

**JANUARY 26, 2023
JASPER, FLORIDA**

SPECIAL SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in special session on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Travis Erixton, Robert Brown, Richie McCoy, Jimmy Muphy (telephonically) and Robbie Roberson, a full Board being present. Also present were County Coordinator Louie Goodin, County Attorney Andy Decker and Fire Coordinator Henry Land.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brown.

County Coordinator Louie Goodin explained the purpose of the meeting and provided the Board with an update on the status of Fire Services with the municipalities. The Board discussed the email from the Town of Jennings for Fire Services requesting to provide the service on a per call fee for any call outside of the city limits. The Board briefly discussed the request and stated that if the Town of Jennings would like to provide Fire Services, then their attorney should prepare the Fire Services Agreement for the Board's consideration. The Board then discussed Mr. Land's position and the possibility of hiring him as the Fire Coordinator/Chief and 911 Mapping Coordinator at his current salary; in addition to the savings from not having to budget the 911 Mapping through the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Land also shared with the Board the concerns of the Sheriff who agreed to the job change if the Board would allow Mr. Land to step back into Emergency Management in the event of an emergency.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to bring Mr. Land's position Fire Coordinator / Fire Chief and 911 Mapping under the Board at the current salary and allow Mr. Land to step back into Emergency Management in the event of an emergency as requested by the Sheriff. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion

carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Commissioner Erixton.

The Board then discussed the accrual method for annual leave for Fire Fighters compared to all other employees. After a lengthy discussion the Board agreed to follow the Suwannee County accrual for annual leave temporarily.

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to temporarily adopt the Suwannee County annual leave accrual for twenty-four (24) hour shift employees with the accrual to be based on pay periods rather than hourly and to address all other employee's accrual at a later date. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board also discussed the Fire Assistants position and agreed to address the position during the next budget cycle. Mr. Land requested direction from the Board for the 911 Mapping employees as to whether they would be allowed to work during the summer and if the Board would like to use students again next year. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow the students to work during the summer and to utilize the schools coop program for students during the next school year.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

ROBERT BROWN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

