

**APRIL 20, 2023  
JASPER, FLORIDA**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in special session on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jennings Town Hall, Jennings, Florida. Present were Commissioners Travis Erixton, Robert Brown, Richie McCoy, Jimmy Muphy and Robbie Roberson, a full Board being present. Also present were County Coordinator Louie Goodin, County Attorney Andy Decker and Fire Coordinator Henry Land. Also present was the Town of Jennings City Council.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brown.

Chairman Brown stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the need for a Fire Services Agreement with the Town of Jennings. Several members from the Jennings Town Council expressed concerns as to the distance from Jasper for fire services in the Jennings area. The Board explained the reason for the department being in Jasper and stated that Jennings' participation would help in the response times. Both entities discussed the fire services and alternative measures of funding for the Town. County Attorney Andy Decker explained that the Board has agreed to utilize a fee schedule for fire services that are responded to by each municipality in the unincorporated areas of the county and would like to see the schedule used county wide. Fire Coordinator Henry Land explained the issues facing the fire departments and cautioned the Town that the number of calls having to be responded to would diminish due to the county having a full-time department. After a lengthy discussion, the Board and Town Council agreed to allow legal staff to draft a Fire Services Agreement as to the following:

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to make the following offer for Fire Services for the Town of Jennings, \$5,000 per quarter and for all fire calls outside of the municipality to pay according to the FEMA Fee Schedule. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Both entities also discussed the fire calls that the Town responded to outside of the city limits for the months of October, November and December, which after being applied to the fee schedule totaled \$21,642.40. The Board had agreed to table the bill until a Fire Services Agreement could be reached with the Town.

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to approve the invoice from the Town of Jennings for fire services for October, November and December in the amount of \$21,642.40. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

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ROBERT BROWN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK





