

**FEBRUARY 7, 2023
JASPER, FLORIDA**

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.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 Attorney Cliff Adams, filling in for County Attorney Andy Decker.

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

Chairman Brown announced a modification to the agenda with the addition of a public hearing for Nutrien’s 2022 Master Mining Plan and Special Permit Amendment as advertised in accordance with F.S. A proof of publication was filed with the Board.

**PUBLIC HEARING – NUTRIEN 2022 MASTER MINING PLAN
AND SPECIAL PERMIT AMENDMENT**

Chairman Brown recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing (Nutrien 2022 Master Mining Plan and Special Permit Amendment) to order at 9:01 a.m.

Land Use Administrator Mia Mauldin explained the action before the Board and advised that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval. Environmental Attorney Scott Shirley discussed the amendment and explained the process for the special permit amendment and the Master Mining Plan. Mr. Shirley provided the Board with a staff report outlining the application and project description then advised the Board that after a timely review of the application he would recommend approval

by the Board due to the Master Mining Plan and Special Permit Amendment meeting all county, state and federal guidelines. Nutrien Environmental Manager Stan Posey explained the application and provided the Board with an outline of the process for the application as well as the diversity of products currently being produced by Nutrien. Environmental Engineer Don Dahlgren provided the Board and public with an overview of the project and maps showing the areas that will be affected and mined.

There being no further questions or comments from the Board or public, Chairman Brown closed the public hearing and reconvened the Board meeting at 9:36 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve Resolution 2023-01 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board and legal counsel. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY
FUND PROGRAM (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN) – THOMAS
HOWELL FERGUSON P.A. – STATUS REPORT AND UPDATES**

Steve Stephens, with Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A., provided the Board with an update of the American Rescue Plan. Mr. Stephens discussed with the Board the executed copy of the First Amendment to the Windstream Build Agreement that will bring the Broadband project into compliance with the 2CFR200 Federal grant guidelines.

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to execute and sign the First Amendment to the Windstream Broadband Build Agreement as recommended by Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A. and County Attorney Andy Decker. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board the LATCF grant in the amount of \$100,000. Mr. Goodin explained the need for as built plans for the Health Department renovations before letting bids for the renovation project. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow staff to utilize the LATCF funds for the plans.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM / CDBG-CV – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors provided an update regarding the current Ship, CDBG and CDBG-CV projects. Mr. Nabors discussed the list of Round 1 2023 Ship Purchase Assistance applications for approval. The five (5) applications are as follows: Alma Lee Paul, Taneisha Brown, Chelsea Cobb, Lula Seymore and Midge Zinn.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the five (5) Ship Purchase Assistance applications as recommended by ITC. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors stated that he is still waiting on final approval from DEO for the CDBG grant.

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.

COMPLAINT REGARDING CODE ENFORCEMENT AND OAK WOODLANDS – BETTY PRINE

Local resident Betty Prine addressed the Board and explained the reason for filing a complaint against Code Enforcement and Oak Woodlands POA. Ms. Prine explained the situation with her home which was started by Habitat for Humanity; however, was never completed. Ms. Prine advised the Board that her husband is not able to complete the home and that her son is working and doesn't have time to complete the project. Ms. Prine and her daughter explained that they reside in an RV Trailer currently until they are able to complete the home and stated that she just

needs time to get the project complete. Ms. Prine stated that she felt that they were being harassed by the Oak Woodlands POA and the Code Enforcement Officer. Attorney Cliff Adams explained the Code Enforcement process and advised the Board that they had no jurisdiction regarding the complaint and advised Ms. Prine to appeal to Circuit Court. Ms. Prine presented Commissioner Murphy with a letter of hardship. Code Enforcement Officer Paul Quintana provided the Board with the history of the complaint against the Prine's and also discussed his previous communication with the family. Mr. Paul stated that he understood the situation; however, the Prine's are in violation of the County's Land Development Regulations. Mr. Adams again stated that the Board should not take action regarding the complaint due to them having no jurisdiction.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTS

Economic Development Director Chadd Mathis provided the Board with an update on the current projects. Mr. Mathis provided legal staff with an agreement for the Development Authority which will provide \$65,000 towards the Jennings Bluff Campground project. Mr. Mathis also provided a copy of a deed for the well and tower sight for the SR 6 Water and Sewer project, Mr. Adams stated that the Board would consider the acceptance of the deed at the next meeting. Mr. Mathis advised that the boundary survey for the Holiday Inn property has been completed and that both Boards would be involved in the discussion of potential economic development projects. Mr. Mathis discussed several other potential grants and business opportunities.

Mr. Goodin stated that Lobbyist Patrick Bell was unable to be in attendance due to the special legislative session.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE #4 DRAGLINE CROSSING OF THE 8 MILE STILL ROAD DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2023 – NUTRIEN-WHITE SPRINGS – RACHEL GARLAND, GOVERNMENT & INDUSTRY AFFAIRS MANAGER

Rachel Garland , with Nutrien, requested approval for the #4 Dragline to cross the 8 Mile Still Road during the week of February 20th with Nutrien to provide appropriate signage and traffic control as in the past.

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to approve the request from Nutrien for the #4 Dragline to cross the 8 Mile Still Road during the week of February 20th. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Ms. Garland also advised the Board that the #5 Dragline will not be able to cross CR 6 in accordance with the previously approved timeline and requested that the Board amend the previous date with the date of the crossing to be March 4, 2023.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to amend the #5 Dragline crossing of CR 6 to March 4th as requested by Nutrien. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

LAKE BAISDEN LOOP – Mr. Bailey advised that construction of the Lake Baisden Loop paving project is continuing and that he will stake the right of way for the individual that is questioning the right of way clearing.

GIBSON PARK – Mr. Bailey stated that staff is waiting for FWC approval before starting the grant project.

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

JOBS GROWTH GRANT – Mr. Bailey stated that the contracts are being reviewed before everything being let for bids.

CR 25A TASK ORDER – Mr. Bailey explained the task order for the CR 25A paving project.

- Motion by Commissioner Roberson to approve the NFPS task order for the CR 25A paving project. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MILLING REQUEST – Commissioner McCoy provided the Board with a letter from the DOC requesting six (6) to eight (8) loads of milling to repair damages to their roads and parking lots.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the Department of Corrections request for milling and to allow the Road Department to spread the milling and assist with the repairs. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SW 90TH BLVD. EXTENSION – Commissioner Roberson advised the Board that he has had several individuals request to extend the paving of SW 90th Blvd. approximately 1,300 ft. The Board discussed the possibility of straightening the curve and asked Mr. Bailey to provide the previous construction plans and a cost estimate. The Board also discussed some of the issues with milling and wash boarding and asked staff to check the new asphalt on SW 90th Blvd. Mr. Bailey cautioned the Board that if the paving project were to leave the existing right of way, that a storm water permit from Suwannee River Water Management District would be required.

FLORIDA FIRST CAPITAL FINANCE CORPORATION

Stephanie Whitfield and Darcy Brown, with Florida First Capital Finance Corp. introduced themselves to the Board and shared the history of the company and the programs that are available. Ms. Whitfield stated the SBA 504 Loan and Rebuild Florida funding for Small Businesses are the two most popular loans. Ms. Brown explained both loans and answered questions from the Board.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – BRANDON MCCOY

Brandon McCoy addressed the Board and stated that he is working several county-wide initiatives for the youth of Hamilton County and would like to recognize those who have been successful athletes etc. Mr. McCoy stated that he would like to see Alex Brown recognized by signage at the entrances to the county with signs outlining his accomplishments. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to allow staff to proceed and assist Mr. McCoy with the project.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT RENOVATIONS

Chairman Brown stated that this agenda item was taken care previously during the 9:05 a.m. Thomas Howell Ferguson presentation.

JENNINGS BLUFF CAMPGROUND RESTROOM/SHOWER BUILDING – CHANGE ORDERS

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the change orders with the Board and stated that both were affected by the length of time that it took to begin the project.

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to approve the change orders for the Jennings Bluff Campground as recommended by staff. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

COUNTY FIRE SERVICE AND MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE CONTRACTS

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised that according to Fire Coordinator Henry Land there was nothing new to report at the time of the meeting. Mr. Goodin stated that the Safer grant will open during February with the AFG grant application being put together.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the bills (vouchers 158492 – 158775 and checks 070085-070207). Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REVIEW

Clerk of Court Greg Godwin, Finance Director Sheri Davis and Assistant Finance Director Chelsea Windham provided the Board with an overview of the 1st quarter financials. Following the financial review, the Board agreed to allow staff to get quotes for the new windows for the Courthouse, bid the Road Dept. office building and proceed with the Courtroom renovations.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that he would be on vacation from February 22nd to February 28th and also provided the Board with an update on the legislative appropriation requests.

- Commissioner McCoy discussed the need to be more specific in the future legislative appropriations requests and also stated that he would be out of town from February 22nd to February 28th. Commissioner McCoy questioned the Board as to Hamilton County being a Second Amendment Sanctuary, Clerk of Court Greg Godwin stated he would check the minutes to make sure what was previously approved by the Board.

- Commissioner Erixton advised the Board that the Town of White Springs has requested assistance for the removal of a tree down on 1st Street, the Board agreed to allow the Road Department to assist. Commissioner Erixton also questioned staff as to the School District property adjacent to the Annex.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

ROBERT BROWN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

