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REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Beth Burnam, Josh Smith, William Mitchell and Randy Ogburn, 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 Josh Smith and led in prayer by Commissioner Burnam with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Smith.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – STATUS REPORT

Hamilton County Economic Development Director Susan Ramsey gave the Board a status report of the current economic development projects and events. Ms. Ramsey presented the Board with a flyer regarding a Human Trafficking Symposium to be held on April 3rd at the Hamilton County Annex. Ms. Ramsey also stated that she received the two (2) Beautification Grants from the county for the Doctor's offices. Ms. Ramsey advised the Board that Crossroads restaurant will be occupying the old Huddle House restaurant space at SR 6 / I-75 Interchange called "Front Porch Café" and plans to open on April 2nd. Ms. Ramsey then reminded the Board of the spring concert that will be held in the Veterans Memorial Park on May 11th in conjunction with the Rodeo.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors gave the Board a status report of the current Ship and CDBG grants. Mr. Nabors advised the Board that the EEO Policy, Affirmative Action Plan need to be updated to incorporate "Genetics" and MBE/WBE with the 906 Plan to be in place for individuals engaging in non-violent civil rights demonstrations.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the updates to the EEO Policy, Affirmative Action Plan and 906 Plan as recommended by Mr. Nabors with ITC, contingent upon legal staff and the Sheriff's approval. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors also advised the Board that the Environmental Review for the CDBG grant is in progress and that the homeowner applications are due by Monday, March 25th. Mr. Nabors also presented the Board with a list of qualified contractors: Florida Homes, L&G General Services, Randy Powell Construction and John Norris Construction.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the CDBG contractor list as recommended by Spencer Nabors with ITC. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Regarding the Ship program, Mr. Nabors stated that the four (4) rehabs will be complete by next week with the two (2) purchase assistance applications preparing to close. Mr. Nabors also stated that the Holton application is waiting on a probate to close before being able to proceed and will need to be completed by April 19th to continue to be eligible. Mr. Nabors recommended that the Board consider approving a Purchase Assistance application for Melissa Olsen in the event the Holton application goes beyond the three (3) month threshold.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the Purchase Assistance application for Melissa Olsen contingent upon the Holton application having a closing scheduled prior to April 19th. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Greg Bailey, with NFPS, gave the Board a status report on the current road projects.

CR-137 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that staff is still waiting on Anderson Columbia to make the necessary repair to a culvert extension on the CR-137 construction project and that the project's retainage is still available if the contractor refuses to make the repair. The Board agreed to wait until the April 2nd meeting to take further action if needed.

SE 141st BLVD. – Mr. Bailey stated that the contractor is still working on the clearing and grubbing for the SE 141st Blvd. paving project. Commissioner Ogburn stated that CEI inspector Harry Cox has the locations for the three (3) culverts that will need to be addressed; Mr. Bailey

stated he would take care of the issue.

NW 104TH AVE., CHANBRIDGE DRIVE, NW 35TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the contractor has stated that signage will be placed on the job site this week.

OAK STREET – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that construction of the Oak Street paving project is underway.

SW 55TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that no activity has taken place on the SW 55th Drive paving project in the last couple of weeks; however, according to the contractor construction will resume next week.

SW 90th BLVD. – Chairman Smith stated that he would be meeting with staff to discuss the SW 90th Blvd. paving project in the next several days.

ROAD DEPT. OFFICE COMPLEX – Mr. Bailey stated that he met with staff to discuss the floor plan for the new Road Department Office Complex.

CR 152 – County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that Anderson Columbia received an extension for the CR-152 Lap project until April 7th; however, it doesn't appear that the project will be completed prior to the expiration of the contract. The Board directed staff to determine the legal process if the project isn't completed per the contract.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS / SECURITY

Greg Bailey, with NFPS, advised the Board that the frames are under construction and as soon as they are delivered the construction will take place.

DOCTORS OFFICE BUILDINGS RENOVATION SPECIFICATIONS

County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with specifications for the Clinic Office building for review. The Board agreed to review the plans and make a decision on the remodeling plans at the next Board meeting.

Chairman Smith advised the Board that a patient fell at Dr. Smidtas's office and that the Board failed on the remodeling of the new office space. Chairman Smith discussed the issues with the Board. Mr. Goodin addressed the issues with the remodeling project and stated that part of the problem was due to the lack of maintenance personnel available for the project. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to visit the office prior to the April 2nd Board meeting before taking further action.

TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS – FIRE SERVICES AGREEMENT

Commissioner Ogburn advised the Board that he requested for the Fire Services Agreement with the Town of White Springs to be placed back on the agenda for discussion. Commissioner Ogburn stated that he discussed the language presented by Mayor Lofton at the previous Board meeting with Fire Coordinator Henry Land and County Coordinator Louie Goodin and the only issue appears to be the funding. The Board discussed the Agreement and different funding options and after a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Ogburn stated that he wanted staff to ensure fire protection for the south end of the county if the Board's intent was not to approve the Agreement. Town Manager Stacy Tebo and Mayor Lofton stated that there would be fire protection with or without an Agreement and also discussed the language changes and previous funding suggestions by the Town of White Springs. The Board then agreed to wait until Mr. Land can be present for the discussion and directed staff to clarify the language and funding in the Agreement with Mr. Land and present a draft for the Board to consider at the April 2nd meeting. The Board also stated that once there is an approved Agreement with White Springs the Town of Jennings will be offered the same Agreement.

ARENA – HOG BARN – ELECTRICAL UPDATE

County Coordinator advised the Board that the Arena electrical project was completed; however, the allocated funding by the Board was not sufficient to complete the electrical for the hog barn. Mr. Goodin stated that he would draft the specs and prepare the bid documents for the electrical upgrade.

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to allow staff to bid the electrical upgrade to a 200 amp service for the hog barn. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the bills (vouchers 135246 - 135581 and checks 059572 – 059658). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the voucher for the purchase of plaques for the Veterans Memorial Park due to the previous action taken by the Board to make all donations be anonymous. Staff will address the issue with the appropriate individuals.

HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Executive Director of the Health Department Tom Moffses addressed the Board in order to brief the Board on the County Health Status report that was released as of today. Mr. Moffses stated that the report is released every five (5) years and reviewed the report with the Board. Mr. Moffses also discussed the issues with wells along the Withlacoochee River that were contaminated due to the sewer spill from Lowndes County.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that SB 1100 will be presented to the legislature by Senator Montford at 4:00 p.m. tomorrow and also reminded the Board of the Duke Energy ribbon cutting on March 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Commissioner Brown announced that the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Jasper has invited the Board to attend a special meeting on March 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall for the purpose of having an open discussion as to making Jasper more attractive to shoppers and prospective businesses.
- Commissioner Burnam advised the Board that the River Task Force meeting with the Valdosta City Council has been cancelled and that there will be a workshop held on April 10th.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that he has received a letter from the Department of Revenue requesting the renewal of the Small County 1% Infrastructure Surtax. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Adams to draft the ordinance to renew the surtax.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams gave the Board an update on the Jennings I-75 interchange and stated that the meeting with attorney Ken Ortel was a success. Mr. Adams stated that he would provide the Board with a memo outlining the discussion of the meeting and also reminded the Board of the meeting with AG-Mart on March 21st to discuss the migrant housing issue.

- Commissioner Burnam discussed with the Board the possibility of relocating the north bound exit at SR 129 / I-75.
- Commissioner Ogburn advised the Board that he would not be able to attend the Suwannee River Economic Council meeting.
- Chairman Smith apologized to County Coordinator Louie Goodin regarding his comments about the remodeling of the Doctors Clinic building.
- Clerk of Court Greg Godwin presented the Board with a draft of the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Management. After a brief discussion, the Board directed that the Agreement be placed on the agenda for the April 2nd meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

