

January 4, 2018

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Randy Ogburn, Beth Burnam and Josh Smith. Commissioner William Mitchell was absent. Also present was County Coordinator Louie Goodin and County Attorney Cliff Adams.

The meeting was called to order by Madam Chairman Burnam and led in prayer by Commissioner Smith with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Madam Chairman Burnam.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – STATUS REPORT

Hamilton County Economic Development Director Susan Ramsey was not present for the meeting.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY – PARCEL NO. 2454-000

Commissioner Brown explained the issue surrounding an adjacent property owner to county owned parcel 2454-000 wishing to purchase the lot if available. County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that he has reviewed the map of the lot and would request that the Board continue the item until the next Board meeting in order to have time to research a possible statute that would allow the property to be given to the adjacent property owner without being required to take bids. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to follow the recommendation of Mr. Adams.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors was not present for the meeting. County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with a status report regarding the Ship and CDBG programs. Mr. Goodin advised the Board that Mr. Nabors advised him that all projects are in the construction phase and that all projects must be completed prior to February 2, 2018.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Engineer Greg Bailey was not present for the meeting; however, Seth Cohen gave the Board a status report on the current road projects.

CR-137 – Mr. Cohen stated that the bid documentation for the CR-137 paving project is due on January 9, 2018 and will be available for the Board to make a decision on at the next regular Board meeting.

SW 79TH DRIVE / SW 107TH AVE. – Mr. Cohen advised the Board that the SW 107th Ave. construction is underway with construction to begin on SW 79th Drive as soon as SW 107th Ave. is complete.

SW 55TH DRIVE – Mr. Cohen advised the Board that the legals for the ROW parcels have been submitted to Donald Lee & Associates for review. Mr. Cohen also stated that the ROW for SW 55th Drive will be presented to the School Board for approval on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. The Board also questioned staff as to whether the siding on the house that will be removed for the road ROW has asbestos siding.

SE 141ST BLVD. – Mr. Cohen stated that the ROW legals are almost completed with the ROW currently being staked.

NW 23RD BLVD. – Mr. Bailey stated that the construction of the NW 23rd Blvd. is proceeding as scheduled.

SR6 / I-75 WATER AND SEWER FACILITY – Mr. Cohen advised the Board that an application for a River Grant is being prepared.

CR-6 EAST – Mr. Cohen stated that the repair to CR-6 East will be forthcoming.

BOATRAMP GRANT – Mr. Cohen advised the Board that the deadline for an application for a boat ramp grant to be submitted would be April 13, 2018.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – AMBULANCE REPAIRS – EMS DIRECTOR TOBY WITT

EMS Director Toby Witt discussed with the Board the possible expansion of EMS services to include the Town of Jennings and the Town of White Springs. Mr. Witt explained that due to the Town of Jennings moving their main offices that the previously occupied building would be suitable for EMS and allow a unit to be placed in the area to allow quicker response times. Mr. Witt explained that staffing an older unit with an EMT Monday through Friday for ten (10) hours a day would lessen the need for mutual aid and the cost associated. Mr. Witt then explained the need for additional revenue and agreed to provide the Board with additional budget information at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Witt also presented the Board with information regarding the ambulance fleet and explained the need for a new ambulance (remount). Mr. Witt discussed with the Board a lease option being utilized by other counties that would allow for a remount with an approximate annual fee of \$25,810.00 for five (5) years. Mr. Witt also stated to make the engine repair to the 2011 Ambulance would cost approximately \$10,000. The Board also discussed the possibility of piggy backing on another county's RFP in order to expedite the process. The Board directed staff to check on the RFP process and report back to the Board at the next regular meeting.

The Board also considered the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for EMS for the 2018 calendar year. Madam Chairman Burnam read the certificate.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to declare the item an emergency and approve the COPCN for the 2018 calendar year. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Emergency Management Director Henry Land addressed the Board regarding the need to replace the aged radio equipment for dispatch. Mr. Land stated that the approximate cost would be \$6,075.00 and could be taken from the IRC account if approved by the Board.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to declare an emergency and approve the request as recommended by Emergency Management Director Henry Land to replace the radio equipment at a cost of \$6,075.00 from the IRC fund if possible. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the bills (vouchers 127747 – 127884 and checks 056301 – 056361). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board directed Mr. Goodin to check into purchasing a dump trailer for the county due to the rental amount.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that a teleconference meeting will be held today with Retail Strategies. Madam Chairman Burnam stated that she would attend the meeting.
- Mr. Goodin also discussed with the Board the need to upgrade the electrical service at the Arena and Emergency Medical Services building. Mr. Goodin stated that he would provide the Board with quotes.

- Commissioner Ogburn advised the Board that he has received a draft copy of the five (5) year permit renewal for PCS Phosphate. Staff advised that the renewal will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Board during their January meeting and before the Commissioner in February. Commissioner Ogburn also stated that he is requesting a tour of the construction and reclamation of the gyp stacks at PCS.
- Commissioner Smith questioned staff as to the timeline for the paving of the Corinth Baptist Church road. Mr. Goodin stated that the paving project has been scheduled.
- The Board also requested staff to contact the Town of White Springs in order to see their intentions for the facility.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board of a recent Opioid Litigation Survey and recommended that the Board take no action at the current time.
- The Board agreed to meet at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 to review and discuss a Storm Policy for the county.
- Madam Chairman Burnam stated that she plans to step down from the North Florida Regional Planning Council and Commissioner Brown agreed to be the Board's new representative for their board.

There being no further business before the Board, Madam Chairman Burnam adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

BETH BURNAM, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

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