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JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Josh Smith, Randy Ogburn, Jimmy Murphy and Richie McCoy, a full Board being present. 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 Ogburn.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors provided the Board a brief update on the current Ship, CDBG and Ship Coronavirus Relief funds. Mr. Nabors stated that the CDBG / Ship closeout will be submitted in April. Mr. Nabors also stated that he is working on the CDBG-CV application with the main projects being considered as the Recreation Department, Health Department and Broadband with proposals to be presented to the Board at the March 16th meeting.

COVID – 19 (CORONAVIRUS 2019) UPDATE AND STATUS REPORT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with a summary of the Covid-19 effects on Hamilton County.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution 2021-10 as a continuation of 2020-01 for an additional seven (7) days and to approve Resolution 2021-11 as a continuation of 2021-09 Local State of Emergency for the local flooding. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTS

Economic Development Director Chadd Mathis provided the Board with an update on the current economic development projects. Mr. Mathis discussed with the Board a deed issue with the GAP Roofing property. The Board also discussed the road issue at the Jennings I-75 interchange where the Jennings House property meets CR-143 and after a brief discussion suggested that the right of way be purchased to assist with the realignment of the road due to safety precautions and site distances. The Board also discussed the vacancies on the Development Authority's Board and stated that they would assist with contacting Tallahassee if necessary. Mr. Mathis shared with the Board the availability of additional property at the Jennings I-75 interchange.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

BASIN LAKE LOOP / SW 107th AVE. – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with a brief update regarding the Basin Lake Loop project and stated that FDOT are reviewing the plans for the project. Mr. Bailey also stated that the SRWMD are in the process of determining the cost of the wetland mitigation credits.

SW 90TH BLVD. – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with an update for the SW 90th Blvd. paving project. After a brief discussion, Mr. Bailey stated that the wetland mitigation credits are also in the process of being calculated for the SW 90th Blvd.

CR-137 – Mr. Bailey stated that according to Anderson Columbia construction on the CR-137 resurfacing project will begin on March 9th.

OAK STREET – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that his staff are in the final stages of the design for the Oak Street paving project.

SOUTHLAND WOOD RECYCLING

Lucious Moore, owner of Southland Wood Recycling, presented the Board with his request for additional funding from the Board. Chairman Ogburn and the Board questioned Mr. Moore as to the amount that would be necessary for the successful completion of the Genoa Sawmill. County Attorney Cliff Adams discussed with the Board the need to participate with the Development Authority requesting that the amount paid for the property be reimbursed to Mr. Moore. The Board after a brief discussion, agreed to meet with the Development Authority at their next meeting on March 11, 2021, to request that the Development Authority consider reimbursing Mr. Moore.

SOLID WASTE GRANT

Landfill Director Dale Jackson presented the Board with the FDEP Grant Work Plan Agreement (No. SC 112 Attachment 3) outlining the expenditures to fulfill the amount agreement from last fiscal year in the amount of \$29,592.87. After a brief discussion with the Board suggesting that the expenditures be utilized on equipment and personal services, the Board took the following action.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to declare an emergency and to approve for the FDEP Grant Work Plan Agreement to be for Equipment and Personal Services. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF AVAILABLE COUNTY GRANTS / GRANT WRITER

The Board discussed the need to consider hiring a grant writer to seek private grants for the county. After the discussion, the Board directed County Coordinator Louie Goodin to discuss with other near-by and similar sized counties how they handle private grants.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the bills (vouchers 146594 – 147150 and checks 064806-064894). Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board the use for the chairs from the Jai-Alai. The Board stated that they would decide at a later date.
- Mr. Goodin discussed with the Board the speed bump that was constructed by the Road Department.
- Mr. Goodin shared a request from the School District for three (3) loads of dirt. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to the dirt as a temporary repair and to mill the area in the near future.
- Commissioner McCoy discussed the possible placement of trash collection areas / dump sites within the county.
- Commissioner McCoy also questioned staff as to the FDOT ditch beside Mamma's Burgers to which Mr. Goodin stated he would get with the appropriate agencies to determine what can be done.
- Commissioner McCoy requested that road issues in the Forest Town Subdivision be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Commissioner Smith discussed with the Board the need to have a pine tree at the School entrance removed by FDOT.

- Commissioner Smith also questioned staff as to the Water / Sewer repairs at the I-75 / SR-6 facility. Mr. Goodin stated that the contractor is pre-building and will make the repairs soon.
- Commissioner Smith requested that the tailgate on the EMS Director's truck be replaced or repaired.
- Commissioner Smith advised the Board that the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority meetings will be rotating to different counties. Commissioner Smith also discussed a power pole being damaged by the Road Department. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to allow the Maintenance Department to repair the pole.
- The Board discussed the need to disconnect the water from 7928 SR6 W.
- Commissioner Murphy stated that he has several road signs missing in his district and will have the Road Department replace them.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

