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JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.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 Brown 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 during the month of April. Mr. Nabors reviewed the potential projects list for the CDBG-CV application. Commissioner Smith stated that he had reservations as to the expenditures for the grant. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Nabors stated that the final application will not be due until June. The Board directed staff to set up a skype with the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) during the next meeting to be able to discuss the proposed projects. Mr. Nabors then discussed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) with the Board agreeing to allow Mr. Nabors to continue working on the grant.

BDI BIENVILLE PLANTATION – PRESENTATION

County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that the group requested to be present at 7:00 p.m. for their presentation.

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 Brown to approve Resolution 2021-12, 2021-13 and 2021-14 as a continuation of 2020-01 for an additional seven (7) days. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTS

Economic Development Director Chadd Mathis was present for the meeting and stated that he had nothing new to report.

PUBLIC HEARING – PETITION TO VACATE, CANCEL AND ANNUL CERTAIN LOTS AND ROADWAYS IN THE LAKE ALCYONE SUBDIVISION – BIRD INVESTMENTS, INC., PALMETTO HOLDINGS, LLP., FRANK BIRD, III, MITCHELL H. BRICE AND REBECCA BRICE

Chairman Ogburn recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing (Lake Alcyone Subdivision) to order at 6:38 p.m.

County Attorney Cliff Adams explained the action before the Board to vacate and annul certain lots and roadways in the Lake Alcyone Subdivision. Mr. Adams read the Florida Statute governing the petition request. Mr. Adams also stated that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the petition. Frank Bird was present to answer questions of the Board and public.

There being no further questions or comments from the Board and public, Chairman Ogburn closed the public hearing and reconvened the Board meeting at 6:43 p.m. Mr. Adams explained the legal justification for the petition request.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the petition to vacate, cancel and annul certain lots and roadways in the Lake Alcyone Subdivision as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

BAISDEN LAKE LOOP / SW 107th AVE. – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with a brief update regarding the Basin Lake Loop project and stated that his staff is waiting on FDOT to approve the plans for the road. Mr. Bailey also stated that the SRWMD are in the process of determining the wetland mitigation credits.

SW 90TH BLVD. – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with an update for the SW 90th Blvd. paving project. Mr. Bailey then stated that the right-of-way maps have been submitted and staff is determining the amount of wetland mitigation credits needed.

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

Mr. Adams advised the Board that he is still waiting on the last right-of-way deed for the Baisden Lake project.

FOREST TOWNE SUBDIVISION ROAD – Commissioner McCoy discussed with the Board an issue with a property owner placing a fence post in the middle of the right-of-way in the Forest Towne Subdivision. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to allow legal staff to assist Commissioner McCoy with the voluntary removal of the post prior to seeking legal action. The Board also discussed the need to make repairs to an area in the Forest Towne Subdivision.

MAMMA’S BURGERS DITCH – The Board discussed the possibility of filling the FDOT ditch next to Mamma’s Burgers. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to allow County Engineer Greg Bailey to provide the Board with a cost estimate for piping / filling both sides of the FDOT ditch.

NW 63RD LOOP – County Coordinator Louie Goodin explained the request for limited maintenance.

- Motion by Commissioner Murphy to allow the Limited Maintenance Agreement for NW 63rd Loop. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

COUNTY ROAD 148 BRIDGE – Commissioner McCoy discussed an issue with the CR 148 Bridge holding water.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to allow the necessary repairs to the CR-148 bridge by the Road Department. Second was made Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

BDI BIENVILLE PLANTATION – PRESENTATION

Local Attorney Jay Willingham introduced Dan Burrell, Founder and Executive Chairman, of BDI provided the Board with a brief history of their development plans and issues. Commissioner Smith stated publicly that he has been in contact with Mr. Burrell by email. Mr. Burrell also discussed the situation with Westport Capital Partners, LLC. Mr. Burrell then presented the Board with plans for the development. Mr. Burrell introduced the following people accompanying him for the meeting: Frank Bauer, Chairman of the project, David Goldschmidt, CEO, Erik Berntsen, President. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to assist with the development project where possible. Mr. Adams advised the Board that he would research to what extent the Board could be involved in the lawsuit.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 147151 – 147414 and checks 064895-065002). Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with an activity report regarding Building permits.
- Commissioner Brown advised the Board regarding garbage/trash being dumped on 51st Way and 99th Ave. The Board agreed to allow Law Enforcement to enforce the laws and have the individual's clean-up the garbage.
- Commissioner Smith also questioned staff as to the Water / Sewer repairs at the I-75 / SR-6 facility. Mr. Goodin stated that the contractor hasn't started the work as of yet. The Board stated that if the contractor hasn't started by the next Board meeting that he will need to be present. Mr. Goodin also stated that the water quality issues are still being corrected in order to be in compliance with the FDEP consent order.
- The Board also discussed the following: distribution of the Jai-Alia chairs to the local schools, water tower inspection, will piggy-back on the Town of Jennings contractor, check Council on Aging building for possible ARC move, Code Enforcement Officer will be resigning on March 23rd with staff possibly selecting a replacement for the position from the original pool of applicants, April 16th Legal Services RFQ are due and for staff to review the work load of the Recreation Department and report back to the Board.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that he is preparing to send out the right-of-way letters for the SW 90th Blvd. paving project.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

