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JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Randy Ogburn, Robert Brown, Richie McCoy, Josh Smith and Jimmy Muphy, a full Board being present. Also present were County Coordinator Louie Goodin and County Attorney Cliff Adams.

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

Chairman Smith announced that due to a family issue that he would be leaving the meeting.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Coordinator Spencer Nabors provided the Board with an update regarding the current Ship, CDBG-CV, and American Rescue Plan. Mr. Nabors presented the Board with two (2) emergency Ship repairs, Nicole Burgess (Septic Tank) and Ronald Griffis (Handicap Ramp) for approval.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the emergency Ship projects as recommended by Mr. Nabors. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors also stated that the round 2 and round 3 bids will be due back on February 22nd. Mr. Nabors also advised the Board that he is still waiting on notification from the CDBG-CV application.

County Coordinator Louie Goodin explained that the request for proposals for the administration of the American Recue Plan closed on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. with two (2) proposals being submitted. After a brief discussion, Chairman Smith recommended that the Board take the proposals, review them, and be prepared to rank and select the firm for the administration of the grant at the March 1st meeting.

Chairman Smith excused himself from the meeting and Vice-Chairman McCoy chaired the remaining portion of the meeting.

CIRCUIT PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICE – WANDA ASHLEY AND JESSIE BRISTOL – HOMELESS SEXUAL OFFENDERS – REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH HOUSING

Wanda Ashley, Jessie Bristol and Christy Atkins, with Probation and Parole, were present to discuss with Board the need to provide housing or a place of residence for homeless sex offenders. Ms. Ashley explained the situation with individuals that are released from jail and are required to be in the county where the offense occurred unless they have an address somewhere else. Ms. Ashley also discussed the issue that is different in other counties regarding a convicted sex offender being required to be 2,500 ft. from a bus stop. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to allow legal counsel to discuss the issue with law enforcement and meet with Ms. Ashley.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

BAISDEN LAKE LOOP / SW 107th AVE. – Mr. Bailey advised the Board his staff still waiting on the approval from FDOT with all required documentation having been submitted.

SW 90TH BLVD. – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that he withdrew the permit application for the SW 90th Blvd. paving project and is working with FDOT to not require the funds spent on the project to be returned. According to Mr. Bailey, FDOT will suspend the project and place the remaining funds back into the district.

GIBSON PARK – Mr. Bailey stated that his staff are working on the design and permitting for the project.

SW 69th DRIVE – Mr. Adams advised the Board that the paperwork for the right of way has been sent to the property owner for signature. The right of way is being donated and the County will be fencing an additional area and tying it into the owner's original fence.

Mr. Bailey discussed with the Board the new requirement from FDOT as to right of way maps being required for each project. Mr. Bailey also suggested that the Board draft a letter and contact Chris Doolin, with the Small County Coalition, and the legislature regarding the SCRAP and SCOP funding.

CR 137 PAVING PROJECT – Commissioner Ogburn advised the Board that Anderson Columbia is working on the punch list from FDOT, once finished the project will be complete.

COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSES

Commissioner Ogburn stated that he had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda; however, after discussing the implementation of county business licenses with County Attorney Cliff Adams it would not be something that the county would

consider at this time.

**APPROVE THE TASK WORK ORDER FOR
HYDROGEOLOGICAL SERVICES TO DETERMINE A
LOCATION AND DEPTH FOR NEW PRODUCTION WELLS
AT SR6 / I-75**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin provided the Board with an update on the water well and the task order from NFPS. County Engineer Greg Bailey, with NFPS, explained the testing procedure and how the determination will be made as to what depth acceptable water quality can be found and whether a new well will be required. The Board also discussed the possibility and cost of running water from Jasper or Jennings to resolve the water issue.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the task order for the first \$60,000 of testing and then look at the results to determine whether to proceed. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Board discussed the need for staff to check with Environmental Attorney Scott Shirley as to the Nutrien Annual Report. The Board also agreed to paint the brick in house for the Doctors Clinic building.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 152566 – 152844 and checks 067392-067500). Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

TOURISH DEVELOPMENT

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to declare an emergency and to approve the grant request for the Wild Azalea Festival in the amount of \$2,000 due to time constraints. Second was made by Commissioner Brown

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin reminded the Board that the Technical Working Group meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17th at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be noticed due to more than one (1) Commissioner being present.
- Mr. Goodin also advised the Board that Building Official John Auer will be out approximately five (5) weeks due to having surgery. The Board stated that those covering should maintain the inspections in a timely manner.
- Commissioner Brown stated that the community was grateful for the decision by the Board to continue to allow funerals to be held at the Annex.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams briefly discussed the Inter-Local Agreement with the Town of Jennings for Animal Control

Services and also stated that the Ordinance from the previous meeting relating to simulated gambling devices and internet cafes has been amended and is ready for signature.

- Commissioner Ogburn advised the Board that the Governor's Task Force for Rural Healthcare is available to communities and that there will be a special announcement by Lake City Medical Center on March 3, 2022.
- The Board reviewed and updated the list of pending projects.
- Commissioner McCoy also questioned staff as to the road sign printer being taken to the Road Department and left

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

