

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.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. County Attorney Cliff Adams was absent due to having had surgery.

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

COVID-19 – CORONAVIRUS DISEASE – STATUS REPORT AND DISCUSSION

Emergency Management Director Henry Land gave the Board a status report on the preparation for Hurricane Season in conjunction with the Covid-19 pandemic.

DISCUSSION OF REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED COMMUNICATIONS TOWER AT CROSSROADS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Emergency Management Director Henry Land discussed with the Board the replacement communications tower at Crossroads Fire Department. Mr. Land provided the Board with two (2) different types of towers: guidewire verses freestanding. County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the insurance company reimbursed the county with approximately \$30,000 for the damaged tower. After a lengthy discussion the Board agreed to check on the option of leasing space on a near-by tower before making a final decision.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors gave the Board a status report of the current Ship and CDBG grants.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CROSSING OF SE 120TH WITH DRAG LINE NO. 5 THE WEEK OF JUNE 22, 2020 – NUTRIEN WHITE SPRINGS – MIKE WILLIAMS

Mike Williams, with Nutrien, addressed the Board requesting permission to cross SE 120th Ave. with the #5 Drag Line during the week of June 22, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to allow Nutrien to cross SE 120th Ave. with the

#5 Drag Line during the week of June 22, 2020. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Ogburn requested that staff work with Nutrien to set a date for a Technical Working Group meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – CPA 19-02 (MOUKHTARA) PETITION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE APPROX. 372.93 ACRES FROM AGRICULTURE – 1, AGRICULTURE – 4, AND HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE TO COMMERCIAL

Chairman Brown recessed the Board meeting and called the public hearing (CPA 19- 02 Maukhtara) to order at 9:17 a.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained the action before the Board as a petition by Michel Maukhtara to amend the future land use map of the comprehensive plan to change approximately 372.93 acres from Agriculture -1, Agriculture – 4 and Highway Interchange to Commercial. Ms. Carter advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval and recommended amending the Designated Urban Development Area to encompass the said property.

There being no further questions or comments from the Board or public, Chairman Brown closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve CPA 19-02 Moukhtara as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – LDR 19-03 (MOUKHTARA) PETITION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ATLAS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO CHANGE APPROX. 372.93 ACRES FROM AGRICULTURE – 1, AGRICULTURE – 4, AND HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE TO COMMERCIAL

Chairman Brown recessed the Board meeting and called the public hearing (LDR 19- 03 Maukhtara) to order at 9:23 a.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained the action before the Board as a petition by Michel Maukhtara to amend the zoning atlas of the Land Development Regulations to change approx. 372.93 acres from Agriculture -1, Agriculture – 4 and Highway Interchange to Commercial. Ms. Carter advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval.

There being no further questions or comments from the Board or public, Chairman Brown closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve LDR 19-03 Moukhtara as

recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. 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.

CR-137 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that in order to receive the SRWMD wetlands analysis that a \$100 electronic fee is required. The Board agreed to allow NFPS to bill for the fee.

OAK STREET – Mr. Bailey stated that the revised plans are complete for the Oak Street paving project and that his staff has been in contact with Norfolk Southern regarding the widening and resurfacing of the crossing. Mr. Bailey stated that the work would be provided by Norfolk Southern at an estimated cost of \$55,000.

BLACKSTILL ROAD / SE 120TH AVE. – Mr. Bailey stated that he has reviewed both the Blackstill road and SE 120th Avenue and discussed the necessary changes to be made by Nutrien. Mr. Bailey also discussed the road material that has been offered by Nutrien and that the material will need to be tested in order to determine the best mix / usage. After a brief discussion, Mr. Bailey stated that he would provide the Board with the cost to perform the test at the next meeting. Commissioner Ogburn discussed the ditching of the relocated Blackstill Road with the Board and suggested that once the road has been accepted by the Board that the Road Department should change the ditching for the road, the Board agreed by unanimous consent. Commissioner Ogburn also stated that Nutrien will deed the right-of-way for the Blackstill Road and provide cross drains if needed.

BASIN LAKE LOOP / SW 107th AVE. – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with a brief update regarding the Basin Lake Loop project.

Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve and accept the Right-of-way deed for parcel #40 (Barbara Klepper) and parcel #42A (Christopher Prescott) . Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NW 63RD BLVD. – Mr. Bailey discussed the deterioration of NW 63rd Blvd. with the Board and suggested that both shoulders be milled in order to protect the existing roadway prior to being resurfaced in 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to allow the Road Department to mill the shoulders of NW 63rd Blvd. as recommended by County Engineer Greg Bailey. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

REVIEW OF HAMILTON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2012-06 – DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE

Commissioner Smith discussed with the Board the need to provide the initial contacts for enforcement of Ordinance 2012-06. County Coordinator Louie Goodin stated that he has been in discussion with the City of Jasper regarding animal control. Commissioner Burnam advised the Board of the video that surfaced regarding the City of Jasper's animal control facility and Josh Water's, with the City of Jasper, was present for the discussion. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to continue the item until the next Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

REQUEST FROM THE ATTORNEY FOR THE FLORIDA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR RENTAL SPACE AT THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX FOR USE BY THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION PROGRAM

County Coordinator Louie Goodin requested that this item be pulled from the agenda.

AT&T TOWER LEASE

With County Attorney Cliff Adams unable to be present for the meeting, the Board tabled this item until the next meeting.

CONTINUATION OF 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.

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

APPROVE BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the bills (vouchers 142594 – 142745 and checks 062688-062790). Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the contract for the July 4th fireworks is due with the fee of \$8,000. The Board agreed to allow staff to proceed with the contract and payment.

Commissioner Mitchell advised staff that their band is willing to play for any events in the county.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

ROBERT BROWN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK