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JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Josh Smith, Randy Ogburn, Jimmy Murphy and Richie McCoy, a full Board being present. Also present was County Coordinator Louie Goodin and County Attorney Brittany Cooper.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Ogburn and led in prayer by Commissioner Smith with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Ogburn.

Chairman Ogburn introduced Brittany Cooper as the new County Attorney.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors provided the Board with a brief update on the current Ship, CDBG, CDBG-CV and American Rescue Plan. Mr. Nabors advised the Board that the current CDBG program has been completed and the closeout is underway. Mr. Nabors also presented the Board with a contract for the Administrative Services for the CDBG-CV program.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the FY 2020 Small Cities CDBG-CV contract with ITC for general administration services. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors then briefly discussed the American Rescue Plan and confirmed the date (May 10th at 9:00 a.m.) to discuss Broadband coverage with Windstream.

COVID – 19 (CORONAVIRUS 2019) UPDATE AND STATUS REPORT

Tom Moffses, with the Department of Health, presented the Board with a summary of the Covid-19 effects on Hamilton County and stated that the positive cases continue to decline. Mr. Moffses reviewed the current Covid-19 numbers and the success of the vaccinations and stated that they are available for all ages.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution 2021-22 and 2021-23 as a continuation of 2020-01 for an additional seven (7) days. 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 able to attend the meeting due to an asbestos survey being done on the Jennings House property. County Coordinator Louie Goodin provided the Board with a brief status report on the current Economic Development projects.

Jennifer Gisonni addressed the Board in support of making Mia Hunter, the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, a full-time employee to help coordinator the current programs and the new Adopt a Block program. Ms. Gisonni explained the need to have the position work additional hours in order to be available to help clean-up the Cities and County. The Board advised Ms. Gisonni that staff is already in discussion as to a job description that will increase Ms. Hunter's hours to fulltime.

David Hasenauer, with Green Point Research, addressed the Board as to their request for a second economic development incentive per the Development Agreement. Mr. Hasenauer advised the Board that their business was at full operation and that they were seeking employees. The Board questioned Mr. Hasenauer as to their compliance with the Development Agreement. County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that he did a site visit yesterday and that the refining equipment was operational. The Board discussed the need for Green Point Research to provide the Board with additional information as to their business in order to better understand how the business operates and several Board members stated that they would like to visit the site again to ensure that they are fully operational and have moved their headquarters to Hamilton County. The Board also discussed the number of employees currently employed verses the requirement of twenty (20) per the Agreement.

PUBLIC HEARING – CPA 21-01 APPLICATION TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURAL (AG-1) TO AGRICULTURAL (AG-4) ON PROPERTY IN HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA – MARCOS GOMEZ AND PAOLA GUERRERO

Chairman Ogburn recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing (CPA 21-01) to order at 9:47 a.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter provided the Board with a staff analysis report regarding the application from Paola Guerrero seeking an amendment to the Future Land Use Map to change approximately 83 acres from AG-1 to AG-4. Ms. Carter also advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the application.

Ms. Guerrero explained that the purpose for the application was to allow other family members to be able to reside on the property. David Vargas Sr. and David Vargas Jr. addressed the Board in opposition to the application and stated that an environmental review should be done on the property before approval of the application in order to protect the natural resources. Ms. Carter explained that the staff review provides for any environmental impacts to the property.

There being no further comments or questions from the public or Board, Chairman Ogburn closed the public hearing at 9:57 a.m. and reconvened the Board meeting.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve CPA 21-01 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – LDR 21-01 APPLICATION TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY CHANGING ZONING FROM AGRICULTURAL (AG-1) TO AGRICULTURAL (AG-4) ON PROPERTY IN HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA – MARCOS GOMEZ AND PAOLA GUERRERO

Chairman Ogburn recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing (LDR 21-01) to order at 10:00 a.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter provided the Board with a staff analysis report regarding the application from Paola Guerrero seeking an amendment to the Future Land Use Map to change approximately 83 acres from AG-1 to AG-4. Ms. Carter also advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the application.

There being no further comments or questions from the public or Board, Chairman Ogburn closed the public hearing at 10:02 a.m. and reconvened the Board meeting.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve LDR 21-01 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

HAMILTON COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION PLAN

Emergency Management Director Henry Land and Assistant Director Pam Allen discussed with the Board the revisions to the current Local Mitigation Plan. The Board stated concerns with not having ample time to review the document prior to approval and suggested that Mr. Land request an extension to allow the Board and legal staff additional time to review the changes to the document. Chairman Ogburn stated that there were minimal changes to the current plan and that the plan could be amended at any time. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to allow Ms. Allen to provide a cross reference for the plan's changes and for the Board to consider approval at the May 10th special meeting. Mr. Land announced the stake holders meeting on Tuesday, May 11th at 9:30 a.m. and also advised the Board that a new delegation of authority letter has been prepared for the Chairman's signature. Mr. Land also advised the Board that on June 1st Emergency Management will be starting a team CERT for the Hamilton County High School.

VECTOR CONTROL PROGRAM BUDGET - DISCUSSION

Vector Control Specialist Pam Allen discussed the Vector Control budget options with the Board. Ms. Allen presented the Board with a revised Vector Control budget and a Work Plan budget.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the Hamilton County Vector Control budget as presented by Ms. Allen. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board also agreed to allow Mr. Land to store some of the supplies at the Road Department if needed.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Kellan 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 provided the Board with a brief update regarding the Basin Lake Loop project and stated that his staff is waiting for the mitigation bank to re-open before finalizing the project.

SW 90TH BLVD. – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with an update for the SW 90th Blvd. paving project and stated that the extension from FDOT has been approved and executed.

CR – 137 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that construction is for the CR-137 paving project is proceeding as scheduled.

OAK STREET – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the right-of-way maps are complete for the Oak Street paving project and that the final construction plans have been submitted to the County.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the bills (vouchers 147952 – 148182 and checks 065239-065359). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board of his discussions with each Municipality regarding Animal Control.
- Commissioner McCoy advised the Board that the issue in Forest Town Subdivision was resolved by the property owner. Commissioner McCoy also addressed several issues at the Arena that need to be taken care of prior to the rodeo.
- Commissioner McCoy also requested that River Oak Trails Subdivision be placed on the agenda for a possible Limited Maintenance Agreement.
- Commissioner Brown requested permission from the Board to remove a tree located on the county right-of-way on NW 38th Drive. The Board agreed to allow the Road Department to have the tree removed due to safety purposes.
- Commissioner Smith requested permission to have a tree removed from the right-of-way on SW 86th Blvd. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow the tree to be removed.

- Commissioner Smith also announced the Trojan baseball game on Friday at 7:00 p.m. against Union County.
- County Attorney Brittany Cooper advised the Board that the appraisals from Ron Ratliff should be complete prior to the next Board meeting.
- Mr. Goodin announced that the retirement luncheon for County Attorney Cliff Adams will be at the Annex at 12:00 p.m. Mr.
- Goodin also reviewed the pending projects list with the Board.
- Commissioner Smith also discussed the need for himself to abstain from voting or participating in the broadband discussion with Windstream.

FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW AS OF 03-31-2021

Clerk of Court Greg Godwin and Finance Director Sheri Davis provided the Board with a budget review through the 2nd quarter (03=31-2021).

Chairman Ogburn then recessed the Board meeting in order to attend the luncheon for Cliff Adams and to be present for a site visit at the Suwannee Valley Nursing Center at 1:30 p,m,

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

