

**JANUARY 19, 2021**  
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**JASPER, FLORIDA**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Josh Smith, Randy Ogburn and Richie McCoy, Jimmy Murphy was absent. Also present was County Coordinator Louie Goodin and County Attorney Cliff Adams.

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

**SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT**

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors was unable to attend the meeting. The Board stated that in the future if Mr. Nabors is not able to attend the Board meeting that a written report needs to be provided.

**INVOICES FROM RCE OF VALDOSTA**

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the RCE of Valdosta invoices as presented with the Sheriff's Department to agree to pay half of invoice number 29352 in the amount of \$1,000. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**2021 SENATE DISTRICT 3 BUDGET REQUESTS**

The Board discussed several projects for consideration by the legislature during the upcoming session and made the final determination as follows:

1. Water well (SR-6 / I-75 Water and Sewer facility) estimate \$500,000
2. Health Department renovations estimate \$375,000
3. Caution Lights – School entrance / exit

**COVID – 19 (CORONAVIRUS 2019) UPDATE AND STATUS REPORT**

Tom Moffses, with the Department of Health, presented the Board with a summary of the Covid-19 effects on Hamilton County. Mr. Moffses discussed the vaccine process for both doses and also stated that the county receives approximately 100 doses per week.

Assistant Emergency Management Director Pam Allen and Emergency Management Director Henry Land presented the Board with the official close out for all three (3) phases of the Cares Act Funding.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution 2020-60 as a continuation of 2020-01 for an additional seven (7) days. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT**

County Engineer Greg Bailey gave the Board a status report on the current road projects.

**CR-137** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the notice to proceed has been issued to the contractor for the CR-137 paving project with construction ready to begin.

**SW 90<sup>TH</sup> BLVD.** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the design for the SW 90<sup>th</sup> Blvd. paving project has been submitted to FDOT for review and that his staff is working on the right-of-way map. Mr. Bailey also stated that his staff is also working on a solution to the wetland mitigation for the paving project.

**BAISDEN LAKE LOOP / SW 107<sup>th</sup> AVE.** – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with a brief update regarding the Baisden Lake Loop project and also discussed the need for wetland credits for the project.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the counter offers for the last two (2) parcels as recommended by County Attorney Cliff Adams. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**OAK STREET** – Mr. Bailey stated that his staff is preparing the plans for the Oak Street paving project.

**SCRAP / SCOP** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that he is waiting on FDOT to make a decision regarding the projects submitted for the FDOT 5-Year Plan.

### **DISCUSSION OF DEP CONSENT ORDER AT I-75 / SR 6 WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Bob White, with North Florida Professional Services, provided the Board with an update on the FDEP consent order for the I-75 / SR 6 Water Treatment Plant. Mr. White explained the process in bringing the plant back into compliance and stated that the corrective plan of action has been submitted and will be constructed once approved by FDEP.

**PUBLIC HEARING – SECOND – CPA 20-01 – AN APPLICATION BY HAMILTON COUNTY TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INCLUDING ELEMENT I AND ELEMENT III REGARDING EXTENSION OF THE PLANNING HORIZON, AND ELEMENT VIII REGARDING UPDATES TO THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITOL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE**

Chairman Ogburn recessed the regular meeting and called the public hearing (CPA 20-01) to order at 6:33 p.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained the action before the Board as an application to amend the text of the Comprehensive Plan to include Element I (Planning Horizon) and Element III (Identifies the Capitol Project). Ms. Carter stated that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of CPA 20-01.

There being no further comments or questions from the Board or public, Chairman Ogburn closed the public hearing and reconvened the Board meeting at 6:40 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to allow the amendments as presented and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board to be submitted to DEO. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING – SECOND – LDR 20-01 – AN APPLICATION BY HAMILTON COUNTY TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS INCLUDING SECTION 4.15.4 REGARDING MIGRANT HOUSING, SECTION 14.10.3 REGARDING RV OR TRAVEL TRAILERS, AND SECTION 15 REGARDING CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Chairman Ogburn recessed the regular meeting and called the public hearing (LDR 20-01) to order at 6:41 p.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained the action before the Board as an application to amend the text of the Land Development Regulations by Ordinance regarding Section 4.14.4(4) – (prohibiting migrant housing facilities in a Commercial Highway Interchange zoning district), Section 14.10 - (RV / Travel Trailer special permits for temporary uses) and 15.10 - (language change from enforcement to inspector). Ms. Carter explained that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of LDR 20-01.

The Board discussed each section with the main discussion surrounding Section 14.10 (RV / Travel Trailer special permits for temporary uses). The Board stated their concerns regarding the changes with County Attorney Cliff Adams stating that the only objection from the Planning and Zoning Board was the enforcement of (i.) which states the occupancy cannot exceed six (6) months during a calendar year. Ms. Carter presented the Board with affidavits from individuals not able to be in attendance in opposition to the amendments. The following individuals stated opposition to the amendment: Sharon Pittman, Calvin Bagley, Frederick Howard, Daniel Parks, unnamed resident and a resident named Ken. Speaking in favor of the amendments were Chris Mericle, Deanna Mericle, Ross Tatum, Tommy

Gallager and George Roberson.

There being no further comments or questions from the Board or public, Chairman Ogburn closed the public hearing and reconvened the Board meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Ms. Carter reviewed the options for the Board after the discussion of each change. The Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Smith approve Sections I and III as discussed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Smith to deny the text amendment as written for Section II. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Smith to adopt the Ordinance LDR 20-01 removing Section II. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board agreed to hold a workshop at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 to further discuss Section II regarding the RV / Travel Trailer amendments.

**PETITION TO VACATE, CANCER AND ANNUL CERTAIN LOTS IN THE LAKE  
ALCYONE SUBDIVISION, SECTION TWO – WILLIAM P. LANGDALE, JR. AND  
FRANK BIRD III**

Frank Bird addressed the Board and explained the reason for the filing of the petition to vacate and annul certain lots in the Lake Alcyone Subdivision. Mr. Bird advised the Board that the petition will be amended and requested that the Board allow the petition to be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Board.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to allow the amended petition to be filed and submitted to the Planning and Zoning board. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**SOUTHLAND WOOD RECYCLING LLC – AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT  
AGREEMENT**

Lucious Moore, owner and operator of Southland Wood Recycling LLC provided the Board with a letter dated January 18, 2021 outlining an amended incentive request. County Attorney Cliff Adams explained that the Economic Development Agreement previously agreed to by Mr. Moore and the Board will need to be amended per the request. The request from Mr. Moore is to allow the immediate release the \$100,000 due to having a Certificate of Occupancy of one (1) building which will amend the original Development Agreement.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the amendment to the Development Agreement an immediately release the \$100,000 to Southland Wood Recycling LLC. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board stated that they will discuss the request for an additional \$318,468 on a month to month basis.

### **REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO INSTALL FENCE AT JENNINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin explained the request to install a fence at the Jennings Library.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the request to construct a fence at the Jennings Library with the County Road Department to clear the area. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

### **APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 146226 – 146526 and checks 064488 - 064607). Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin reminded the Board of the Legislative Delegation meeting tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. and the ribbon cutting for Green Point Research on Monday, February 1, 2021.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that he plans to resign as County Attorney as soon as the Board can hire a replacement.
- The Board approved the leave payout for Brandi Barclay as presented by Clerk of Court Greg Godwin by unanimous consent.
- Chairman Ogburn requested that the milling from the CR-137 paving project be stored on the Project Bark / Nutrien property. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK



