

May 1, 2018

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 1, 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 Coordinator Louie Goodin and County Attorney Cliff Adams.

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.

Madam Chairman Burnam introduced Mariella Garcia-Rendon as the new TDC Administrative Assistant.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

PROJECT BARK STATUS REPORT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that since the last phone conversation with individuals from Project Bark that he has been unable to make contact; however, the incentive package and Development Agreement have been forwarded to the group and would have to be renegotiated.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin stated that Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors was unable to be present for the meeting; however, there is nothing new to report. Mr. Goodin also stated that DEO has changed the format for the submittal of the CDBG closeout to E-CDBG and that at the current time it is non-operational.

ROAD DEPARTMENT BUILDING – BID AWARD

Madam Chairman Burnam read the bid results for the Road Department building: Taylor Industrial Construction - \$198,940.00 and Plumb Level Construction - \$155,760.00.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to award the bid for the Road Department building to Plumb Level Construction in the amount of \$155,760.00. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

BID AWARD – FIRE TENDERS – HENRY LAND – FIRE COORDINATOR

Fire Coordinator Henry Land discussed with the Board the bid documents received for the Fire Tender Trucks. The bids for three (3) Fire Tender trucks were as follows: Fouts Bros - \$700,000 and Rosenbauer - \$779,508. The Board discussed the trucks and the lease options.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to award the bid for the Fire Tender trucks to Fouts Bros in the amount of \$700,000 and to accept the lease option as provided. 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.

CR-137 – Mr. Bailey stated that work on the CR-137 construction project is proceeding according to schedule and the contractor is currently working on the drainage pipes and mitered ends and that the next work will be to construct the box culverts.

SW 55TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that his staff is working on the asbestos abatement in order to have the abandoned house removed from the right-of-way. County Attorney Cliff Adams introduced Wesley Carter, with Loncala, and explained the negotiating process with Loncala per their requests. Mr. Adams reviewed with the Board the agreement for the deed for the right-of-way. Mr. Bailey also stated that the plans for the road are being reviewed by FDOT.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to accept the deed for the Loncala property for the SW 55th Drive right-of-way. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SE 141ST BLVD. – Mr. Bailey advised the Board the plans for SE 141st Blvd. have been submitted to FDOT for approval.

SW 79TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey stated that the road paving project has been paved; however, the last 150 ft. of pavement will have to be replaced due to issues with the road base. Mr. Bailey also stated that approximately 2,670 tons of milling would be needed to continue the project.

NW 23RD BLDV. – Mr. Bailey stated that he has received comments from FDOT.

LOVES BYPASS – Mr. Bailey stated that the construction of the Loves Bypass has been completed. CEI Megan Carter stated that a ribbon cutting for the project will be Tuesday, May 8th at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Smith questioned staff as to a water retention issue; however, Ms. Carter stated that the issue has been addressed and corrected by the contractor.

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.

NW 34TH BLVD. (DIP) – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that staff is waiting on the restoration plan from the SRWMD

CR-152 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that FDOT has approve the contract for the Lap project.

OPIOD LITIGATION PRESENTATION – ROD SMITH

County Attorney Cliff Adams explained the current Opiod litigation. Mr. Adams introduced Attorney Rod Smith, with the Avera and Smith Law Firm. Mr. Smith provided the Board with a litigation proposal and discussed the current state of crisis in the State of Florida and Hamilton County. Mr. Smith also stated that several other North Florida counties have already signed with their firm for representation in the Opiod Litigation. Mr. Smith advised the Board that he is leaving a contract with Mr. Adams for legal staff to review. Mr. Adams recommended the firm and stated that the Board can review the information presented and further discuss the issue at a later date. Sheriff Reid also recommended Mr. Smith and his firm.

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – STATUS REPORT

Hamilton County Economic Development Director Susan Ramsey gave the Board a status report on the current economic development projects. Ms. Ramsey stated that she is working on a date and time for those interested in touring the Cultivia Farm Operation. Ms. Ramsey also stated that the Original Florida meeting will be hosted by the Development Authority in June.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS / SECURITY

The Board and Constitutional Officers discussed the security for the Courthouse and how to efficiently utilize the space available.

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to proceed with the plans to secure the Courthouse as discussed. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF EMERGENCY AMBULANCE REPAIRS – EMS DIRECTOR TOBY WITT AND ROAD DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT JAMES BELL

EMS Director, Toby Witt, discussed with the Board the current status of the EMS Ambulance fleet. Mr. Witt provided the year models and miles for the five (5) ambulances and reminded the Board that a new ambulance has been ordered and should be in service in October. Mr. Witt recommended that the Board agree to replace the engine in Medic 92 with

the OEM option with the intention of leaving the unit in service for two (2) more years. The cost of the engine would be \$8,000 with an 18 month / 100,000k warranty.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to follow the recommendation as presented by EMS Director Toby Witt. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF 911 ADDRESSING CHANGES – HENRY LAND AND PAM ALLEN

Emergency Management Director Henry Land and Assistant Director Pam Allen were present for the meeting to discuss the need to revise the current language in the 911 Ordinance. Mr. Land and Ms. Allen discussed with the Board the proposed changes and stated that the main issue is with how the occupants are notified. The Board discussed the necessary changes and requested time to review the draft ordinance.

SUWANNEE RIVER LIBRARY – BETTY LAWRENCE

Executive Director Betty Lawrence stated that she was present to submit the 2018-2019 Library budget. Ms. Lawrence gave the Board an update on the Library services and thanked the Board for the work by grounds keepers. Ms. Lawrence also discussed the new tutoring service being provided online. Commissioner Ogburn advised the Board and Ms. Lawrence that the old boiler has been placed by the old school as requested by Buddy Camp.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the bills (vouchers 129749 – 129937 and checks 057198 – 057313). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that approximately 1,000 ft. of SW 31st Street will be milled upon available milling.
- Mr. Goodin discussed with the Board the go away well on SW 90th Blvd. and stated that the well has been scoped and that portions of the casing have collapsed. Mr. Goodin also stated that there may be an opportunity to acquire funds for the repair through the SRWMD Springs grant next year.
- Mr. Goodin announced that the Party in the Pines will be having a launch party on Thursday, May 10th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Mr. Goodin then presented the Board with data from the Small County Coalition and announced that his assistant would be out for an extended period of time for surgery.

- County Attorney Cliff Adams announced that the FAC meeting would be held in June and that the Board should consider attending if possible.
- Madam Chairman Burnam stated that she is planning to attend the FAC meeting if there are available rooms in the hotel and also stated that the flags in the Veterans Memorial Park representing each branch of the military are really nice.

There being no further business before the Board, Madam Chairman Burnam adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

BETH BURNAM, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

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