

**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING EXTENSION DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS
JULY 16, 2019**

PRESENT AND ACTING:

**GENE BAILEY, CHAIRMAN
DANNY RAY WISE
EARL HUNT
JERAL HALL**

**CARLA A. HAND, CLERK OF COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER
DEBBIE SHELTON, CLERK ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Chairman Bailey opened the meeting (3:00 pm CT Room G35 Calhoun County Courthouse) by stating the purpose today would be interviews for the Extension Director position.

Chairman Bailey began the first interview with candidate Dr. Patrick Neal Williams.

Dr. Williams is currently residing and working as the Residential Horticulture Agent in Sarasota County, Florida. Dr. Williams received his Doctorate of Philosophy: Horticulture from Texas A&M University.

Some of the main opportunities Dr. Williams would like to fulfill in the role as Extension Director would be:

- Educate the public about the extension services
- Form County Partnerships
- Bring stakeholders together
- Residential yard recovery
- Improve the Master Gardener Program

The Commissioners had various questions for Dr. Williams including:

- How he is prepared to help large acreage farmers, bee keepers, cattle farmers, and the everyday gardener
- Contribution to the 4H program
- Willingness to work with the Board in the rebuild of the Tri County Ag pavilion
- Willingness to live in Calhoun County

The first interviewed ended at 4.00PM.

Chairman Bailey welcomed Mr. Daniel Leonard, the second applicant for the Extension Director position.

Mr. Leonard is currently residing and working as the Horticulture Agent in Walton County. Mr. Leonard has a B.S. in Environmental Horticulture and will receive his M.S in Agricultural Education and Communications in August 2019.

Listed are some of the visions Mr. Leonard would like to implement as the Extension Director:

- Rebuild of residential landscape
- Engage with and be a resource for the horticulture industry in the county
- Agronomic management
- Improve the Master Gardener Program
- Reinvigorate the 4H programs

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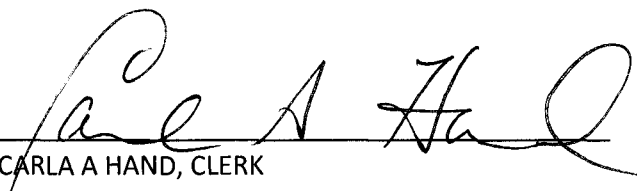
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ATTEST:



CARLA A HAND, CLERK