

March 6, 2018

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 6, 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 Ogburn with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Madam Chairman Burnam.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION / SECURITY

The Board agreed to continue the discussion of the Courthouse Security until the next meeting. Clerk of Court Greg Godwin advised the Board that the Risk Management Survey was completed and the report of recommendations is forthcoming.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors presented the Board with a status report regarding the Ship and CDBG programs. Mr. Nabors stated that there was currently nothing new to report.

T-SHIRTS FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with three (3) quotes for T-shirts for the Road Department employees. Commissioner Mitchell advised the Board that a portion of the cost would be reimbursed through the safety portion of the insurance program. The Board discussed whether to make the T-shirts mandatory for the Road Department employees. Mr. Goodin stated that there are size issues with Safety Summit.

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to make the T-shirts mandatory for the Road Department employees and to purchase the T-shirts from Econo Signs in the amount of \$2,235.50. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn.

After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Mitchell rescinded his motion with Commissioner Ogburn rescinding his second and the Board agreed to allow staff to discuss the issue with the employees prior to the Board taking further action.

2016 COUNTY TAX CERTIFICATES

County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that he has reviewed the 2016 County Tax Certificates and would recommend that the Board only apply for those that are \$5,000 or more in assessed value as the law requires.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to accept the recommendation of County Attorney Cliff Adams and apply for a tax deed as required by statute for the certificates that are \$5,000 or more in assessed value. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

JAY AND BETTY BORMAN – REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF ZONING CHANGE

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained the request for a waiver of zoning change as requested by Jay and Betty Borman. Ms. Carter explained the request and answered questions. Building Official John Auer presented the Board with copies of the Land Development Regulations and suggested that the Board could grant the waiver due to the home being a park model home. Mr. and Mrs. Borman explained their request and the issues that they have faced thus far. After a lengthy discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the waiver of zoning change as requested by Jay and Betty Borman and recommended by Building Official John Auer. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Ms. Borman thanked the Board and staff for their work and professionalism.

PUBLIC HEARING – MASTER MINING PLAN AMENDMENTS – WHITE SPRINGS AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS INC., D/B/A PCS PHOSPHATE – WHITE SPRINGS

Madam Chairman Burnam recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing to order at 9:35 a.m.

Environmental Attorney Scott Shirley explained the action before the Board as an application to amend the Master Mining Plan for PCS Phosphate and Special Permit. Mr. Shirley reviewed the amendments to the plan and also advised the Board that his firm and the Planning and Zoning Board recommend approval of the application.

There being no further questions from the Board or public, Madam Chairman Burnam closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 9:43 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the Master Mining Plan Amendments, Amendments to the Special Permit and adopt the Resolution. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – RENEWAL OF SPECIAL PERMIT 03-01 (FIVE YEAR TERM) TO ALLOW PHOSPHATE MINING – WHITE SPRINGS AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS INC., D/B/A PCS PHOSPHATE – WHITE SPRINGS

Madam Chairman Burnam recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing to order at 9:53 a.m. and announced that the public hearing would be continued until the March 20th meeting at 6:15 p.m. due to issues with the Resolution.

Greg Hitz, with Lampl Herbert Consultants, Inc, explained the action before the Board as an application to renew the Five-Year Special Permit 03-1 (PCS Phosphate). Mr. Hitz provided the Board and public with a presentation and review of the activities and operations related to the Five-Year renewal of Special Permit 03-1 for PCS Phosphate. Mr. Hitz discussed each individual issue and also provided a recommendation for each. Lowell Klepper questioned Mr. Hitz as to the number of acres being mined verses the number of acres being reclaimed. Environmental Attorney Scott Shirley explained the issue and advised that PCS Phosphate has reduced the gap significantly over the last several years. Mr. Shirley also explained the \$13 million dollar corporate guarantee by the parent company to clean-up and reclaim any mined areas at the cessation of mining activities. Chris Mericle questioned staff as to issues with private wells being replaced due to nearby mining operations and impacts. Mr. Mericle also questioned staff as to whether private owner's rights supersede PCS Phosphate's right to mine. Mike Williams, with PCS Phosphate, explained the company's policy and procedure regarding the replacement of wells on private property. Mr. Mericle then suggested that the issues with private wells be part of the discussion of the Technical Working Group meeting and that the public needs a specific point of contact as recommended previously by Mr. Hitz. Dennis Price questioned staff as to the long range plans for future mining operations and what will happen at the cessation of mining activities. Mr. Price also discussed how the water sampling is being handled during a dry period when the reports show that there was no flow. Mr. Price recommended that PCS consider resampling at times with the water level is flowing rather than just stating no flow. Mr. Price also questioned as to whether the \$13 million dollar corporate guarantee is sufficient.

There being no further questions from the Board or public, Madam Chairman Burnam announced that the public hearing would be continued until the March 20th meeting at 6:15 p.m. due to issues with the Resolution.

ROAD DEPARTMENT BUILDING SPECIFICATIONS – APPROVAL

Building Official John Auer and Road Superintendent James Bell were present for the discussion of the Road Department building specifications. County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the specifications and changes to the building with the Board.

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the Road Department building specifications as presented and to allow staff to proceed with the bid process. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

NW 34TH BLVD. (DIP) – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that staff will be meeting with SRWMD on Wednesday, March 7th to discuss the proposed work. Mr. Bailey discussed two (2) options that would eliminate the problem: place milling along with liquid asphalt on the roadway and ditches to eliminate the erosion or utilize a new product that is being used by Anderson Columbia with an estimated cost of \$20,000. Mr. Bailey also stated that the culverts need to be cleaned out and a geo-liner installed for the ditches. Mr. Bailey also stated that he would provide an analysis of the flow once he has discussed the issue with SRWMD.

CR-137 – Mr. Bailey stated that the notice to proceed has been issued to the contractor and that the county can purchase the milling from the project for \$8 a ton with the total available approximately 300 tons.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to purchase the milling from Anderson Columbia from the CR-137 project at \$8 per ton. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SW 107TH AVE. – Mr. Bailey stated that the SW 107th Ave. is complete and that staff is preparing the closing documentation.

SW 55TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that SRWMD has approve the permit for the construction project contingent upon county ownership of the right-of-way and will be receiving the certificate to bid from FDOT within the next couple of days. The Board also discussed the proposal from SVEC to relocate the utility poles in the amount of \$9,662.72.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the SVEC proposal to relocate the power poles on SW 55th Drive. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SE 141ST BLVD. – County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the staff will be meeting with the property owners on March 19th to discuss the drainage for the project. Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the plans for the road are almost complete and will be submitted to FDOT for review.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to accept the right-of-way deed for parcels 1, 4 and 5

for the SE 141st Blvd. paving project. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SW 79th Drive – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that construction on the SW 79th Drive paving project is progressing according to schedule. Commissioner Smith questioned the Board regarding a proposed ditch where the landowner has requested that there not be a ditch and he needs direction from Mr. Bailey as to whether a pipe can be installed or the ditch remain. Mr. Bailey advised the Board that he would look at the issue after the meeting with Commissioner Smith.

NW 23RD BLVD. – Mr. Bailey stated that the construction of the NW 23rd Blvd. is complete and the contractor is working on the damage from a tractor and will then finish the project with the installation of the signage.

LOVES BYPASS – Mr. Bailey stated that the construction of the Loves Bypass is proceeding according to schedule.

Mr. Bailey also advised the Board that the plans for 104th, 35th, Chanbridge and Oak Street are being reviewed by his staff.

CR-152 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the bids for the Lap project on CR-152 have been received and the CEI will be done by FDOT contract. Mr. Bailey recommended the Board accept the bids from Anderson Columbia and Scruggs and continue the award until the next meeting. County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that FDOT is reviewing the bid documents.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to accept the bids for the CR-152 Lap project as recommended by County Engineer Greg Bailey. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CR-249 – Commissioner Smith questioned staff as to issues in a couple of small areas on CR-249 and the possibility of while Anderson Columbia is close by to have them make the necessary repairs. Mr. Bailey stated that he and Commissioner Smith will look at the issue after the meeting and report back to the Board.

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – STATUS REPORT

Hamilton County Economic Development Director Susan Ramsey gave the Board a status report on the current economic development projects.

DISCUSSION OF AMBULANCE PURCHASE / LEASE

EMS Director Toby Witt discussed with the Board the lease purchase proposal from Leasing 2. Mr. Witt explained the issues with having a Frazer remount with Frazer being a sole source vendor and offering a lifetime warranty if re-mounted by Frazer. The Board discussed the different options and took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to accept the lease / purchase proposal from Leasing 2 (New Chevrolet 3500 HD & Frazer Ambulance Remount) with an annual payment of \$28,514.76 for a term of five (5) years. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF SPECIFICATIONS FOR TANKER FIRE TRUCKS

Fire Coordinator Henry Land discussed with the Board the bid specifications and finance options for the Tanker Fire Trucks. After a brief discussion, County Coordinator stated that the trucks will have to be bid along with the finance options.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the specifications for the Tanker Fire Trucks as recommended by Fire Coordinator Henry Land. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Land also requested that the Board consider allowing EMS secretary Lisa Harris to move her office to the Emergency Management office in order to still assist Mr. Witt and also help with the mapping / Emergency Management. Mr. Land explained the reasoning for the request and neither Mr. Witt nor Mr. Goodin had issues with the move.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to allow EMS secretary Lisa Harris to move her office to the Emergency Management office as previously discussed. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Land also discussed with the Board the need to close roads through the county mapping system in order to have an accurate mapping system.

DISCUSSION OF DOCTOR'S OFFICE LEASE

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the current lease for each section of the Doctors Office building. Mr. Goodin advised the Board that Dr. Smidtas has requested to lease the office space previously occupied by Dr. Rana and that it would take Maintenance approximately thirty (30) days to renovate the space with the official date for Dr. Smidtas to occupy the space being April 1st. The Board discussed changing the rent for the Doctors's office space to \$50 per month to incentivize the doctors and laboratory due to only having one (1) doctor in the county.

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to change the office space rent to \$50 per month for Dr. Smidtas and the Lab due to only having one (1) doctor in the county. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Commissioner Smith.

The Board then directed staff to discuss with the Hospital Board and Shands as to

how to improve medical services in the county.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the bills (vouchers 128734 – 128937 and checks 056737 – 056812). Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that he will be attending a CDBG meeting on the 13th, 14th and 15th.
- Commissioner Mitchell advised the Board that he had received numerous comments from citizens regarding Desi Nixon’s work with the Radial Arm Mower.
- Commissioner Brown requested the Board to allow staff to check on how to clean out the storm drain on 90th Blvd.
- Commissioner Smith thanked staff for the work on the Recreational ballfields and also requested that something be done to remove the mold from the netting.

There being no further business before the Board, Madam Chairman Burnam adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

BETH BURNAM, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

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