

**MAY 17, 2022  
JASPER, FLORIDA**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.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.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**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 Resolution for the Jobs Growth Grant fund scope of work. Chairman Smith read the title of the Resolution for the benefit of the public and the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the Jobs Growth Infrastructure Grant Fund Resolution. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

County Attorney Cliff Adams discussed with the Board the need for an Inter-Local Agreement with the Development Authority for the placement of infrastructure on the property.

## **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 final review for the CDBG-CV grant. Mr. Nabors also discussed with the Board the need to begin the CDBG 2022 application process.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to allow In Touch Consulting Group, Inc. to proceed with the upcoming 2022 CDBG application cycle. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Brown to allow ITC to utilize \$50,000 of Ship funds for the 2022 CDBG application for leverage points. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **REQUEST PAVING OF NE 32<sup>ND</sup> ST FROM CR51 TO NE 116<sup>TH</sup> LANE AND 116<sup>TH</sup> LANE TO 35<sup>TH</sup> TRAIL – NEIL CRUMITY, MARK HAMILTON AND CRAIG ESBOLBT**

Neil Crumity addressed the Board and requested that the Board to consider paving NE 32<sup>nd</sup> St from CR51 to NE 116<sup>th</sup> Lane and 116<sup>th</sup> Lane to 35<sup>th</sup> Trail. Mr. Crumity explained the flooding issues and stated that the area has become much more populated. The Board explained the procedures for subdivision roads. Mark Hamilton, a resident of the subdivision, also stated that during storms and excessive rain events, the road is flooded and cannot be traveled by the residents. Craig Esbolbt also discussed issues with the roads flooding during excessive rain. The Board, after a lengthy discussion directed staff to determine ownership of the roads, identify and determine the drainage for the area and allow Commissioner McCoy to review the situation to determine a possible solution to the flooding issues and report back to the Board.

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

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

**BAISDEN LAKE LOOP / SW 107<sup>th</sup> AVE.** – Mr. Bailey stated that FDOT has finally approved the Baisden Lake Loop paving project with the advertisement for bid proposals will be sent out immediately.

**GIBSON PARK** – Mr. Bailey stated that the SRWMD has responded with additional information pertaining to the Gibson Park permit.

**COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT** – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with a site plan for the Courthouse parking area for review. After reviewing the plans, the Board requested that Mr. Bailey re-draw the plans using angled parking spaces and also agreed by unanimous consent to allow the Road Department to construct the parking lot.

**PAVING OF SW 90<sup>TH</sup> BLVD.** – Chairman Smith discussed the paving of SW 90<sup>th</sup> Blvd. utilizing the Road Department for the paving of the existing right-of-way from Hwy. 41 to Friendship Cemetery. Chairman Smith requested direction from the Board for the paving project.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve for the County Road Department to pave the existing right-of-way from Hwy. 41 to the Friendship Cemetery with staff to determine the Road Department's start date for the project and report back to the Board prior to the project beginning. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bailey recommended a twenty (20) foot road and the Board requested that County Attorney Cliff Adams check with the chicken farm to determine the route of the trucks.

### **TERMINATION OF SW 90<sup>TH</sup> BLVD. FDOT PROJECT –**

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the resolution and documentation terminating the FDOT funded agreement for the SW 90<sup>th</sup> Blvd. paving project. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**NW 63<sup>RD</sup> AVE.** – County Attorney Cliff Adams presented the Board with a resolution establishing weight limits for NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Mr. Adams read a portion of the resolution and explained the exceptions.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the Resolution establishing weight limits for NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave. as recommended by legal counsel. Second was made by Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**HAMILTON COUNTY MINING ORDINANCE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT AND ESTIMATES – WHITE SPRINGS AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS INC. – NUTRIEN**

Commissioner Ogburn discussed the situation with Nutrien and the 2020 Annual Report and advised that according to Environmental Attorney Scott Shirley, all issues having been addressed; therefore, he would recommend that the Board approve the report.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the 2020 Nutrien Annual Report as recommended by Environmental Attorney Scott Shirley. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Ogburn stated that some of the issues that occurred during the 2020 report will be discussed during the 2021 Annual Report. The Board requested staff to discuss with Mr. Shirley to hold a workshop with the Board and discuss the history of the mining operations. A date for the workshop will be forthcoming.

**APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 154127 – 154485 and checks 068052-068189). Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**COMPUTER PURCHASE**

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to declare an emergency and approve the Comsys quote for computers as requested by County Coordinator Louie

Goodin in the amount of \$1,668.00 each. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **JENNINGS BLUFF CAMPGROUND RESTROOM / SHOWER BUILDING**

Commissioner Ogburn, Chairman of the Tourist Development Council, discussed the Jennings Bluff Campground project, possible funding opportunities and stated that Chairman Smith is working on the power issue.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to proceed with the Jennings Bluff Campground project and award the bid and allow staff to continue to work on the power issue. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK – PROCLAMATION**

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to declare an emergency and approve the proclamation for the declaration of National Safe Boating Week. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the County Attorney request for proposals advertisement is has been prepared. After a brief discussion of the timeline for the position, the Board agreed by unanimous consent to proceed with the advertisement.
- The Board agreed to allow Mr. Goodin to write a “thank you letter” to Mr. Lee for allowing the public to park on his property during the recent rodeo.
- Mr. Goodin also advised that the whitewashing of the Doctors Clinic building will be done as soon as possible and that the renovations of Dr. Smitdas office will also be beginning.
- Commissioner McCoy requested information from staff as to the possible purchase of the Holiday Inn property in Jennings. Staff advised that the

current owner has stated that the selling price for the property is \$3 million; however, County Attorney Cliff Adams recommended that the Board allow the Development Authority to take the lead on the negotiations for the property. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to allow staff to work with the Development Authority and offer \$1 million plus demolition from the Board towards the purchase of the property.

- Commissioner Brown advised the Board that the Road Department is waiting on bid proposals for the Robin Ave. tree removal.
- Commissioner Ogburn provided the Board with a brief update on the City of Jasper Fire Department and the Town of White Springs Fire Department. According to staff, the City of Jasper has advertised for a certified fire fighter position and the Town of White Springs has abolished their fire department.
- Jennifer Giossani provided the Board with an update regarding the mural, construction of a covered bus stop, dog park and Beaty bridge reconstruction.
- Commissioner Murphy discussed with the Board the need to possibly offer an incentive package for Buc-ee's due to the recent news from Lowndes County. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to allow staff to offer a \$4 million incentive package for Buc-ee's to bring their business to Hamilton County.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams provided the Board with an update on the Local Option Fuel Tax procedures.
- Chairman Smith discussed with the Board the need for restrooms and a concession stand to be constructed for the lower field at the Recreation Center. The Board directed staff to determine if the project could be included in the CDBG-CV project for possible funding.
- Clerk of Court Greg Godwin advised the Board of the need for two (2) Commissioners to be prepared to serve on the Canvassing Board for the

upcoming election. The Board agreed to allow Commissioner Brown to serve as the primary member with Commissioner Murphy to be the alternate.

- The Board briefly discussed the difference in the truck prices for the trucks that were approved in January for the Sheriff's Department. The Board agreed to pay the amount previously agreed upon during the January meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

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JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK







