

**APRIL 5, 2022
JASPER, FLORIDA**

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.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 Ogburn with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Smith.

**DISCUSSION OF ROOF FOR CLERK'S FILE STORAGE
AREA AT COURTHOUSE ANNEX**

Clerk of Court Greg Godwin advised the Board that the file storage area at the Courthouse Annex is leaking and will need to be re-roofed if the leaks can't be repaired. Mr. Godwin stated that the cost to place a metal roof over the last two (2) rooms of the last wing would be approximately \$3,000.00. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to allow the Maintenance Department to put a metal roof over the rooms.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to allow the Maintenance Department to place a metal roof over the two (2) file rooms as requested. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CAPITAL SOLUTIONS – PATRICK BELL – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Patrick Bell, with Capital Solutions, provided the Board with a Legislative update and discussed the successful projects for Hamilton County during this Legislative session. Mr. Bell explained the \$5.4 million from the Jobs Grant Program, the \$880,000 for the Crossroads Fire Station and possibly the roof for the arena. Following Mr. Bell’s report, the Board directed staff to begin planning for the Crossroads Fire Station and the Arena roof.

HAVEN HOSPICE – NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS MONTH PROCLAMATION – AMANDA BUTLER, HAVEN PROFESSIONAL LIAISON

Chairman Smith read the Proclamation for National Healthcare Decisions Month and Amanda Butler provided the Board with an update of the services being provided by Haven Hospice.

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

COMMUNITY HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE – NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS MONTH PROCLAMATION – WENDY CREWS, COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE

Chairman Smith read a portion of the Proclamation for National Healthcare Decisions Month.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the Proclamation as presented. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**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 stated that after meeting with county staff and providing an analysis of the fund, that their recommendation would be to adopt the standard allowance, regarding the SLFRF funding in accordance with the Final Rule, with the funds to be recorded in the General Fund, to be utilized according to Final Rule Guidance.

- Moton by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the recommendation by Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A. to enhance the flexibility of SLFRF funds contingent upon the approval of County Auditor Ken Daniels. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, 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 of the current Ship projects and stated that the round #4 Rehab approvals will be forthcoming. Regarding the CDBG-CV, Mr. Nabors stated that DEO performed a site visit on March 11th with a virtual meeting on April 1st. Mr. Nabors then stated that the completeness letter was issued by DEO on April 4th with eight (8) days rather than twenty-one (21) days to formalize a response. Mr. Nabors also advised the Board that DEO must have all projects completed within eighteen (18) months.

Chairman Smith provided the Board with photos of an area at the Recreation Department that needs to have a block wall extended that will provide space for referees and umpires to store their

belongings. Mr. Nabors stated that he would look at the situation and determine if it could be performed using the CDBG-CV grant funds.

TOWN OF JENNINGS – REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR HALF OF THE COST FOR FIRE TRUCK TRANSMISSION REPAIR

Chairman Smith discussed the request from the Town of Jennings as to the Board paying half of the total repair expense for their Fire Engine’s transmission. The total amount of the bill was \$17,230.24 with the Board’s portion if approved to be \$8,615.12. Fire Coordinator Henry Land and the Town of Jennings Fire Chief Steven Lang were present to answer questions regarding the request. After a lengthy discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the request for half of the total transmission repair from the Town of Jennings in the amount of \$8,615.12. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTS

Economic Development Director Chadd Mathis was not present for the meeting. The Board questioned staff as to the potential project in White Springs.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

BAISDEN LAKE LOOP / SW 107th AVE. – Mr. Bailey advised that his staff has reviewed the changes requested by FDOT and have resubmitted the plans for approval.

GIBSON PARK – Mr. Bailey stated that his staff are working with SRWMD due to them requiring two (2) erosion/setbacks variances.

SRWMD BOATRAMP LEASES – Mr. Goodin advised the Board that the SRWMD will be presenting lease renewals for the following boat ramps: Roline and Turner Bridge.

NW 63RD AVE. – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with an overview of the NW 63rd Ave. paving project. After a brief discussion as to whether additional right-of-way will be required, the Board requested Mr. Bailey to check with FDOT as to why additional right-of-way would be required for a resurfacing project.

CR 141 / CR 146 INTERSECTION – The Board discussed the intersection due to a recent fatality and determined that all safety measures are operational.

SW 90TH BLVD. – Chairman Smith requested direction from the Board as to paving the existing right-of-way from Hwy. 41 to Friendship Cemetery. The Board directed Mr. Bailey to provide a cost estimate for the county to pave the existing right-of-way as suggested by Chairman Smith.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY COORDINATOR AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

Chairman Smith advised the Board of an issue with Code Enforcement and stated that he requested that Mr. Cordell be present for the meeting. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to allow staff to handle the issue. Chairman Smith also discussed issues with County Coordinator Louie Goodin and after a brief discussion, County Attorney Cliff Adams suggested that the Board put their concerns in writing and hold a special meeting to allow Mr. Goodin an opportunity to respond to the Board's concerns. The Board agreed

to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Nathan Dodge, with Locklear and Associates, was present and advised the Board that the CR 137 paving project has been completed and the retainage can be released.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the bills (vouchers 153288 – 153579 and checks 067692-067815). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VECTOR CONTROL

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to declare an emergency and approve the Vector Control expenditures in the amount of \$10,066.90 and \$1,000.00 as recommended by Vector Control Specialist Pam Allen. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

LEAVE PAYOUT

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the leave payout for Victoria Erhler. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DOCTORS' CLINIC BUILDING

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve pay request number three (3) for Plumb Level Construction for the Doctors Clinic building renovations in the amount of \$80,000. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised that the City of Jasper has been unable to hire an additional certified Firefighter that would allow them to be in compliance with the Fire Agreement.
- Commissioner McCoy discussed with the Board an issue with an easement to a cemetery located in the Forest Town Subdivision. Commissioner McCoy stated that the easement needs to have a sign and be cleared due to years of neglect. The Board agreed to allow staff to review the issues and report back to the Board.
- Commissioner Brown questioned the Board as to the amount of milling currently stockpiled by the Road Department.
- Commissioner McCoy also discussed the need to have the culvert on NE 38th Street repaired or replaced. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Bailey to make a recommendation as to the issue.
- Commissioner Ogburn questioned staff as to an Internet Café located in White Springs which according to staff has been issued the 120-day notice per the Ordinance. Commissioner Ogburn also stated that Environmental Attorney Scott Shirley is working on

the financial assurance responsibility of Nutrien and that he met with the Nutrien's General Manager who will help the county.

- County Attorney Cliff Adams provided the Board with an engagement letter for Dr. Robert Pennock relating to the development of the redistricting census. Mr. Adams recommended Dr. Pennock based on his previous experience with the county.

Chairman Smith recessed the Board meeting at 11:09 a.m. to allow the Board to proceed to the Courthouse Annex to meet with Governor DeSantis for a presentation of the Jobs Grant Funding in the amount of \$5.4 million.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

