

**MARCH 15, 2022  
JASPER, FLORIDA**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 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 Commissioner Brown with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Smith.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX – DISCUSSION**

County Attorney Cliff Adams presented the Board with a letter from the Department of Revenue regarding the Local Option Fuel Tax. Mr. Adams explained the annual process of approval and requested that the Board allow the approval process to be every five (5) years rather than annually. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.

**NUTRIEN-WHITE SPRINGS – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAGLINE #5 CROSSING COUNTY ROAD 6 ON 04-23-2022**

Rachel Garland, with Nutrien, addressed the Board and requested permission to allow the #5 Dragline to cross CR 6 on April 23, 2022. The Board discussed additional signage needed for other roads in the area that could cause issues with traffic and Ms. Garland agreed to provide the signage. Aaron Donahue, Nutrien’s Mines Manager, was also present to answer questions.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the request by Nutrien for the #5 Dragline to cross CR 6 on April 23, 2022, and for Nutrien to provide the additional signage as discussed. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM / CDBG-CV – STATUS REPORT**

Ship Coordinator Spencer Nabors provided the Board with an update regarding the current Ship and CDBG-CV. Mr. Nabors presented the Board with an updated list for the Ship projects and stated that the round #4 Rehab approvals will be presented for approval at the next Board meeting. Regarding the CDBG-CV, DEO did a site visit and reviewed the grant documentation with a response to be provided within twenty-one (21) days.

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

Steve Stevens, with Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A, provided the Board with a status report for the American Rescue Plan. Mr. Stevens also stated he is continuing to work on the engagement letter

with county staff and then the planning process will begin. Mr. Stevens also agreed that once the planning process begins the information will be placed on the county website for transparency.

## **ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT**

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

**BAISDEN LAKE LOOP / SW 107<sup>th</sup> AVE.** – Mr. Bailey advised that his staff has reviewed the changes requested by FDOT regarding the separation of plans for the box culvert and have resubmitted the plans.

**GIBSON PARK** – Mr. Bailey stated that his staff are working on the design and permitting for the project and working with the SRWMD for an erosion variance.

**CR 137 PAVING PROJECT** – The Board reviewed the letter from Locklear approving the final payment and release of the retainage for the CR-137 paving project; however, after a discussion of an issue with a driveway, the Board agreed to consider the payment at the next Board meeting to allow the contractor to make the necessary repair.

**MEADOWBROOK SUBDIVISION** – Commissioner Brown discussed with the Board an erosion issue. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to allow staff to review the issue and determine the legality of the county making the necessary repair.

## **APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 153013 – 153287 and checks 067581-067691). Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that Economic Development Director Chadd Mathis and himself would be traveling to Tallahassee on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Jobs Grant with DEO.
- Commissioner McCoy discussed with the Board the need to trim a small portion of NW 104<sup>th</sup> PL. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow the road to be trimmed.
- Commissioner Ogburn questioned staff as to a report from the Lobbyist and the status of the Legislative projects.
- Commissioner Murphy discussed the old Holiday Inn property at the Jennings I-75 interchange. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to allow staff to continue to monitor the sale of the property.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

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JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK



