

**February 2, 2018**

**JASPER, FLORIDA**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.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 Brown with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Madam Chairman Burnam.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the Consent Agenda pulling item 1 (A) and (B) minutes. 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 due to being sick.

**COURTHOUSE RENOVATION / SECURITY**

The Board agreed to continue the discussion of the Courthouse Security until the next meeting.

**ARENA FENCE REPAIRS AND ELECTRICAL UPDATES**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board the need to replace / repair the fence at the Arena. Mr. Goodin stated that the approximate cost of the repair will be \$2,200.00. Commissioner Smith stated that the fence in its current condition is a safety issue. The Board discussed whether to allow the Riding Club to replace the fence or allow the Road Department to do the work. Commissioner Smith also stated that he felt that the Road Department should perform the work. After a brief discussion the Board directed County Coordinator Louie Goodin to obtain quotes for the fence replacement and also to make contact with the Riding Club. Mr. Goodin also discussed with the Board the need to upgrade the electrical at the Arena. After a brief discussion, the Board took the following action.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith for Mr. Goodin to purchase the materials for the electrical upgrade and utilize the Water Plant electrician to perform the work with the cost not to exceed \$5,000. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board also directed staff to report back as to the progress of the project.

### **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 Compo and Jackson projects have been completed within the grant timeline and that he now must submit the closeout package within forty-five (45) days to DEO. Mr. Nabors advised the Board that Ship funds in the amount of \$350,000 have been received and that he currently has ten (10) applications being processed. Mr. Nabors then stated that there are no issues with the Administrative Contract as it stands with the exception of amending the contract to include the “Single Audit Act”. It was also noted that there is no relation between Chris Smith and Commissioner Smith.

### **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 stated that the notice of award has been issued to Anderson Columbia and that his staff is in the process of setting up the pre-construction meeting.

**SW 107<sup>TH</sup> AVE.** – Mr. Bailey stated that the SW 107<sup>th</sup> Ave. is complete.

**SE 141<sup>ST</sup> BLVD.** – County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that the Bullard Denune property for the SE 141<sup>st</sup> Blvd. right-of-way has been donated.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to accept the right-of-way deed for the Bullard Denune property on SE 141<sup>st</sup> Blvd. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**SW 55<sup>TH</sup> DRIVE** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that he is waiting on the asbestos survey from School District on the house that will be removed from the road right-of-way. Mr. Bailey also stated that staff has met with several of the property owners and also with the SRWMD. The Board then discussed one of the property owner’s requests for a fence (goat wire) for his dogs and his willingness to accept the appraised value for his property.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to allow the installation of the fence (goat wire) as requested and to accept the appraised value for the property. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board also discussed the need to remove a dogwood tree from the same property owner's yard that would be in the road right-of-way and the property owner's request to have a wider driveway than proposed.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to allow the full forty (40) foot driveway as requested. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board stated for Commissioner Brown and County attorney Cliff Adams to contact James Dedge regarding the value of the Dogwood tree.

Mr. Adams also gave the Board a status report on the acquisition of the SW 55<sup>th</sup> Drive right-of-way. Mr. Adams also advised the Board that Loncala has requested for Ron Ratliff to do the appraisal on their property. Mr. Adams recommended that the Board waive their procurement policy and contract with Ron Ratliff for the appraisal in the amount of \$1,000. Mr. Adams also discussed other requests from Loncala with the Board.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to contract with Ron Ratliff for the Loncala appraisal in the amount of \$1,000. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with unanimous vote.

**SW 79<sup>th</sup> Drive** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that construction on the SW 79<sup>th</sup> Drive paving project is underway.

**NW 23<sup>RD</sup> BLVD.** – Mr. Bailey stated that the construction of the NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Blvd. is almost complete with the final stripping and signage remaining.

**LOVES BYPASS** – Mr. Bailey stated that the construction of the Loves Bypass is awaiting signatures for the contract and then construction will begin.

Mr. Bailey also advised the Board that the plans for 104<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, Chanbridge and Oak Street are approximately sixty (60) percent complete. The Board also requested Mr. Bailey to do a cost estimate for the paving of the county portion of Oak Street.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – SPSF 18-01 APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOLAR FACILITIES**

Madam Chairman Burnam recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing to order at 9:40 a.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained the action before the Board as an application from Duke Energy for a special permit for solar facilities.

Danny Collins, with Duke Energy, was present and reviewed the plans for the project with the Board and public.

There being no further questions from the Board or public, Madam Chairman Burnam closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 9:50 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve SPSF 18-01. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING – SE 17-02 (CANNADY) SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW CAMPING IN A AG-4 ZONING**

Madam Chairman Burnam recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing to order at 9:51 a.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained the action before the Board as an application by Tommy Cannady to allow an RV lot in an AG-4 zoning district. Ms. Carter stated that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the application. The Board discussed the use of RV's.

There being no further questions from the Board or public, Madam Chairman Burnam closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT – JOHN AUER BUILDING OFFICIAL – SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROOF OVER SANDLIN BUILDING (BUILDING DEPARTMENT BUILDING)**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the specifications for the replacement of a flat roof with a gable roof for the Sandlin Building.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the specifications for the Sandlin Building roof and for staff to proceed with letting bids for the project. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT – JAMES BELL ROAD SUPERINTENDENT – DISCUSSION OF ROAD DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE**

Road Superintendent James Bell was present for the discussion of the Road Department work schedule. The Board discussed the need for some equipment to be in operation on Friday's due to weather and other issues during the week. County Coordinator Louie Goodin stated that a five (5) day work week may put the equipment buy-back in jeopardy and recommended basing the need for graders on weeks where there are weather issues and/or on a long weekend on Mr. Bell's discretion. The Board stated that if this issue doesn't resolve itself that they will enact a Monday - Thursday and Tuesday - Friday work week.

Commissioner Brown discussed with the Board drainage and well issues on SW 90<sup>th</sup> Blvd. With the well being located on private property the Board directed the Road Department to research the issue and report back to Mr. Goodin.

### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT – BLEACHER SHADE REPLACEMENT**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the cost to replace the bleacher shade at the Recreation Department is approximately \$10,800 and that the county received \$3,600 from the insurance company due to hurricanes. Mr. Goodin stated that the shade provider is a sole-source and there are no other vendors. Mr. Goodin also stated that the cost of \$7,200 to the county included installation of the shade and could be installed prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> which is opening day for baseball.

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to allow Mr. Goodin to make certain that the shade provider is a sole-source and to proceed with the \$7,200 expenditure for the shade installation; however, if there are other vendors to proceed with bidding the shade. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **2011 COUNTY HELD CERTIFICATES**

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to apply for a tax deed for the parcels that have an assessed value of \$5,000 or more as stated by Florida Statute. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **2016 COUNTY TAX CERTIFICATES**

The Board directed County Attorney Cliff Adams to review the list of properties and to provide the Board with a list of properties with an assessed value of \$5,000 or more by the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the bills (vouchers 128153 – 128401 and checks 056507 – 056597). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **LEAVE PAYOUT**

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to declare an emergency and approve the leave payout for Susan Hatcher in the amount of \$50.10. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the need to approve the Floodplain Ordinance and Regulations will be forthcoming.
- Mr. Goodin also advised the Board that Dr. Rana will be leaving the Doctor's Clinic building effective February 28, 2018 and the Dr. Smidtas has requested to occupy his portion of the building. The Board discussed the possibility of changing the rental agreement to help keep a doctor in the county.
- Commissioner Ogburn advised the Board that the tour of the gyp stacks at Nutrien was very informative and that Chris Mericle also attended.
- Commissioner Brown also discussed the gyp stack tour and stated that he was amazed at the work being performed.

There being no further business before the Board, Madam Chairman Burnam adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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BETH BURNAM, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

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