

January 16, 2018

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Randy Ogburn, Beth Burnam, Josh Smith and William Mitchell, a full Board being present. 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 Ogburn 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 Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors presented the Board with a status report regarding the Ship and CDBG programs. Mr. Nabors advised the Board that the official letter from DEO has been received regarding the monitoring review. The letter stated that the monitoring review found no findings or concerns. Mr. Nabors stated that the completion of the Jackson project should be 1/24/18 and the Compo job 1/31/18. Mr. Nabors recommended that the Board approve the 2017-2020 LHAP resolution.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the resolution adopting the 2017 – 2020 LHAP as recommended and presented by Spencer Nabors with ITC. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors also gave the Board a status report on CDBG and assured the Board that the two (2) projects will be completed prior to the deadline.

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 2454-000

Commissioner Brown requested that the Board continue the item until the next meeting to allow staff an opportunity to contact the property owner. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.

RESOLUTION REGARDING RURAL AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY – FORMERLY RURAL AREAS OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC CONCERN (RACEC)

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the resolution regarding the county participating in the Rural Areas of Opportunity program with the Board.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the resolution as presented for the Rural Areas of Opportunity. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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. Bailey discussed the bid received from Anderson Columbia for the CR-137 paving project. Mr. Bailey stated that the original bid amount was \$2,456,807.84 which was slightly over the budgeted amount by FDOT. Mr. Bailey recommended that the Board approve the bid as submitted and to also approve a change order to the bid in the amount of \$25,469.00. With the change order the total bid amount will be \$2,431,338.84.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the bid for the CR-137 paving project in the amount of \$2,456,807.84 as recommended by NFPS. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the change order as recommended by NFPS in the amount of \$25,469.00. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SW 107TH AVE. – Mr. Bailey stated that the SW 107th Ave. is complete and that the contractor is currently sodding the project.

SW 55TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the legals for the right-of-way have been completed and staff is reviewing comments from SRWMD. Mr. Bailey also advised the Board that the School Board agreed to the right-of-way / road alignment and will also provide the environmental assessment for the removal of the house which is located in the right-of-way.

SE 141ST BLVD. – Mr. Bailey stated that the legal descriptions should be ready this week in order to allow staff to begin acquiring the right-of-way.

SW 79th Drive – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the contractor is currently clearing and grubbing.

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. Bailey advised the Board that the application for a River Grant has been submitted. The grant amount will be \$87,000.

LOVES BYPASS – Mr. Bailey stated that the Pre-Construction meeting was held last week and that construction should begin towards the end of the month.

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

DUMP TRAILER – County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the quotes for the Dump Trailer will exceed \$5,000 which will require sealed bids. The Board agreed for staff to request sealed bids for the trailer.

CR-152 – Staff advised the Board that bids will be let in the next few weeks for the LAP project.

HAMILTON COUNTY ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PREVENTION COALITION – EMILY LUMPKIN – GRANT FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Emily Lumpkin, the Executive Director of the Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coalition, addressed the Board and requested a letter of memorandum in support of their after school grant program. Ms. Lumpkin introduced her staff present for the meeting Ciera Beck and Crystal Workman. Ms. Workman explained the purpose of the grant and how it will be administered throughout the county. Ms. Workman stated that the grant would be \$150,000 a year for three (3) years and would be administered in Bellville, Jennings, Jasper and White Springs. Ms. Lumpkin then advised the Board that she would make sure that the Board received monthly progress reports. Ms. Lumpkin also explained the need for the current office space to be rent free in order to cover the 25% matching portion of the grant with in-kind services. Ms. Lumpkin invited the Board to attend the next Coalition meeting on February 7th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Chamber meeting room.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve for the Board to partner with the Coalition and execute a letter of memorandum as requested, allow the Coalition to utilize the office space rent free and for Madam Chairman Burnam to sign the letter. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – TOBY WITT, EMS DIRECTOR

EMS Director Toby Witt presented the Board documentation regarding expanding EMS services to the Jennings and White Springs areas. Mr. Witt stated that he would need to discuss his proposal for White Springs with their Fire Department due to recent personnel changes. Mr. Witt also discussed the costs associated with both areas and how having an EMS presence would significantly reduce the response times. Mr. Witt stated that the call percentages were as follow: Jasper – 50%, Jennings – 30% and White Springs – 20%.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the expansion of EMS Services as proposed by EMS Director Toby Witt. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Witt also discussed with the Board the need for a new ambulance and presented information that would allow the county to possibly “piggyback” on other counties with a lease program. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to allow staff to check into the lease program and re-agenda the discussion for the February 20th meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – PETITION OF JACK COX TO VACATE, ABANDON, DISCONTINUE, CLOSE, RENOUNCE AND DISCLAIM ANY RIGHT OF THE COUNTY AND THE PUBLIC AS TO ALL THOSE CERTAIN STREETS KNOWN AS 2ND STREET FROM NW 108TH AVENUE EAST TO NW 109TH AVENUE AND 3RD STREET FROM NW 108TH AVENUE, EAST TO NW 109TH AVENUE.

Madam Chairman Burnam recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

Applicant Jack Cox was present and explained the reason for suggesting that 2nd Street and 3rd Street be closed. Mr. Cox explained that the roads don’t exist except for on a map.

There being no further discussion from the Board or public, Madam Chairman closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 7:02 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the closing of the 2nd Street and 3rd Street as requested by Jack Cox. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION FOR TEXT AMENDMENT TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CPA 17-02 DUKE ENERGY TO ALLOW SOLAR ELECTRICAL GENERATING FACILITIES, GOVERNED BY SPECIAL PERMIT, IN AN AGRICULTURAL ZONING CLASSIFICATION. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Madam Chairman Burnam recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing to order at 7:03 p.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained the action before the Board as an application from Duke Energy for a text amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to allow Solar Electrical Generating Facilities in an AG zoning classification. Ms. Carter advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the application. Danny Collins, with Duke Energy, stated that no changes have been made since the last presentation. Madam Chairman Burnam read the title of the ordinance for CPA 17-02 for the record.

There being no further questions from the Board or public, Madam Chairman Burnam closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 7:05 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the Ordinance for CPA 17-02 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION FOR TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS LDR 17-03 DUKE ENERGY TO ALLOW SOLAR ELECTRICAL GENERATING FACILITIES, GOVERNED BY SPECIAL PERMIT, IN AN AGRICULTURAL ZONING CLASSIFICATION. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Madam Chairman Burnam recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing to order at 7:06 p.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained the action before the Board as an application from Duke Energy for a text amendment to the Land Development Regulations to allow Solar Electrical Generating Facilities in an AG zoning classification. Ms. Carter advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the application. Ms. Carter also discussed with the Board the need to establish a special permit fee for Solar Panel facilities.

There being no further questions from the Board or public, Madam Chairman Burnam closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 7:09 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve LDR 17-03 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Ms. Carter recommended that the Board establish a special permit fee for Solar Panel Facilities at \$5,000. The Board discussed the fee and the need to adjust the fee to the project size. Amy Dierolf, with Duke Energy, explained how the permit fees differ from county to county.

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the resolution establishing the special permit fee for Solar Panel Facilities at \$5,000 as recommended by Land Use Administrator Megan Carter. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Commissioner

Ogburn.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION / SECURITY

The Board discussed the need to continue allow Clerk of Court Greg Godwin to gather additional information as to the level of Courthouse Security.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 127885 – 128152 and checks 056375 – 056458). Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the Hamilton Primary Care financial update will be Friday at 3:00 p.m. at the Annex.
- Mr. Goodin also provided the Board with an update on the changes to the 911 addressing.
- Mr. Goodin also advised the Board that the Individual FEMA assistance has been approved and that FEMA representatives will be at the Annex starting Thursday, at 7:00 a.m.
- Commissioner Mitchell stated that he needs assistance from the Board and community for the installation of fire alarms.
- Commissioner Ogburn requested that the Board consider staggering the Road Department hours of operations due to the weather, holidays ect. The Board agreed for the item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- The Board directed staff to get information as to the purchase price of the Bank of America building.
- Commissioner Smith advised the Board that the Corinth Church road looks great.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams gave the Board an update on the current Legislative Session regarding home rule powers being removed and modifications to the Sunshine Law.
- Commissioner Ogburn discussed the five (5) year permit renewal and the timeline for the Planning and Zoning Board and then to the Board for discussion.

There being no further business before the Board, Madam Chairman Burnam adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

BETH BURNAM, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

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