

**MAY 16, 2023  
JASPER, FLORIDA**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Travis Erixton, Jimmy Murphy, Robert Brown, Robbie Roberson and Richie McCoy, a full Board being present. Also present were County Coordinator Louie Goodin and County Attorney Andy Decker.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM / CDBG-CV – STATUS REPORT**

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors provided the Board with a status report for Ship and CDBG. Mr. Nabors provided the Board with a list of Ship Round 2 rehab projects and recommended approval by the Board. Mr. Nabors also stated that he is still waiting for the approval of the procurement process for the new CDBG grant.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the Round two (2) Ship Rehab projects as recommended by ITC Inc. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

County Attorney Andy Decker advised the Board that staff is still waiting on the CDBG-CV grant award letter for execution prior to moving forward with the grant.

**PUBLIC HEARING – CPA 23-01 – APPLICATION BY JONATHAN JONES (STATLINE RV REPAIR) TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE – 4 (AG-4) TO COMMERCIAL INTENSIVE (CI) ON PROPERTY IN HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Chairman Brown recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing (CPA 23-01) to order at 6:10 p.m.

County Attorney Andy Decker explained the action before the Board and advised that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the application to change property in Hamilton County from AG-4 to CI. Applicant Jonathan Jones was present and explained the reason for the request.

There being no further comments from the public or Board, Chairman Brown closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 6:15 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve CPA 23-01 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING – LDR 23-01 – APPLICATION BY JONATHAN JONES (STATLINE RV REPAIR) TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE – 4 (AG-4) TO COMMERCIAL INTENSIVE (CI) ON PROPERTY IN HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Chairman Brown recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing (LDR 23-01) to order at 6:15 p.m.

County Attorney Andy Decker explained the action before the Board and advised that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the application to change property in Hamilton County from AG-4 to CI. Applicant Jonathan Jones was present to answer any questions from the Board or public.

There being no further comments from the public or Board, Chairman Brown closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 6:17 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve LDR 23-01 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the demolition of the old Holiday Inn property and the possible need to have an independent contractor do the demolition due to the thickness of the concrete and rebar. County Attorney Andy Decker advised the Board that due to the urgency of the project the Board has ample authority to waive the procurement policy due to the timeliness of the project.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to waive the Board's procurement policy as advised by County Attorney Andy Decker due to the nature and timeliness of the project. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Goodin then advised the Board that Boone Construction has the necessary equipment to do the demolition and has agreed to perform the demolition for \$80,000 and can begin immediately if approved by the Board.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to allow Boone Construction to perform the demolition of the old Holiday Inn property in the amount of \$80,000. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board directed staff to approach the Development Authority to see if they would entertain paying half of the demolition amount.

## **ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT**

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

**LAKE BAISDEN LOOP** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the Lake Baisden Loop paving project is progressing according to schedule. Jered Lizotte, with Locklear, provided the Board with a brief update on the paving project and discussed the need for five (5) culverts to be installed that were not included in the design phase of the road. Mr. Lizotte stated that the cost for Curt's Construction to install the culverts would be \$25,425.80 with the cost to be eligible for reimbursement through the FDOT grant.

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to approve for Curt's Construction to install the five (5) new culverts as recommended by Locklear in the amount of \$25,425.80. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**CROSSROADS FIRE STATION** – Mr. Bailey stated that he has reviewed the plans for the Crossroads Fire Station with Fire Coordinator Henry Land and will be continuing to work on the design of the building.

**5 HOLE BOAT RAMP** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that he has discussed the site plans with staff and Commissioner Roberson and will proceed with the geo-technical reporting.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the application for the Historical Grant is being completed along with letters of support from the Hamilton County School District and the City of Jasper with the deadline for submittal being June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Goodin explained the scope of work for the project.

**SW 69<sup>th</sup> DRIVE** – Mr. Bailey explained the situation with the intersection and recommended that the piled dirt be removed to allow for an improved radius and to allow for an adjustment for the signage.

**SE 54<sup>TH</sup> DRIVE** – The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow Mr. Bailey to establish a speed limit for SE 54<sup>th</sup> Drive.

**NW 13<sup>TH</sup> DRIVE** – Commissioner Murphy requested that the Board consider allowing the Road Department to pave approximately 2.1 miles of NW 13<sup>th</sup> Drive from CR-143 to CR-152. Clerk of Court Greg Godwin provided the Board with a cost analysis for paving roads utilizing the Road Department.

- Motion by Commissioner Murphy to approve for the Road Department to pave the previously discussed 2.1 mile portion of NW 13<sup>th</sup> Drive. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**APPROVE RFP SPECIFICATIONS FOR COUNTY MEDICAL INSURANCE AND ANCILLARY AND SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE BID**

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the Request for Proposals specifications for County Medical Insurance and Ancillary / Supplemental Insurance. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**DISCUSSION OF OLD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COMPLEX SURVEY**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the School District has requested that the County participate in the survey for the property that will be donated to the County by paying half of the survey amount. Mr. Goodin also stated that the Board will need to set a date and time to stake the property that will be the County's prior to the survey.

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to approve for the Board to participate with the School District by agreeing to pay half of the survey amount. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the bills (vouchers 160304 – 160870 and checks 070834-070963). Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH MEDICAL EXAMINERS SERVICES**

- Motion by Commissioner Roberson to approve the Cooperative Agreement for Medical Examiners Services. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin announced that the Technical Working Group meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex meeting room. Mr. Goodin also announced the Hurricane Preparedness meeting on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the EOC. Mr. Goodin reminded the Board that he would be on vacation Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Commissioner McCoy discussed with the Board the possible condemnation of the Firecracker building that is located next to the Old Holiday Inn property.
- Commissioner Roberson requested Board staff to investigate the issue with Semi Trucks using NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave. after the Board previously passed a Resolution restricting the travel of Semi Trucks on the road.
- Commissioner Murphy questioned staff as to pump station, Mr. Goodin advised that he still looking into the requirements and cost. Commissioner Murphy also questioned staff as to the one (1) cent sales tax for fire and advised that the Road Grader transmission repair is complete.
- The Board also discussed the pipe construction for the City of Jasper.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

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ROBERT BROWN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK



