair, District 2
Eric Hinson, District 1
Kimblin NeSmith, District 3
Brenda Holt, District 4
Edward J. Dixon, County Administrator
Clayton Knowles, County Attorney
Marcella Blocker, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair NeSmith welcomed everyone and called the meeting to Order at 6:00 pm. He asked Commissioner Green to give Invocation, and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amendments and Approval of Agenda

Mr. Dixon asked that Item 22 be pulled as that issue is not ready and has been an offer from the City of Quincy and also pull Item 12a that was recently added because it has some information in the item that needs to be cleaned up. Commissioner Green asked when they could expect to see this item and Mr. Dixon said it would be brought to them as soon as.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GREEN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

1. Reorganization of the Board

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO ELECT COMMISSIONER GREEN AS CHAIR.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HOLT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GREEN, THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO ELECT COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS AS VICE-CHAIR.

Awards, Presentations and Appearances

2. Recognition of Marcus Green

Commissioner NeSmith read aloud the Recognition, it was presented to Mr. Green and he had a few words to say.

CONSENT

Commissioner Holt made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Commissioner NeSmith had made the second. Commissioner Hinson had a question.

Commissioner Hinson asked if there was anything that would impact the budget. Mr. Dixon stated yes, it is not big but it will bring in money. He stated the Sheriff is spending some money on Item 18. Commissioner Hinson asked to pull item 13 and Commissioner Simpkins made the second. Mr. Dixon said Item 13 seeks to clean up a scrivener's error.

Commissioner Holt rescinded her motion and Commissioner NeSmith rescinded his second.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AND PULL ITEM 13 AND COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

3. **Ratification Memos**
    a. **October 17, 2023**
    b. **November 7, 2023**

4. **BOCC Meeting/Workshop Minutes:**
    a. **September 19, 2023 Final Budget Hearing**
    b. **October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting**
    c. **October 9, 2023 Strategic Planning Meeting**
    d. **October 17, 2023 BOCC Meeting**
    e. **October 23, 2023 Special Meeting**
    f. **October 26, 2023 Fire Emergency Services**
    g. **October 30, 2023 Emergency Meeting**

5. **Approval of Digitech, LLC for PEMT and MCO Supplemental Payment Program Services**

6. **Approval of Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan**

7. **Approval to Renew the Mico Information Products (MIP) Fund Accounting Software for the Elderly Affairs Department**

8. **Approval of a Resolution Ratifying Staff Submission of a Grant Application to the Florida Department of Commerce's Rural Infrastructure Fund Seeking Funds for Design Plans to Improve and Expand the Pat Thomas Eco-Tourism Park**

9. **Approval of Plan of Finance Resolution 2023-040 concerning Financing of an affordable multifamily residential rental apartment by the Escambia County Housing Finance Authority**

10. **Approval to accept proposed funding agreement #F0116 from the Florida Division of Emergency Management for Phase Two of the construction of the Emergency Operations Center and Public Safety Complex**

11. **Approval to accept the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Grant #A0405 and the Emergency Management Performance Grant #G0487 Agreements**

12. **Approval for the Finance Office to process payments for invoices**

~~**12a. Approval of Artist Performance Agreements for the Bicentennial R & B Concert**~~
Item Pulled

13. **Approval of Massey Building Lease Amendment**

14. **Approval of Settlement Agreement with Jeremiah Lee**

15. **Approval of the Gadsden County Public Library System Strategic Plan 2023-2028**

16. **Approval of the Gadsden County Public Library System Annual Plan 2023-2024**

17. **Approval of Mutual Aid Agreements between Gadsden County and Neighboring Counties**

18. **Approval for the Sheriff's Office to spend miscellaneous revenue sent directly to the Sheriff's Office**

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

13. Approval of Massey Building Lease Amendment

Mr. Dixon explained this was to correct scrivener's error. Commissioner Hinson asked what was the history on this. Mr. Dixon stated the error was not caught after the contract was ratified and approved.

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

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners welcomes and encourages public participation at all meetings of the Board. Citizens are free to speak for up to three (3) minutes on non-agenda items. Public comments and participation are also encouraged for items on the agenda. Additionally, if you are unable to attend a meeting in person, comments from the Public can also be submitted via email to CitizensToBeHeard@gadsdencountyfl.org until noon on the date of the meeting. Comments submitted after the deadline, but prior to the meeting, will be added to the official record, but the County cannot guarantee that Commissioners and staff will have adequate time to review comments prior to the meeting. Citizens are further encouraged to participate via Zoom using the credentials on the County's website. The Board's meetings are also broadcast live on the Board's Facebook page.
Commissioner Simpkins read aloud the above statement.

Mike Watson, 2793 Sycamore Road, Quincy, FL – Sycamore Road
Mr. Watson said he was fortunate to have Commissioner Simpkins ride Sycamore Road with him yesterday to see how rough the road was. He invited the other Commissioners to ride the road. He also pointed out that a commissioner did not reach out to him when they said they would. Commissioner Hinson apologized and said he has the largest district in the County. He stated once his issues are resolved, he will reach out to Mr. Watson.

Gary Bates, Sycamore Road, Quincy, FL – Sycamore Road
Mr. Bates stated he and his wife ride Sycamore Road in personal vehicles and on motorcycles. He wanted to request a re-paving of the road.

Chris Moultry, Chattahoochee Mayor, Clinic in Chattahoochee
Mr. Moultry appeared before the Board concerning their clinic and stated he had an opportunity to visit the other clinic the County is trying to get started. He wanted to know more about the direction of the other clinic.

Chair NeSmith said this issue came to his attention while at a conference. He had an opportunity to speak with the CEO of North Florida Rural Med and the Medical Director. He stated Mr. Kwick and Dr. Thompson are both online to answer any questions.

Commissioner Holt said she spoke with Congressman Lawson today and she also spoke with an individual with CHP today; they were looking into it.

Kyle Kwick, Representative of North Florida Rural Health, was on ZOOM and spoke before the Board. He stated they were more than willing to take on the population of Chattahoochee as far as serving them with primary care. They take patients currently by appointment.
Dr. Thompson spoke and said they have presented paperwork to CHP to be primary providers and thanked Commissioner Holt for her help in getting that through. She stated with or without insurance they will see a patient.

Avis Woods, 719 Strom Road, Quincy, FL – Sawdust Community
Ms. Woods appeared before the Board in reference to her organization. She is the president of the Sawdust Community Outreach Incorporation. She stated there is a lot of crime in the Sawdust Community. She stated they are asking for a place to get the kids off the street and also wanted to rebuild the community park. She stated they do not have a building. She stated the School Board donated a building to the organization and asked that the BOCC have the building pulled out to the park for the benefit of the kids in the area.

Commissioner NeSmith thanked her for attending and wanted to clarify the presentation from Ms. Woods. The School Board has approved a portable behind Greensboro Elementary and there are additional expenses that were not expected.

Mr. Dixon said when they looked at the numbers to move it, there was no plumbing in it and thought it might be more cost efficient to look into a new building as opposed to moving an old building.

Tracey Stallworth
Mr. Stallworth appeared before the Board and said on November 16, a pastor was killed protecting internet cafes. He asked if the internet cafes were legal and what was their position concerning that. He also asked who regulates the internet cafes and who enforces the law for it.

Commissioner Hinson said he has brought this up the last couple of years and asked for the Attorney to respond. Mr. Knowles said internet cafes were illegal by state law and the Sheriff and Police Department are responsible for policing. They do not have any regulatory power. State Law has made them illegal.

Commissioner Holt said she met this week with a gentleman from the Gaming Department and local law enforcement because of the incident that happened. She stated they can write an ordinance for the County that they not be allowed in the County.

Mr. Dixon said because they do not have a business license, they have no way to know who's doing what. He said the Sheriff's Office is working with the Gaming Commission to better enforce this.
Commissioner Hinson said when something is illegal, he was not going to advocate for something that trumps what the State already says is illegal.

Mr. Knowles said it was Florida Statute 849 and read a portion of it aloud.
Commissioner Holt said she was instructed by someone with the Gaming Commission to do an Ordinance and then they could invoke fines per computer that is in an establishment.

Mr. Stallworth stated the pastor was a licensed security officer. He leaves a wife and grandchildren. He thinks that something needs to be really done.

Commissioner Hinson said he brought documentation about his argument and asked Commissioner Holt to provide documentation that they instructed to do so.

Bonnie Francis

Ms. Francis appeared before the Board and requested they schedule a workshop concerning legal contracts for 2024.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

19. Public Hearing-Approval of Resolution 2023-038 and Year End Budget Amendments #2 for FY 2022-2023

Mr. Dixon introduced the above item and stated it was for approval of attached budget amendments to cover expenditures in several departments, budgeted and unbudgeted.

Ms. Daniels appeared before the Board and stated there are several issues that were already explained by Mr. Dixon. Chair Green asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak and there was no-one.

Commissioner NeSmith asked about page 10 of 12 and questioned overtime. Mr. Dixon explained that was for EMS.

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

20. Public Hearing-Quasi-Judicial-Dupont Road Well Improvements

Mr. Stiell appeared before the Board and was sworn in by the Deputy Clerk and gave an explanation of the Dupont Road Well Improvements.

Anthony Holley appeared before the Board and was sworn in by the Deputy Clerk.
Chair Green asked if any members that wished to speak and there was no-one and no-one was on-line.

Commissioner Holt asked how far was this from US 90 and Mr. Holley said roughly 4-5 miles. She asked about fire hydrants and he said they would run from Dover Road to Dupont Road and down Highway 90.

Commissioner Hinson said this was a serious issue in District 1 and part of District 2. He said at first, he had a lot of reservations but it was one of the greatest things they were doing this year.

Commissioner NeSmith thanked Mr. Tracy with Talquin as he has done everything he stated he would.

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

21. <u>Public Hearing-Approval of Ordinance No.: 2023-07 Amending Chapter 2 of the Code of Laws of Gadsden County, FL, by Amending Section 2-141 and 2-142 Relating to Expenditures for Miscellaneous Purposes</u>

Mr. Dixon introduced above item and explained that it seeks approval of Proposed Ordinance Number: 2023-07 Amending Chapter 2 of the Code of Laws of Gadsden County, FL, by Amending Section 2-141 and 2-142 Relating to Expenditures for Miscellaneous Purposes. This item is asking the Board to update the Ordinance from a limit of $500.00 to $5,000. Mr. Knowles read a portion of the Ordinance.

Commissioner Hinson said they give up to $35,000 and asked if they can use it for that. Mr. Dixon stated in the Clerk's opinion, this supersedes his authority. Commissioner Hinson said if they plan ahead, they could plan on a lot of the items needed. If they know certain items are coming up, approve it ahead of time.

Commissioner Green stated they were looking at an Ordinance that was 17 years old and there are a lot of Ordinances that they need to bring to the table.

Commissioner Holt said yes, this Ordinance was extremely old and when the new company comes to town, they will have to take them to lunch. There are things they will need to do to be competitive with other areas. $500.00 was not enough. You have to prepare for progress. She also did not think $5,000 was enough.
Commissioner Simpkins said $500.00 was a low amount but she was on the side of they meet twice a month and they have to do better at planning. She stated she could go with $2,000.

Commissioner NeSmith asked the Attorney about the Board policy on the receipts. Mr. Knowles said when the Administrator makes expenditures, it shall be presented to the Board and it has not been codified and quarterly reports have not been done. Commissioner NeSmith said they do not get monthly reports and they are responsible for requesting the reports. He asked if any reports have been produced regarding the $35,000.

Ms. Daniels said there has not been expenditures made that the Board has not approved that have reached the $35,000 threshold.

Ms. Daniels said it was her understanding things in the report should be anything the Administrator spent that was not approved by the Board but under his authority.

Ms. Daniels explained they have events that come up between regularly scheduled meetings that they have issues with spending, such as the special meeting at Tri-Eagle and the groundbreaking they had for the new Emergency Operations Center.

Commissioner Hinson said they meet twice a month and it was not a serious issue; they knew about Tri-Eagle 3-4 weeks in advance and they provided non-alcoholic drinks.

Commissioner NeSmith said he concurred with Commissioner Holt and Commissioner Simpkins that it was an outdated Ordinance but they need a quarterly report whatever amount it is.

Commissioner Holt asked in the events held so far, what was the largest amount? Commissioner Hinson said $3,600. Commissioner Hinson said he was ok with $5,000. Commissioner Holt said to put this in the next agenda.

Commissioner Holt had made a motion to approve $5000 and Commissioner Hinson Second. Commissioner Simpkins asked for clarification on the motion. She stated if they change it to the $5,000, the Ordinance says it should be authorized by the County Manager without further priori approval by the Board.

Commissioner Green asked to amend motion to add quarterly reports. The previous motion was rescinded.

COMMISSIONER HOLT AMENDED HER MOTION TO INCLUDE A MONTHLY REPORT OF ALL ACTIVITIES FOR THE $5,000 AND COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

~~22. Request for Board Direction Regarding the Purchase of Gadsden County Parcel ID# 3-11-2N-4W-0000-00431-0100 pursuant to Gadsden County Code of Ordinances Section 2-113~~
Item Pulled

23. Discussion and Board Direction on Gadsden County Legal Services

Mr. Dixon introduced the above item. It is presented to the Board for direction regarding the legal services for Gadsden County.

Commissioner Holt said she brought this because she wanted the contract to be advertised and put up for bid. Just as a citizen stated, they want a workshop first. She asked if it required a certain number of days for notification and Mr. Knowles said no, they serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Commissioner NeSmith said he concurred with Commissioner Holt in that they need a workshop and stated that the County is in a different space than it was 2-3 years ago. They need to determine what they want out of the services. Commissioner Holt stated they need to schedule a workshop as soon as possible.

Commissioner Simpkins said they would be taking a look in the workshop as it relates to the salary, she asked would the contract be available regarding to the salary and would comparison be done with like counties as was done with the Administrator. Commissioner Green said he hoped Ms. Mass was heavily involved with research and gathering information.

Commissioner Holt said she brought this up because she wanted to look at all the types of documentation and there were citizens in the audience and have since left and she assured them she would ask for a workshop.

Commissioner NeSmith stated the contract ends March 1, 2024 and they have an opportunity to make adjustments. He wanted to move forward with what was before them. Commissioner Green agreed to workshop.

24. Approval to lease property located at 2162 Pat Thomas Parkway

Mr. Dixon introduced the above item. It is presented to the Board for approval of leasing 2162 Pat Thomas Parkway to Victor's Garage LLC for automobile repair, auto body shop, and other automobile-related activities. Victor's Garage LLC has approached the County to rent the space for $2,100 a month.

Commissioner Green asked where did they get that number from and what did the previous tenant pay for that same facility. Mr. Meeks appeared before the Board and said Victor's Garage presented a proposal to lease at $2,100.00 and the previous tenant was paying $2,423.37.

Commissioner NeSmith asked if this new company was the same service and Mr. Meeks said yes, auto repairs. Commissioner Hinson felt that before doing this, they need to advertise it to give everyone an opportunity because someone else may want that opportunity.

Commissioner Green stated he was not opposed to that but asked if they were breaking any rules if they do not advertise it. Mr. Knowles said both points were well taken; it was up to the Board; it was their property. He believed they were in the clear but if they have any heartburn, they could put out a feeler and he felt that there was no problem if they wanted to approve it tonight.

Commissioner Hinson made a motion to approve but there was more discussion. Commissioner Holt said it should be fair every time they use government dollars. She stated they should allow people the opportunity and then choose whoever they want.

Commissioner NeSmith asked how Victor's Garage LLC knew the building was available. Mr. Meeks said the sign was down and there was no activity going on at the building. They sent a letter to Mr. Dixon with their proposal. Mr. Dixon said they had no problem with stating these properties are for rent for 20-30 days and seeing what happens.

Mr. Dixon said if they would support it, he would withdraw this item and table it. Commissioner NeSmith said they need a process for properties that are available for rent. Commissioner Green asked if the Staff could work on this. He stated the Administrator has asked to table this.

COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO TABLE THIS ITEM.

25. Approval to lease property located at 2426A Pat Thomas Parkway Barn

Tabled

CLERK OF COURT

26. Updates

Nothing to report.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

27. Updates

Mr. Dixon said they approved the additional holidays for employees. He stated they were fortunate enough and Commissioner Hinson led the way in the employee Thanksgiving dinner at Mount Pleasant Lodge and the food was great and a good time had by all.

Commissioner Hinson said he noticed they have a regular Board meeting on December 19 and asked if they wanted to have a regular meeting prior to that. Mr. Dixon said they also have that issue with January 2. Mr. Knowles said to Commissioner Hinson's point, the Code allows that meetings that are directly after a holiday, they could postpone or cancel those.

Commissioner Hinson stated maybe the week after January 2, or just cancel it to the third week of January. Commissioner Holt asked if they were keeping the two regular meetings in December and was told no. She said they could keep both meetings in December and cancel the first meeting in January. Commissioner Hinson stated a lot of people will be off during December 19 due to the holiday. Commissioner NeSmith said he was comfortable with the 5th and 19th of December and not meeting the first regular meeting in January.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO CANCEL THE REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 2 AND COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

28. Updates

Nothing to report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

29. Commissioner Alonzetta Simpkins, District 2

Commissioner Simpkins stated her prayers too are with the family affected by the incident in Havana and condolences to the family that lost a loved one in an accident on Old Federal Road.

Commissioner Simpkins said job well done to the Bicentennial Gala and the ones that worked on it. She mentioned that she would like to be informed when a meeting is canceled and not just receive a cancellation notice. Commissioner Simpkins stated she was able to attend a dedication at the Quincy Airport taxiway and asked that the Economic Development Director meet with the airport director because opportunities are there.

Commissioner Simpkins asked if there were t-shirts for "Love Where you Live." Mr. Young appeared before the Board and stated they do not provide t-shirts; they normally provide a vest and gloves. Contact Public Works for green vests when cleaning roads.

Commissioner Simpkins asked about the process for the flashing light on the fire station. Mr. Young said he will get with Andre on that.

Commissioner Simpkins mentioned Wild hogs and states she knew Midway did something regarding this. She thought that they may need to do something for bears; she has had a couple people that have seen bears. She wanted to make sure the citizens are educated about what to do when they see a bear.

Commissioner Simpkins asked where they were with raises. Mr. Dixon stated he will find out about that.

Commissioner Simpkins stated they talked previously about Capital Health Plan and she would like for a workshop to happen. The clinic in Chattahoochee is putting in an application but they also have an emergency clinic in Quincy but they do not have a contract with a CHP.

COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE A MOTION TO HAVE A WORKSHOP WITH CHP AND HCA AND COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE A MOTION TO REQUEST A RECOGNITION FOR MARY AND ANTHONY MATTHEWS AND CHAIR GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

Commissioner Brenda Holt, District 4
Commissioner Holt mentioned the Summer Youth Program and stated they do not need to keep hiring the same students over and over; they are not giving an opportunity to new students.

Commissioner Holt stated she would like an Ordinance brought on gaming. She mentioned that she texted Colonel Collins and he will get his notes to them from the meeting. She stated they were not trying to supersede the State Statute, just trying to work under it.

Commissioner Holt made a motion to bring a draft Ordinance regarding internet cafes and Commissioner NeSmith second with discussion.

Commissioner Hinson said they could have an Ordinance for a drug house that is illegal, why put pressure on them that they cannot control. He stated if they send a Code Enforcement Officer into an illegal place and something happens, the County would be held liable because they know it is illegal.

Chair Green asked the Attorney if it was illegal to create an Ordinance that some other counties have already done. Mr. Knowles stated no, there was nothing illegal about that.

Commissioner NeSmith asked if the incident occurred in the town of Havana or County property. Commissioner Hinson stated it was in the City of Havana, the Chief of Police abolished all internet cafes in the town of Havana.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION FOR AN ORDINANCE TO BE BROUGHT BACK ON INTERNET CAFES AND COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER HINSON OPPOSED.

Commissioner Holt said she was sorry to hear about Roselyn Carter. Commissioner Holt mentioned the younger lady that came up earlier about a committee on the legal side and stated they want a citizen's review committee consisting of three to five members to look at and evaluate the performance criteria of appointed board personnel to include the County Administrator Assistant, Manager, and the County Attorney. They were very interested in how that works.

Commissioner Holt was requesting again that they visit the development sites in Mississippi and any other areas Board members want to visit.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO VISIT DEVELOPMENT SITES IN MISSISSIPPI AND COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.

Commissioner Ronterious Green, District 5
Commissioner Green thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as Chair.

Commissioner Green stated they had citizens come a few weeks ago about road upgrades and asked if that has happened regarding Serenity Lane. He wanted to know if Public Works went out for a ride out there. Mr. Young said he has spoken with them and they need more millings to fix potholes. He reached out to a Contractor to help them out. Commissioner Green also mentioned Ray Road and said he has concerns about that as well and asked for them to check on that.

Commissioner Green said they appreciate all veterans and thanked Michael Jackson for a job well done. He also mentioned that December 1 is Quincy's Christmas Parade and the County is participating.

Commissioner Green stated they still need a solution for wild hogs.

Commissioner Green asked for an update on Stephens School. Mr. Dixon stated he thinks they were out of the environmental assessment phase and was almost ready to start. Mr. Stiell stated the design portion was complete, but they cannot move forward until they receive the release of State funds.

Commissioner Green stated they are praying for all families impacted. He stated he is always made aware of things happening in District 5, so he was able to go to the scene where the

young man had the car accident a few nights ago and it turned out he knew the guy. He stated as the roll is being called, he wants to challenge them not to make just Thanksgiving a day of Thanksgiving, but to make everyday a day of Thanksgiving. When you do that, you treat people how you want to be treated, not just during the holidays but on a daily basis.

Commissioner Eric Hinson, Vice-Chair, District 1

Commissioner Hinson stated he wanted everyone to continue to pray for the families that were affected last week at the internet café and hopefully they can come to some type of conclusion.

Commissioner Hinson stated the Luncheon was warming and encouraging. He gave a shout-out to the Public Works Department for the great things they were doing in the Community. He also wanted to shout-out the facility and Rod.

Commissioner Kimblin NeSmith, Chair, District 3

Commissioner NeSmith sent his condolences to the family that lost a loved one in the Havana area.

Commissioner NeSmith stated he has a new aide and introduced Curt Bradwell as his new legislative aide. He stated Mr. Bradwell brought concerns before being an aide concerning Providence Road and have been provided updates by Mr. Dixon and Curtis Young.

Curtis Young appeared before the Board and said Providence Road would be resurfaced between Juniper Road to State Road 65 and should be finished with the design phase by mid-January. He stated they will come back to the Board after the design phase is completed.

Commissioner NeSmith congratulated Ms. Fryson on her presentation and stated it was outstanding.

Commissioner NeSmith stated he has met with the Administrator and talked about moving "Love Where You Leave" to the next level. He stated there is no reason the County should not be spotless and would like to move to a trash zero tolerance policy.

Commissioner NeSmith stated they need to start now on the Summer Youth Program. They need to bring on additional staff to talk with the parents and students.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR GREEN DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:17 P.M.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FL

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RONTERIOUS GREEN, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk