BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
April 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Edward J. Butler Governmental Complex
9-B East Jefferson Street
Quincy, Florida

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order.**

2. **Invocation.**

3. **Pledge of Allegiance.**

4. **Amendments to the Agenda.**

5. **Approval of Agenda.**

6. **Citizens Requesting to Be Heard on Non-Agenda Items (3-minute limit).**

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.gov 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 on the County's website at www.gadsdencountyfl.gov.

7. **General Business.**

7.a County Administrator's Position

(Louis J. Baptiste, Esq., Interim County Administrator / Jeronda Robinson, Human Resources Manager)

7.b Approval of Funding for the Six Municipalities (Chattahoochee, Greensboro, Gretna, Havana, Midway, and Quincy)
(Roosevelt Morris, Interim County Administrator)
7.b..Funding for the Six Municipalities.pdf

7.c Approval of Resolution regarding the Florida Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)
(Louis J. Baptiste, Esq., Interim County Attorney)
7.c..Information Request to Municipalities and Counties 4.11.25.pdf

7.d Approval of Funding Request for Havana and Chattahoochee 20th of May Celebration
(Roosevelt Morris, Interim County Administrator)
7.d..Funding for Havana and Chattahoochee May Day.pdf

7.e Approval of Funding Request for High School Mega Reunions (Havana Northside, East Gadsden, Shanks, Greensboro, and Chattahoochee)
(Roosevelt Morris, Interim County Administrator)
7.e..Funding for High School Reunions.pdf

8. Motion to Adjourn.

Board of County Commissioners
Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: April 21, 2025

Date Submitted: April 17, 2025

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Roosevelt Morris, Interim County Administrator

Subject: Approval of Funding for the Six Municipalities (Chattahoochee, Greensboro, Gretna, Havana, Midway, and Quincy)

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks Board approval of funding for the Six Municipalities. (Chattahoochee, Greensboro, Gretna, Havana, Midway, and Quincy)

Background:

At the April 15th Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting, staff were directed to bring back an item for consideration at the Special Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 21st. The purpose of this item is to approve funding allocations for the six Municipalities: (Chattahoochee, Greensboro, Gretna, Havana, Midway, and Quincy)

Analysis:

None.

Fiscal Impact:

At the April 15th Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting, it was stated that $10,000.00 should be allocated to each. The Director of Finance has conducted a thorough review and identified a funding source to support this initiative. The necessary funds can be utilized from the line items 001-0235-51200, 001-0001-54805, and 001-0001-54800.

Options:

1. Approve the Finance Department to process a total payment of $60,000.00, with $10,000.00 allocated from each of the attached line items. These funds will be distributed equally among the six municipalities: Chattahoochee, Greensboro, Gretna, Havana, Midway, and Quincy. Additionally, please approve the attached Resolution and Budget Amendment.

2. Do not approve.

3. Board direction.

Interim County Administrator's Recommendation:

Option 3.

Attachments:

- Resolution and Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 030

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, approved the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Chapter 129, Florida Statutes, desires to amend the budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, hereby amends the budget as reflected on Budget Amendment #Pending attached hereto.

Adopted this 21st day of April, 2025.

Board of County Commissioners
Gadsden County, Florida

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Chairperson

Attest: Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

By:_____

BA# **Pending**

Gadsden County BOCC Budget Amendment Form

Date: 4/17/2025
Fiscal Year: 2024-2025
Department: Fund 001
Agenda Item: N/A

Intra-departmental
BOCC Motion
BOCC Resolution
BOCC Public Hearing

Revenue

Fund	Dept.	Account	Account Description	Beginning Bud.	+/- $	Ending Bud.
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						-
						-
#1 Subtotal				**-**	**-**	**-**

Expenditure

Fund	Dept.	Account	Account Description	Beginning Bud.	+/- $	Ending Bud.
001	0235	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	472,255.00	(30,000.00)	442,255.00
001	0001	54805	Ordinance 23-07	115,000.00	(20,000.00)	95,000.00
001	0001	54800	Promotional Activities	5,000.00	50,000.00	55,000.00
#2 Subtotal				**592,255.00**	**-**	**592,255.00**

To re-allocate in the FY 2024-25 budget an allocation to support the funding request for the local Municipalities.

Approved By:
Budget Director
County Manager

Posting
Finance Director
Date

STATE OF FLORIDA
Office of the Governor
THE CAPITOL
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0001
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RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

April 11, 2025

Dear Local/County Official,

The Executive Office of the Governor appreciates your statement of support for the Florida DOGE effort established by Executive Order 25-44. We have been encouraged by the widespread outpouring of support, not only from the people of Florida, but from public officials and governmental entities at all levels.

The goal of the Florida DOGE is to help deliver to Florida's citizens the good government to which all Americans should be entitled, by promoting efficiency, effectiveness, and financial responsibility while reducing unnecessary and inappropriate spending. Our success will promote confidence in our government and Florida's continued prosperity.

As you know from our March 18, 2025 letter, the EOG DOGE team has begun its efforts by reviewing publicly available information as well as the responses to that letter regarding instances of financial emergency or distress. In your responses, or in calls, letters, and resolutions of support, many of you have asked how your jurisdiction can help achieve our goals or requested that we assist you in identifying local efficiency opportunities.

One important way that you can help is to assist us in better understanding the programs, budgets, and spending in your entity by providing us with additional information to supplement that which is publicly available. We have identified several types of information that you should be able to readily retrieve and provide to us as a starting point as we work together. In addition, we have set up a private, secure, and convenient system through which you can upload the requested information, as explained below.

You are encouraged to provide your responses to all the requests below as soon as possible, and it will have the most usefulness to us if we receive it by Friday, May 2:

1. Budget and spending reports at a line-item level of detail for each department;
2. Position descriptions and salaries (or salary ranges) for each employee (names and other personally-identifiable information can be withheld);
3. All contracts with total costs, deliverables, spending amounts, and whether the contract was awarded competitively or non-competitively;
4. All grants made to each recipient, and subrecipients where applicable, with descriptions and purposes;
5. Service delivery metrics and performance for all departments;
6. Hours worked by department, and projects and tasks completed.

To make use of our secure portal for data transmission, we ask that you identify a single point of contact to the EOG DOGE team at **EOGDOGE@laspbs.state.fl.us** by Friday, April 18. This contact will be the single individual to whom we provide the access and authority to upload the requested materials through the portal.

We will provide further instructions to that individual on how to access the portal and upload responsive materials.

If there are categories of information for which you cannot provide a response, please send us an email identifying that information and describing the reason why it is unavailable. We will try to work with you to identify alternatives. And, of course, if you have any questions, please contact us via email at any time at **EOGDOGE@laspbs.state.fl.us**.

As the United States begins to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, we have the opportunity to help sustain the success and prosperity of our State and country in the centuries ahead. We thank you for your energy, enthusiasm, and support.

Sincerely,
Eric Soskin
Department of Government Efficiency
Executive Office of the Governor

Board of County Commissioners
Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: April 21, 2025

Date Submitted: April 17, 2025

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Roosevelt Morris, Interim County Administrator

Subject: Approval of a Funding Request for Havana and Chattahoochee's 20th of May Celebrations

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Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks Board approval of a funding request for Havana and Chattahoochee's 20th of May Celebrations.

Background:

Staff were requested to bring an item to the April 21st Special Meeting regarding funding for Havana and Chattahoochee's 20th of May Celebrations.

Analysis:

None

Fiscal Impact:

The Director of Finance has conducted a thorough review and identified a funding source to support this initiative. The necessary funds can be utilized from the line items 001-0001-58238, 001-0235-54805, 001-0235-54000, and 001-0001-54800.

Options:

1. Approve the Finance Department to process payments from the line items listed in the Budget Amendment, to be distributed for the Havana and Chattahoochee's 20th of May Celebrations.

2. Do not approve.

3. Board direction.

Interim County Administrator's Recommendation:

Option 3.

Attachments:

- Resolution and Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 031

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, approved the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Chapter 129, Florida Statutes, desires to amend the budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, hereby amends the budget as reflected on Budget Amendment #Pending attached hereto.

Adopted this 21st day of April, 2025.

Board of County Commissioners
Gadsden County, Florida

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Chairperson

Attest: Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

By:_____

BA# **Pending**

Gadsden County BOCC Budget Amendment Form

Date: 4/17/2025
Fiscal Year: 2024-2025
Department: Fund 001
Agenda Item: N/A

Intra-departmental
BOCC Motion
BOCC Resolution
BOCC Public Hearing

Revenue

Fund	Dept.	Account	Account Description	Beginning Bud.	+/- $	Ending Bud.
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						-
#1 Subtotal				**-**	**-**	**-**

Expenditure

Fund	Dept.	Account	Account Description	Beginning Bud.	+/- $	Ending Bud.
001	0001	58238	FAMU Foundation	20,000.00	(10,000.00)	10,000.00
001	0235	54805	Ordinance 23-07	6,500.00	(5,000.00)	1,500.00
001	0235	54000	Travel & Per Diem	10,000.00	(5,000.00)	5,000.00
001	0001	54800	Promotional Activities	5,000.00	20,000.00	25,000.00
						-
						-
#2 Subtotal				**41,500.00**	**-**	**41,500.00**

To re-allocate in FY 2024-25 funding to provide a assistance with local May Day events.

Approved By:
Budget Director
County Manager

Posting
Finance Director
Date

Board of County Commissioners
Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: April 21, 2025

Date Submitted: April 17, 2025

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Roosevelt Morris, Interim County Administrator

Subject: Approval of Funding for High School Mega Reunions

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks Board approval of funding for the High School Mega Reunions.

Background:

At the April 15th Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting, staff were directed to bring back an item for consideration at the Special Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 21st. The purpose of this item is to approve funding allocations for the High School Mega Reunions. (Havana Northside, East Gadsden, Shanks, Greensboro, and Chattahoochee)

Analysis:

None

Fiscal Impact:

At the April 15th Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting, it was stated that $5,000.00 should be allocated to each. The Director of Finance has conducted a thorough review and identified a funding source to support this initiative. The necessary funds can be utilized from the line items 001-0059-51200 and 001-0001-54900.

Options:

1. Approve the Finance Department to process a total payment of $25,000.00, with $5,000.00 allocated from each of the line items listed in the attached Budget Amendment. The funds will be distributed to the following recipients: Havana Northside, East Gadsden, Shanks, Greensboro, and Chattahoochee. Additionally, please approve the attached Resolution and Budget Amendment.

2. Do not approve.

3. Board direction.

Interim County Administrator's Recommendation:

Option 3.

Attachments:

- Resolution and Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 032

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, approved the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Chapter 129, Florida Statutes, desires to amend the budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, hereby amends the budget as reflected on Budget Amendment #Pending attached hereto.

Adopted this 21st day of April, 2025.

Board of County Commissioners
Gadsden County, Florida

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Chairperson

Attest: Nicholas Thomas, Clerk

By:_____

BA# **Pending**

Gadsden County BOCC Budget Amendment Form

Date: 4/17/2025
Fiscal Year: 2024-2025
Department: Fund 001
Agenda Item: N/A

Intra-departmental
BOCC Motion
BOCC Resolution
BOCC Public Hearing

Revenue

Fund	Dept.	Account	Account Description	Beginning Bud.	+/- $	Ending Bud.
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						-
						-
#1	**Subtotal**			**-**	**-**	**-**

Expenditure

Fund	Dept.	Account	Account Description	Beginning Bud.	+/- $	Ending Bud.
001	0059	51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	333,955.00	(50,000.00)	283,955.00
001	0001	54900	Other Current Charges & Obligations	32,000.00	50,000.00	82,000.00
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						-
						-
#2	**Subtotal**			**365,955.00**	**-**	**365,955.00**

To re-allocate in FY 2024-25 funding to provide a assistance with local reunions and events.

Approved By:
Budget Director
County Manager

Posting
Finance Director
Date