

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Court Room (due to the Coronavirus), 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, William Mitchell, Beth Burnam, Josh Smith and Randy Ogburn a full Board being present. Also present was County Coordinator Louie Goodin and County Attorney Cliff Adams (telephonically).

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

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin in the absence of Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors gave the Board a status report of the current Ship and CDBG grants.

SUWANNEE VALLEY NURSING CENTER – DANNY WILLIAMSON, ADMINISTRATOR – STATUS REPORT ON CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ADDITION

Danny Williamson, Director of the Suwannee Valley Nursing Center, provided the Board with an update on the construction of the new addition at the Nursing Center. Mr. Williamson stated that all funding has been secured for the project with construction to be complete by early August.

PUBLIC HEARING – SD 19-02 COURSON LAKE PROPERTIES SUBDIVISION – APPLICATION FOR FINAL PLAT FOR MINOR SUBDIVISION BY CODY CALIFF AS AGENT

Chairman Brown recessed the Board meeting and called the public hearing (SD 19-02) to order at 6:15 p.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter advised the Board that the applicants have requested the public hearing to be continued until the June 16, 2020 meeting. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to continue the hearing until the June 16, 2020 meeting.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAG LINE CROSSING OF BLACK STILL ROAD THE WEEK OF MAY 25, 2020 – NUTRIEN – WHITE SPRINGS – MIKE WILLIAMS

Mike Williams, with Nutrien, addressed the Board requesting permission to cross the Black Still Road with the #2 Drag Line during the week of May 25, 2020. Cameron Lynch, with Nutrien, also discussed the issue with the Board and advised that the #3 Drag Line will also be crossing the road in about three (3) weeks.

Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to allow Nutrien to cross the Black Still Road during the week of May 25, 2020 with the #2 Dragline Line. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED ROUTE OF THE BLACK STILL ROAD RELOCATION - NUTRIEN-WHITE SPRINGS – MIKE WILLIAMS

Mike Williams, with Nutrien, addressed the Board and discussed the request from Nutrien to relocate the Black Still Road (SE 62nd Drive). The Board discussed the concerns with the Black Still Road relocation and the access by the Camp family. Cameron Lynch, with Nutrien, explained the relocation and stated that Nutrien would grant an easement to allow the Camp family access to their property. The Board also stated concerns with the School District and U.S. Postal Service being notified of the changes to the Black Still road. Mr. Williams assured the Board that their concerns would be addressed and that the issue with the turnaround at the dead-end portion of the road would also be addressed. Commissioner Smith questioned Mr. Lynch regarding the road already being constructed prior to being approved by the Board and stated the need for signage for the county portion of the road.

Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the relocation of the Black Still road as proposed by Nutrien with the issues previously noted being addressed. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

County Engineer Greg Bailey gave the Board a status report on the current road projects. Mr. Bailey also introduced Kellen Bailey as a new engineer with NFPS.

BASIN LAKE LOOP / SW 107th AVE. – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with a brief update regarding the Basin Lake Loop project. County Attorney Cliff Adams presented the Board with Right-of-way deeds for the paving project.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve and accept the Right-of-way deed for parcel 4C and 4D (Keith and Amy Hughes). Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve and accept the Right-of-way deed for parcel 2 / 37 (James and Julie Dedge). Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NW 63RD BLVD. – Commissioner Smith discussed with the Board the deterioration of NW

63rd Blvd. Commissioner Smith stated that the road is on the FDOT 5 year Work Program and with construction scheduled to begin at the end of 2022 through 2023; however, due to the condition of the road Commissioner Smith requested permission from the Board to allow County Engineer Greg Bailey to assess the road in order to determine the necessary repairs. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow staff and Mr. Bailey to review the road and make a recommendation as to the repairs.

CR-137 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that his staff has submitted the plans for the CR-137 paving project to FDOT for approval. The Board noted that the milling from the CR-137 paving project would belong to the county at no additional cost. Mr. Bailey stated that for all new projects the millings will automatically revert to the counties.

CR-249 SIDEWALK – Mr. Bailey explained the cost associated with widening the shoulders of CR-249 as such: Southside - \$245,000 and Northside - \$310,000 with the approximate cost being a contract price. After a lengthy discussion, the Board directed staff to check with the Road Department as to what it would take to widen or mill the shoulder of the road before making a final determination.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the Consent Agenda pulling item (b) FDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement and add four (4) loads of sand for Oak Grove Academy to item (e) Dirt Request from the Hamilton County School District. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

AT&T TOWER LEASE

County Attorney Cliff Adams provided the Board with a draft copy of the lease agreement with AT&T for review and asked for the item to be continued until the next meeting.

DISCUSSION OF RECREATION PARK ACTIVITIES

Recreation Director Chuck Burnett addressed the Board and presented the Recreation Board's recommendation to move the opening date of the 2020 spring baseball and softball season to July due to the concerns of the Coronavirus. Mr. Burnett stated that the surrounding counties have also moved their sports to the fall and several parents expressed concerns again due to the virus. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to follow the recommendation of the Recreation Board.

COVID-19 – CORONAVIRUS DISEASE – STATUS REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Tom Moffses, Director of the Health Department, provided the Board with a Coronavirus summary for Hamilton County. Mr. Moffses also stated that local testing is being administered to any individuals wishing to be tested and answered questions from the Board. The Board then discussed the elevated number of positive individuals at Hamilton

Correctional Institute and after a brief discussion, directed staff to issue a demand letter to the Governor, Lt. Governor and Legislature requesting an answer as to the virus numbers of HCI and how the situation is being handled with Chairman Brown to sign the letter once completed by County Attorney Cliff Adams. Mr. Moffses then stated that the Health Department will continue providing Primary Care for individuals even in the midst of the Coronavirus.

Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the continuation of Resolution 2020 – 01 Declaration of a Local State of Emergency due to Covid-19. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Moffses then stated that the testing of the Withlacoochee will continue and that the current budget still has approximately \$2,000 remaining funds for testing.

DISCUSSION OF PAUPER BURIAL FEE

The Board reviewed a letter from Harry T. Reid Funeral Home requesting a \$250 increase in the Pauper Burial fee.

Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to increase the Pauper Burial Fee to \$750. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board directed County Coordinator Louie Goodin to check with the surrounding counties as to their fees.

DISCUSSION OF HAMILTON PRIMARY CARE INVENTORY AND FINAL PAYMENT

After a review of the Hamilton Primary Care financial data for the month of April and the final inventory by staff and the Development Authority, the Board took the following action:

Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to authorize payment for quarter 1 (2020) and to approve the inventory. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board authorized County Attorney Cliff Adams to review the bill for the month of April with Shands.

APPROVE BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the bills (vouchers 142283 – 142593 and checks 062583-062687). Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that he would be out of the office next week on vacation.

Commissioner Ogburn directed staff to ensure that Nutrien does the survey of the Black Still road prior to destroying it.

Commissioner Burnam stated that the River Task Force will be meeting tomorrow.

Commissioner Mitchell discussed with the Board the need to have the warehouse on CR-6 East cleaned up.

Commissioner Smith requested that the Animal Control Ordinance be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Smith requested staff provide a monthly update on Code Enforcement by district.

Commissioner Smith discussed the repairs to the Genoa Water and Sewer system and stated that the system is operational except for a blow-off valve. Mr. Goodin stated he is obtaining quotes for the valve and that Mr. Moore has water available for his construction. Mr. Goodin also advised the Board that County Attorney Cliff Adams is currently reviewing the previous agreement with the Town of White Springs for the operation and maintenance of the system.

The Board discussed the individuals applying for the SRWMD Board and stated that they would assist with the application process if necessary.

Administrative Assistant to the Clerk Kristy Morgan provided the Board with the amounts received from the Phosphate Severance Tax for the 2019 – 2020 fiscal year.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

ROBERT BROWN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

