

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Beth Burnam, Josh Smith, William Mitchell and Randy Ogburn, a full Board being present. Also present was County Coordinator Louie Goodin, County Attorney Cliff Adams was absent.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, 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.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS / SECURITY

Seth Cohen, with NFPS, advised the Board that the construction for the Courthouse Renovations is underway.

APPROVE BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR HIGH SERVICE PUMP FOR WATER PLANT AT I-75 / SR 6

County Coordinator Louie Goodin reviewed the bid specs for the high service pump at the I-75 / SR 6 Water Plant and stated that there were no State bids available. Mr. Goodin also discussed with the Board the laser alignment needed for the new pump and advised the Board that the pump is currently running great and the cost of the laser alignment will be less than \$1,000.

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the specifications for the high service pump as presented by County Coordinator Louie Goodin and to allow staff to proceed with the RFP process. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors gave the Board a status report of the current Ship and CDBG grants. Mr. Nabors presented the Board with the bid results for round #1 and the results were as follows: Davis – Randy Powell Construction \$17,600, Shuler – Randy Powell Construction \$23,200, Keel – Randy Powell Construction \$8,000 and Johnson – Florida Homes \$20,856. Mr. Nabors also presented two (2) applicants for Purchase Assistance approval.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the bids as previously stated and recommended by ITC. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the purchase assistance for Michael Holton and Timmy Fye. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

JENNINGS INTERCHANGE

County Attorney Cliff Adams discussed the issues with the Jennings Interchange. Mr. Adams reminded the Board of the resolution that was sent last summer regarding the clean-up of the interchange and removal of the migrant housing and also stated that the Board filed a complaint referencing the zoning at the interchange regarding migrant housing. Mr. Adams stated that the meeting with Ag-Mart, Health Department, Development Authority, TDC and the County was a very productive meeting regarding the Interchange. The Board has previously stated that they would provide assistance to Ag-Mart for a migrant housing facility to be located near their farming operations. Mr. Adams then advised the Board that during the Christmas Holidays, the Town of Jennings made efforts to approve the Jennings House (Budget Inn) as a migrant housing facility. Mr. Adams stated that the issue is a very serious matter and could possibly involve litigation and encouraged the Board to decide if they want to continue with trying to stop the issues at the Interchange or allow the Town of Jennings to handle their own issues. Mr. Adams then stated that he would recommend the Board to proceed with enforcement of the zoning regulations. The Board agreed to attend the Jennings Town Council's meeting on February 5th at 7:00 p.m. at which time the Jennings House issue will be discussed and at the current time no action is needed by the Board. Mr. Adams will keep the Board updated on the situation and suggested that Chairman Smith address the issue at the Legislative Delegation meeting tomorrow evening. Commissioner Ogburn stated that he felt that it is time for the Board to take action in cleaning up the Interchange even if it requires legal action. After a brief discussion the Board directed Mr. Adams to contact a Land Use Attorney in order to determine what recourse the Board may consider in the future.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Seth Cohen, with NFPS, gave the Board a status report on the current road projects.

CR-137 – Mr. Cohen advised the Board that the CR-137 construction project is complete and the contractor is still working on removing their equipment and making the final clean-up prior to receiving the retainage funding for the project.

OAK STREET – Mr. Cohen advised the Board that the delay in the project due to issues with the Railroad and Scruggs is ready to begin construction of the project.

SE 141st BLVD. – Mr. Cohen stated that the contractor has purchased the pipe and should begin construction soon.

NW 104TH AVE., CHANBRIDGE DRIVE, NW 35TH DRIVE – Mr. Cohen advised the Board that construction should begin within the next week or so.

SW 55TH DRIVE – Mr. Cohen stated that construction for the SW 55th Drive paving project is proceeding according to schedule.

SHADY OAKS SUBDIVISION ROADS – Mr. Goodin stated that the City of Jasper doesn't want the manholes covered and would be willing to share in the cost of the five (5) manhole risers. The Board agreed to allow the City of Jasper to cover the cost of the manhole risers with the Board to provide funding for the resurfacing of the Shady Oaks Subdivision roads.

OAKS STREET EXTENSION – Commissioner Burnam advised the Board that she is still working with property owners for the paving of Oak's Street Extension.

CR 152 – Mr. Goodin gave the Board a status report on the Lap widening project on CR-152. Mr. Goodin advised the Board of an erosion issue on the edges of the road and where the new asphalt will connect with the existing. The proposal to eliminate the issue would be to cut a six (6) inch strip off of the edge to secure the edge of the new asphalt and eliminate it from chipping in the future. The cost of the proposal would be \$127,321.31. Mr. Goodin then stated that Eisman & Russo will make contact with FDOT for additional funding.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 134249– 134558 and checks 059138 – 059223). Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin stated that Nutrien has requested for the county to pick up their recycling for a fee of \$500 per month. Mr. Goodin stated that the Landfill can provide the service whether one (1) day per week or one (1) trip per week at two (2) sites. Mr. Goodin then stated that he would ensure that the collection of the recycling is profitable.
- Mr. Goodin announced that the Local Mitigation meeting will be Friday, at 9:00 a.m.
- Mr. Goodin also announced a job fair at the Annex for Rite of Passage Inc.
- The Board announced that the Legislative Delegation will be Wednesday, January 16th at 4:30 p.m. at the Courthouse.
- Commissioner Mitchell requested that the Board consider allowing a county employee to drive their county work truck home due to having to work during the day and at odd hours at the Water Plant and because the employee lives in close proximity to the Plant. The Board agreed not to allow the request.
- Commissioner Ogburn questioned staff as to the Land Use request previously made by Robert Morey, with Bienville, not being submitted to the DEO by the Land Use Administrator. Mr. Goodin stated that he would schedule a meeting with Ms. Carter and Commissioner Ogburn to discuss the issue.
- Commissioner Ogburn also discussed a situation where a young man ran into a washout and requested that the county be liable for his rims and tires. Commissioner Ogburn stated that he advised the young man that the county would not pay for the damage due to the county's insurance company denying the claim.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams discussed the need to amend the Board's procurement policy regarding the Board's authority to waive the policy where necessary and the \$5,000 sealed bid requirement. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Adams to draft the amendment and present it to the Board for review.
- Chairman Smith advised the Board that the Radial Arm mower report will be forthcoming along with the scheduled maintenance for the motor graders.
- The Board also discussed the need for consistency with road maintenance.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

