

**JANUARY 17, 2023
JASPER, FLORIDA**

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Travis Erixton, Jimmy Murphy, Robert Brown, Robbie Roberson and Richie McCoy, a full Board being present. Also present were County Coordinator Louie Goodin and County Attorney Andy Decker.

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

**ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PLAN BIDS – 1846 HAMILTON AVE.
JENNINGS**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with the advertisement and bid proposals received for the asbestos abatement for the old Holiday Inn property in Jennings. Mr. Goodin explained that one of the bid proposals was emailed and was not accepted due to not following the instructions for the bids as advertised. Mr. Goodin briefly reviewed the bid proposals and recommended the lowest bid from Alachua Environmental Services in the amount of \$153,950.

- Motion by Commissioner Roberson to award the bid for asbestos abatement to Alachua Environmental Services in the amount of \$153,950 contingent upon review of staff. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM / CDBG-CV – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors provided an update regarding

the current Ship, CDBG and CDBG-CV projects; however, Mr. Nabors was unable to be present for the meeting due being ill. Mr. Nabors advised the Board that there was nothing new to report.

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that Mr. Bingham is proceeding with obtaining the information that will correct the issues discovered by DEO for the CDBG-CV grant application. County Attorney Andy Decker advised the Board that the CDBG-CV appeal has merit, and the certification of the information is underway. Mr. Decker also stated that the Board may be able to pay the legal fees from the funding.

GREEN POINT RESEARCH – REQUEST FOR ADDENDUM TO ORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – DAVID HAUSENAUER

County Attorney Andy Decker advised the Board and public that Commissioner Murphy will remove himself from the meeting for the Green Point Research addendum discussion and will abstain from any vote or action taken by the Board. David Hausenauer, with Green Point Research, contacted County Coordinator Louie Goodin advising that he would not be in attendance for the Board meeting or discussion of the request for an addendum to the original development agreement and also advised that the timeline for their business to be operational will be June. Mr. Hausenauer extended an invitation to the Board to visit the facility and the Board discussed whether to do a site visit now or wait until all of the equipment has been installed and is operational. Mr. Decker stated that it would be best to wait until everything is operational.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to deny the Green Point Research addendum to the original development agreement and continue with the 2020 development agreement as previously negotiated and approved. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Murphy abstained from the vote and was not present in the Board meeting room for the discussion or vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING – BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – SD 23-01
IVYWOOD ESTATES, AN APPLICATION BY JAMES SMITH AS
AGENT FOR AUDREY BULLARD (BULLARD INVESTMENT
CO.) FOR FINAL PLAT FOR A MINOR SUBDIVISION ON
PROPERTIES IN HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Chairman Brown recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing (SD 23-01) to order at 6:21 p.m.

James Smith, with North Florida Professional Services, representing Ms. Bullard, was present for the meeting and answered questions from the Board and public. Land Use Administrator Mia Mauldin briefly advised as to the action before the Board as an application for final plat of a minor subdivision on properties in Hamilton County, Florida. Ms. Mauldin also stated that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval.

There being no further questions or comments from the Board or public, Chairman Brown closed the public hearing and reconvened the Board meeting at 6:26 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve SD 23-01 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Kellan Bailey, with North Florida Professional Services, provided the Board with a status report on the current road projects.

Mr. Bailey advised the Board that Bob White, an employee of NFPS for many years passed away with his funeral service to be at 4:00 p.m. on Friday at Christ Central in Lake City.

LAKE BAISDEN LOOP – Mr. Bailey advised that the contractor is set to continue construction as scheduled. A representative from Locklear was also present to answer any questions for the paving project.

5 HOLE BOAT RAMP – Mr. Bailey stated that the survey has been completed and the project will proceed as scheduled.

RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT FOR SUWANNEE VALLEY ELECTRIC COOP – County Attorney Andy Decker presented the Board with a right of way easement for SVEC in regard to the Jennings Bluff project.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to accept the right of way easement for SVEC as recommended by legal staff. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to approve the consent agenda. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF TAKING OWNERSHIP OF HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY AT OLD HIGHT SCHOOL ATHLETIC COMPLEX

County Coordinator Louie Goodin explained that the School Board has asked if the Board is interested in the school property adjacent to the Annex which would entail the old High School parking lot, tennis courts, football field, gymnasium, field house and other property. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed by unanimous consent to let the School Board know that they would be interested in the property.

DISCUSSION OF FRDAP GRANT FOR NEW SOFTBALL FIELDS AT RECREATION CENTER

Recreation Director Chuck Burnett provided the Board with a brief update on the construction of two (2) softball fields utilizing a FRDAP grant. Mr. Goodin advised that he will be meeting with Nutrien for

assistance with the fields preparation and if needed with Curt's Construction Company who is working on the paving project near the recreation facilities. Mr. Burnett stated the urgency to move forward with the construction due to the grant deadline being June 30th. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Goodin to get a quote from Curt's Construction Company if Nutrien is not able to assist.

FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH THE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTY FIRE SERVICE

Fire Coordinator Henry Land reviewed the December City of Jasper fire invoice with the Board and advised that the county department is responding to some calls.

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to approve the December 2022 fire calls invoice for the City of Jasper. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Land also discussed with the Board the AFG grant which could be applied for to purchase equipment. Mr. Land stated that Bonnie Kelly, the same person who will be writing the Safer Grant has agreed to make application for the AFG grant and do the administration for the grant for \$5,000.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to direct staff to make application for the AFG grant and to allow Bonnie Kelly to write and administer the grant for \$5,000. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the bills (vouchers 158246 – 158491 and checks 069991-070084). Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin announced that the Technical Working Group meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.
- Mr. Goodin also stated that the Legislative Appropriations request for the Health Department and EOC may be funded in subsequent years with the request for this Legislative session being \$4 million.
- The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow Mr. Goodin to hire a water plant operator.
- Commissioner McCoy discussed the operation of the county's Water and Sewer Plant and addressed the replacement of the swings and seats at the Veterans Memorial Park. The Board directed Mr. Goodin to get prices for the replacement of the swings and seats and report back to the Board.
- Commissioner Roberson discussed the possibility of extending the SW 90th Blvd. approximately 1,300 ft. The Board requested Mr. Goodin to get a cost estimate and to further discuss the request at the next meeting.
- Commissioner Murphy questioned staff as to the public meeting with constituents regarding 13th Drive. Mr. Goodin stated that he is working on putting the meeting together.
- The Board discussed the need to have a special meeting to address Fire and discuss Healthcare with Watson's Healthcare. Mr. Goodin will formalize a date and time for the meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

ROBERT BROWN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

