

March 20, 2018

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.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 Attorney Cliff Adams. County Coordinator Louie Goodin was absent due to sickness.

The meeting was called to order by Madam Chairman Burnam and led in prayer by Commissioner Brown with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Madam Chairman Burnam.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the Consent Agenda changing item 3B to \$196,732.37. 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 was not present for the meeting.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION / SECURITY

Madam Chairman Burnam reviewed the Risk Management Survey report regarding Courthouse Security with the Board. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to continue the discussion until the next meeting and have the Constitutional Officers present and also the report from the Fire Coordinator.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors presented the Board with a status report regarding the Ship and CDBG programs. Mr. Nabors advised the Board of the emergency pump repair for Betty Johnson in the amount of \$1,800. Mr. Nabors stated that Madam Chairman Burnam approved the request due to the timeliness and there being children in the home. Mr. Nabors then requested approval of the following Purchase Assistance applications: Latisha Jackson and David Prueter. Mr. Nabors also advised the Board that he will be performing walkthroughs on March 26th.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the Purchase Assistance applications as recommended by Mr. Nabors with ITC. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

T-SHIRTS FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Mitchell discussed the proposal to purchase T-shirts for the Road Department. Commissioner Mitchell stated that County Coordinator Louie Goodin and Road Superintendent discussed the issue with the Road Department employees and that everyone is in agreement.

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to make the T-shirts mandatory for the Road Department employees, purchase the T-shirts from Econo Signs with amount not to exceed \$3,000, purchase five (5) shirts per employee (long sleeve or short sleeve) and to change Personnel Rules and Regulations to reflect the Board's action. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Commissioner Smith.

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 announced that the public hearing would be continued until the April 3rd meeting at 9:15 a.m.

RESOLUTION FOR AMBULANCE LEASE

County Attorney Cliff Adams discussed with the Board the request from the Ambulance leasing company for a resolution from the Board authorizing the lease.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to adopt the resolution authorizing the lease for an ambulance. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, 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.

SW 55TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the asbestos removal for the house located on the right-of-way is underway and that staff is continuing to prepare the bid documentation for the paving project. County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that Loncala is still waiting on the appraisal from Mr. Ratliff.

SE 141ST BLVD. – County Attorney Cliff Adams recommended that the Board approve the following deeds for the right-of-way acquisition. The deeds are as follows: Parcel #2 Glen and Stacey Sheppard, Parcel #3 Douglas M. Udell, Parcel #8 Vicky Tennis,

Parcel #10 Clementine Flournoy and Cassandra Smith, Parcel #11 A&B Isriel Smith & Heirs of Estate of Will and Maude Smith, Parcel #12 Richard Marshall Jr., Parcel #13 A,B&C Johnnie C. Roberts, Melvin J. Roberts, Quincey L. Roberts, Steve A. Roberts and Edward Q. Roberts, Parcel #14 A&B Melvin and Dester Roberts.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to accept the right-of-way deed for parcels 2, 3, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 for the SE 141st Blvd. paving project as presented and recommended by County Attorney Cliff Adams. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NW 34TH BLVD. (DIP) – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that staff met with SRWMD on Wednesday, March 7th to discuss the proposed work. Mr. Bailey stated that the Oak Woodlands Property Owners Association would need to apply for the SRWMD permit for the proposed work and that the Association would provide the compensation for him to assist with the acquisition of the permit. Mr. Bailey stated that the construction cost associated with the project will be approximately \$32, 740.00. Commissioner Smith discussed the possibility of the Oak Woodlands POA providing half of the construction cost. Lisa McElhaney, with the POA, addressed the Board in regards to the size of the project and also stated that the POA will be required to do restoration and will have a fine applied from SRWMD. Ms. McElhaney also reminded the Board that the POA has “Rip Rap” available for both sides of the project. The Board then discussed enacting a policy as to how much assistance to provide for the subdivisions located in the county and what criteria to use in the process. Ms. McElhaney also stated that the grading of the road created an issue with the dip area and that the dip area was previously excluded from the maintenance agreement with the county. The Board then agreed to continue the discussion of the “Dip Area” until the next Board meeting to allow staff time to acquire additional information. Commissioner Ogburn directed staff to contact SRWMD and request that the fines on the POA be waived.

SW 79th Drive – Commissioner Smith discussed with the Board the proposal to place a culvert in front of Ruby Holton’s home. Mr. Bailey explained the process and cost estimate in the amount of \$19,000 to extend the pipe in order to eliminate the proposed ditch. The Board agreed to allow Commissioner Smith to handle the issue with the contractor and denied the pipe extension.

CR-152 – Mr. Bailey presented the Board with the bids for the Lap project on CR-152. The bids were as follows: Anderson Columbia - \$2,222,239.59 and Scruggs - \$3,050,550.96

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to award the bid for the CR-152 Lap project to Anderson Columbia as the low bidder in the amount of \$2,222,239.59 as recommended by County Engineer Greg Bailey. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CR-137 – Mr. Bailey stated that work on the CR-137 resurfacing project will begin this week.

NW 23RD BLVD. – Mr. Bailey stated that the construction of the NW 23rd Blvd. is complete and the contractor is working on the damage to the new pavement.

LOVES BYPASS – Mr. Bailey stated that the construction of the Loves Bypass is proceeding according to schedule and that the curb / gutter and rip rap is complete.

Mr. Bailey also advised the Board that the plans for 104th, 35th, Chanbridge and Oak Street have been submitted to FDOT for review and upon approval the projects will be advertised for bids.

I-75 / SR6 WATER AND SEWER PLANT – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that FDEP will not approve the current chemical due to the testing of other chemicals.

RESOLUTIONS FOR GIBSON PARK BOAT RAMP AND FIVE HOLE BOAT RAMP

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to declare an emergency and approve the resolutions for the Gibson Park Boat Ramp and the Five Hole Boat Ramp. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

MILLING OF ROADS – Commissioner Mitchell requested that the Board consider allowing NE 112th Court and NE 113th Place to be milled to eliminate the need to continue to grade. The Board directed Mr. Bailey to review the projects and provide an estimate of milling for the projects at the next Board meeting.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS P. MOFFSES, JR., M.E.D., AS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN HAMILTON COUNTY

Ernesto Rubio, Interim Health Officer, presented Thomas Moffses for concurrence on the appointment as the Administrator of the Health Department. Barbara Daniels addressed the Board regarding her past employment issues with Mr. Moffses and stated that she felt that he had no compassion to work in the health field for people in Hamilton County. Ms. Daniels also stated that in her opinion Mr. Moffses was very vindictive and that she would not be in favor of the appointment. County Attorney Cliff Adams was involved in the process of choosing the administrator. Mr. Adams advised the Board that there were many applicants and that Mr. Moffses clearly expressed his vision for the health department.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to give concurrence on the appointment of Thomas P. Moffses, Jr. M.ED as administrator of the Hamilton County Health Department. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Commissioner Brown.

HELEN UDELL – SUPPORT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS AS THEY ATTEND THE 2018 SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA GAMES IN SEATTLE WASHINGTON

Helen Udell addressed the Board requesting support for the ten (10) athletes that will be attending the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games in Seattle Washington. Ms. Udell explained that this is a Project Unified where players with and without disabilities play together. Ms. Udell also stated that neither athletes nor caregivers are allowed to provide funding and that the players are trying to raise \$300 per player for the trip. Ms. Udell announced several upcoming fund raisers.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to match the amount raised by the group through fundraisers not to exceed \$5,000. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 128938 – 129255 and checks 056914 – 056995). Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Ogburn requested that the Board allow the milling of SE 165th Lane near the S&S Store in White Springs when milling is available.
- Commissioner Ogburn also gave the Board an update regarding a conference call on Thursday, with Environmental Attorney Scott Shirley. Commissioner Ogburn stated that the discussion was centered on issues with the 5 Year Permit renewal with Nutrien. Commissioner Ogburn also stated that information needs to be brought to the entire Board rather than just the Technical Working Group or designate a liaison to issue the reports to the Board.
- Madam Chairman Burnam discussed with the Board the Career Source North Florida meeting where the group has the capability of looking at the number of individuals requesting assistance. Madam Chairman Burnam also stated that the Visit Florida meeting was very interesting.

There being no further business before the Board, Madam Chairman Burnam adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

BETH BURNAM, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

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