

**MAY 3, 2022
JASPER, FLORIDA**

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 3, 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 (telephonically).

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.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – JOHN SMITH,
DIRECTOR – FEE INCREASE RECOMMENDATIONS**

EMS Director John Smith and Tiffany Moody presented the Board with a revised fee schedule for consideration. Mr. Smith and Ms. Moody reviewed the recommended fee changes and presented the Board with the current billing rates for the surrounding counties.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the EMS fee increase as recommended by EMS Director John Smith. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, 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 approval process is underway. Regarding the CDBG-CV, Mr. Nabors stated that he is continuing to wait on DEO to provide the documents needed to complete the CDBG-CV site visit. Mr. Nabors also requested that the Board consider leveraging \$100,000 from the next round of Ship funding to the Jennings CDBG project to assist with those in that area that have been on the Ship list for an extended period.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to allow \$100,000 of the 2022 Ship funds to be leveraged to the Town of Jennings CDBG project as recommended by Mr. Nabors. 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.**

Brittany Bechtel, with Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A, provided the Board with a status report for the American Rescue Plan. Ms. Bechtel stated that the report was submitted and received in a timely manner and that their staff is continuing to review the Doctors Office renovations as a potential project. The Board thanked Ms. Bechtel and Ms. Acosta for being present and agreed that unless there was an issue that they would only need to be present once a month rather than each meeting.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – STATUS
REPORT AND REQUESTS**

Economic Development Director Chadd Mathis was unable to be in attendance for the meeting and County Coordinator Louie Goodin provided a brief overview of the Development Forum meeting and presented the Board with a draft agreement for the Jobs

Growth Grant fund scope of work. Mr. Goodin explained that the first step will be to hire an administrator for the grant.

LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX

County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that each municipality has approved the Interlocal Agreements for the Local Option Fuel Tax distribution. Clerk of Court Greg Godwin presented the Board with information outlining the fuel tax structure as well as the reports showing the amount of fuel being pumped by Loves and Pilot.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the Interlocal Agreements for the Town of White Springs, Town of Jennings and the City of Jasper as recommended by County Attorney Cliff Adams. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

NW 63RD AVE. – Chairman Smith explained the issue with NW 63rd Ave. with there being twenty-nine (29) property owners that would be involved with right-of-way acquisition due to the NW 63rd Ave. resurfacing project being an FDOT project. Chairman Smith, based on the discussion with FDOT and County Engineer Greg Bailey, recommended that the Board not utilize the FDOT funding for the resurfacing project and the Board by unanimous consent agreed with the recommendation from Chairman Smith.

County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that Florida Statute 316.555 allows for the county to limit the heavy truck traffic without having to enact an ordinance. Mr. Adams explained the

different items listed under the State Statute and advised that the only action to be taken by the Board will be to approve a resolution.

BAISDEN LAKE LOOP / SW 107th AVE. – Mr. Bailey advised that his staff is still working with FDOT for the final approval of the plans.

NE 38TH STREET – Commissioner McCoy advised the Board that the culverts have been cleaned out with a type of screening placed over the pipes to try and deter the beavers from blocking the water flow.

GIBSON PARK – Mr. Bailey stated that the SRWMD is being reviewed.

SW 90TH BLVD. – The Board received the termination of State Funded Grant Agreement for the SW 90th Blvd. paving project and will execute the agreement at the next Board meeting.

ROBIN AVE. – Commissioner Brown discussed the need to resurface Robin Ave. at an estimated cost per Mr. Bailey of \$25,000 if the paving is done by the Road Department. The Board also discussed the need to obtain permission to remove a tree that is on private property and could affect the road right-of-way.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to resurface Robin Avenue at an estimated cost of \$25,000 and to seek permission to have the tree previously discussed removed. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

JENNINGS BLUFF CAMPGROUND RESTROOM / SHOWER BUILDING – BID AWARD

Commissioner Ogburn, Chairman of the Tourist Development Council, advised the Board that the TDC board's recommendation is

for the Board to approve the bid for the Jennings Bluff Campground project from Plumb Level Construction in the amount of \$129,110.00. Commissioner Ogburn stated that Building Official John Auer confirmed that the bid was reasonable. The Board then discussed the estimated cost to run power to the campground and after a lengthy discussion several options the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to accept the bid from Plumb Level Construction Company in the amount of \$129,110.00 for the Jennings Bluff Campground project as recommended by the TDC and for the project to be contingent on the cost associated with having power constructed to the campground being reasonable. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2015 COUNTY-HELD TAX CERTIFICATES

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to follow the Florida Statute and request a tax deed sale for those properties with an assessment in excess of \$5,000. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2020 COUNTY-HELD TAX CERTIFICATES

County Attorney Cliff Adams recommended that no action be taken on the 2020 certificates.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL – GRANT APPROVAL

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to declare an emergency and to approve the TDC grant for the Bicycle Association in the amount of \$1,589.74 as recommended by the TDC board. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 153896 – 154126 and checks 067938-068051). Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to declare an emergency and to allow staff to post and advertise for the County Attorney position. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin requested direction from the Board as to whether to paint or white-wash the newly renovated Doctors Clinic building with the Board agreeing by unanimous consent to allow the Maintenance Department to white-wash the building. Mr. Goodin also advised the Board that the paving of the parking lot adjacent to the Courthouse will begin soon.

- Commissioner Ogburn provided the Board with a brief update on the Technical Working Group meeting and also stated that the new owners of Beinville Plantation have shown a willingness to work with the county on future projects.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that Dr. Robert Pennock is working on phase one of the redistricting census.
- Chairman Smith read a letter from Suwannee County thanking Building Official John Auer for his assistance.
- The Board agreed by unanimous consent to increase the budgeted amount for the Riding Club from \$2,500 to \$3,500.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

