

May 15, 2018

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 15, 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 Smith with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Madam Chairman Burnam.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX

County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that the county has received a letter from the Department of Revenue requesting any changes to the distribution of the Local Option Fuel Tax. Mr. Adams advised the Board of the current distribution and the Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow legal staff to proceed with the approval process.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors presented the Board with a status report for Ship and CDBG. Mr. Nabors discussed with the Board the final CDBG reimbursement from DEO and advised that the final closeout will take place within ten (10) days. Mr. Nabors also provided the Board with an accounting of the current Ship contracts and encumbered funds.

PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL PERMIT 03-1 – A PETITION AND APPLICATION FILED BY WHITE SPRINGS AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS, INC. D/B/A PCS PHOSPHATE – WHITE SPRINGS, FOR RENEWAL OF SPECIAL PERMIT 03-1 AUTHORIZING PHOSPHATE MINING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE YEAR TERM

Madam Chairman Burnam recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing (Special Permit 03-1 Renewal) to order at 6:10 p.m.

County Attorney Cliff Adams provided the Board with a copy of the final resolution allowing for the renewal of Special Permit 03-1. Mr. Adams discussed the resolution with

the Board and recommended approval and the Board thanked all those involved in the process of the permit renewal. Commissioner Ogburn recommended that the language in the resolution stating Louie Goodin as the County Coordinator be changed to County Coordinator without naming the individual in the position.

There being no further questions or comments from the public or Board, Madam Chairman Burnam closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 6:15 p.m. Madam Chairman Burnam read the title of the Resolution for the benefit of the public.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to adopt the Resolution for the renewal of Special Permit 03-1 authorizing phosphate mining and related activities for an additional five year term and to change the language to reflect only the County Coordinator's position without a name. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, 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 has completed the drainage pipes and mitered ends and has started the construction of the box culverts.

SW 55TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the asbestos abatement has been let for bids. Mr. Bailey also stated that FDOT's comments for the SW 55th Drive paving project have been received and are being reviewed by staff.

SE 141ST BLVD. – Mr. Bailey advised the Board the plans for SE 141st Blvd. have been approved by FDOT and as soon as the final comments from FDOT are addressed the SE 141st Blvd. paving project will be let for bids.

SW 79TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey stated that the contractor is working on the last 150 ft. of pavement that had to be replaced due to issues with the road base.

NW 23RD BLVD. – Mr. Bailey stated that he has received comments from FDOT and that staff is working on the punch list in order to complete the project.

Mr. Bailey also advised the Board that the plans for 104th, 35th, Chanbridge and Oak Street are complete and have been submitted to FDOT for review.

NW 34TH BLVD. (DIP) – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that staff is waiting on the restoration plan from the POA and that the plans for the project have been completed.

CR-152 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that a pre-construction meeting has been scheduled for June 6th.

LOVES BYPASS – Mr. Bailey stated that the construction of the Loves Bypass has been completed and has made a significant improvement to the ingress and egress of the Loves Truck Plaza. Madam Chairman Burnam stated that there have been issues with trucks not utilizing the bypass and suggested that a flashing sign be placed in order to help eliminate future issues.

DISCUSSION OF MOSQUITO CONTROL

Sally Ford, with the Columbia County Health Department, was present and explained the issues with several positive tests in Columbia and Hamilton Counties regarding the presence of Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Ms. Ford stated that the Department of Health will support the county in its efforts to deal with the issue. Due to confusion as to the notification of the Board and the public, Madam Chairman Burnam explained the timeline of the EEE investigation and notification. Emergency Management Assistant Pam Allen was present and discussed with the Board the previous conversations regarding the trapping of mosquitos and potential spraying the affected areas. Ms. Allen advised the Board that an approximate cost of spraying an area of ten (10) miles would be \$1,700. A lengthy discussion ensued in order to determine the protocol for future issues and how to best handle the situations.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to recognize Pam Allen as the Vector Control Officer for Hamilton County and to direct staff to draft a job description for the position. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Smith for the decision to spray for mosquitos to be that of the Board as recommended by the Vector Control Officer. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PROJECT BARK STATUS REPORT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that he is continuing to make contact with individuals from Project Bark. Mr. Goodin stated that the company appears to be researching the logistic issues. Susan Ramsey, with the Development Authority, advised the Board that she responded to an email; however, has not had any correspondence. The Board discussed with Ms. Ramsey the need to market the property that was purchased from Nutrien for Project Bark. Ms. Ramsey agreed to market the property.

RESOLUTION – CONFIRMING AND RE-CONFIRMING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY TROURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

County Attorney Cliff Adams presented the Board with a resolution confirming and re-confirming the TDC membership. Madam Chairman read the title of the resolution for the record.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to adopt the resolution to confirm and re-confirm

the TDC membership. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

OPIOID LITIGATION PRESENTATION – ROD SMITH

County Attorney Cliff Adams explained the current Opioid litigation and recommended that the Board enter into a litigation contract with the Avera and Smith Law Firm. Madam Chairman Burnam read the title of the resolution for the record.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to enter into an agreement for contract with the Avery and Smith Law Firm and others for the Opioid Litigation as recommended by County Attorney Cliff Adams. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS / SECURITY

Clerk of Court Greg Godwin advised the Board that NFPS is in the process of drafting the plans and specifications for the Courthouse and that the equipment needed for security may be able to be purchased through a grant.

DISCUSSION OF 911 ADDRESSING CHANGES – HENRY LAND AND PAM ALLEN

Emergency Management Director Henry Land and Assistant Director Pam Allen were present for the discussion of the 911 Addressing ordinance changes. County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that the ordinance will need to be amended and then advertised before being presented to the Board for approval.

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.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 129938 – 130240 and checks 057346 – 057421). Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Smith requested that staff check on the purchase of the exercise equipment for the walk path at the Recreation Department.

- Commissioner Smith also thanked the Road Department for the reconstruction of the fence at the arena and stated that the Rodeo was a big success. Commissioner Smith also read a letter from the Riding Club thanking the Board for the fence and support.
- Commissioner Smith requested that Code Enforcement be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next Board meeting.
- Commissioner Smith also discussed with the Board the possibility of assisting the School District with relocating the modular units currently at the Elementary School to the High School to be used as locker rooms for the sports programs.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams discussed with the Board the bid objection filed by Rosenbauer regarding the action taken by the Board at the last Board meeting to award the bid for the Tinder Trucks to Fouts Bro. Mr. Adams stated that after his review of the objection and his discussion with Fouts Bro. he recommends that the Board stay with the previous action taken.
- Madam Chairman Burnam announced a job fair by Mortenson Construction Company Wednesday, May 30th at Careersource North Florida in Madison for the Duke Energy solar field.
- Madam Chairman Burnam also discussed with the Board that the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is providing transportation to and from the Vo-Tech School in Live Oak; however, the number of individuals utilizing the service has decreased.
- The Board announced that the Memorial Day Ceremony will be on May 28th at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park.

There being no further business before the Board, Madam Chairman Burnam adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

BETH BURNAM, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

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