

June 5, 2018

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.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 Ogburn with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Madam Chairman Burnam.

PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL PERMIT 18-01 – WESTPORT CAPITOL PARTNERS, LLC

Madam Chairman Burnam recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing (Special Permit 18-01) to order at 9:05 a.m.

County Attorney Cliff Adams explained the application for a special permit by Westport Capitol Partners, LLC requesting a special permit as provided in section 14.10.1 of the Land Development Regulations to allow for a concert event to be held October 18-20 at Bienville Plantation. Mr. Adams also stated that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the application. County Engineer Greg Bailey discussed the meeting with Robert Morey and staff regarding the newly designed ingress and egress for the event. Madam Chairman Burnam read the affidavit of publication for the benefit of the public and Board. Mr. Morey discussed the economic impact to the county and surrounding counties from last year's Party in the Pines event and stated that the overall impact was approximately \$11.5 million to the counties. Commissioner Ogburn questioned staff as to the CR-137 resurfacing project being completed by the next event, to which staff assured the Board that the project would be completed.

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 9:14 a.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve Special Permit 18-01 Westport Capitol Partners, LLC. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors presented the Board with a status report for Ship and CDBG. Mr. Nabors stated that there is nothing new to report regarding the Ship program. Mr. Nabors then advised the Board that the next CDBG Grant Cycle will open on June 28, 2018 with the workshop to be held on June 27th at Lake City.

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 is currently working on the base for the curves.

SW 55TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that FDOT's comments for the SW 55th Drive paving project have been received and are being reviewed by staff. County Coordinator Louie Goodin stated that the Board did not receive a bid for the asbestos abatement and will re-advertise.

SE 141ST BLVD. – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the plans for SE 141st Blvd. have been approved by FDOT and the project is ready to be let for bids.

SW 79TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey stated that the contractor is continuing to work on the last 150 ft. of pavement that had to be replaced due to issues with the road base and that staff has requested an extension for the project due to rain.

NW 23RD BLVD. – Mr. Bailey stated that staff is working on the punch list in order to complete the project.

NW 104TH AVE., CHANBRIDGE DRIVE, NW 35TH DRIVE AND OAK STREET - Mr. Bailey also advised the Board that the plans for NW 104th Ave., Chanbridge Drive and NW 35th Drive have been approved and the project is ready to be let for bids.

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to allow staff to bid the projects as previously discussed. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bailey stated that the plans for Oak Street are 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 in order to complete the environmental review.

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

RECREATION DEPARTMENT WALKING TRAIL – County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the current location of the Walking Trail and also suggested that the Board consider an additional sidewalk with an estimated cost of \$2,500. Commissioner Ogburn stated that Nutrien has agreed to participate in the construction costs and that Duke Energy agreed to provide the lighting for the walkway.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the additional sidewalk construction in the amount of \$2,500. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT – MIKE VINSON DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES AND CRAIG NEWSOME MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR – SW 55TH DRIVE

Mike Vinson, Director of Business Services for the Hamilton County School District, advised the Board that he was representing Superintendent Rex Mitchell and requested that the county make repairs to a portion of SW 55th Drive. After a brief discussion of the estimated timeline for the paving project the Board directed staff to make the repairs as requested by Mr. Vinson. Engineer Greg Bailey explained the location of the turn lanes and how the traffic will be handled during the construction of the road.

PETITION TO CLOSE A PUBLIC ROAD – WILLIAM P. LANGDALE II

County Attorney Cliff Adams discussed with the Board a request from William P. Langdale II to close a portion of NW 34th Avenue and NW 4th Drive. Mr. Adams reviewed the map provided and advised the Board that the purpose of the closure is due to changing the ingress and egress for residents to CR-145. Mr. Adams also stated that the right-of-way for the new road has been donated. The Board directed staff to proceed with advertising for a public hearing and also agreed to allow the surveyor to re-stake the right-of-way.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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. Ms. Ramsey introduced the owners of Southland Wood Recycling, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Moore, and then advised the Board that their business will be located at the Genoa Industrial Park. Mr. Moore briefly explained their business model and the Board welcomed them to the County. Ms. Ramsey then reminded the Board that the Original Tourism Task Force meeting will be hosted by the Development Authority on June 21st at 10:00 a.m.

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 Security changes and that the equipment needed for security may be able to be purchased through a grant. Mr. Bailey was present and stated that due to the Board approving the task order, he would have the plans completed and ready to be let for bids within a couple of weeks.

BID AWARD – VETERANS MEMORAIL PARK – IRRIGATION, LANDSCAPING, NIGHTSCAPING

Veterans Service Officer Bo Beauchemin thanked the Board for those in attendance for the Memorial Day Service and presented the Board with the bid results for the Veterans Memorial Park. Mr. Beauchemin discussed the bids with the Board and recommended that the Board award the bid to Sunrise due to being the low bidder and having a longer warranty for the project. After a brief discussion of the bids the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to award the bid for the Veterans Memorial Park irrigation, landscaping and nightscaping to Sunrise in the amount of \$14,816.50. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Beauchemin advised the Board that he would check on the prices and plants stated in the alternative bid submitted by Sunrise.

DISCUSSION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

Commissioner Smith stated that several of his constituents have requested that the county consider having Code Enforcement due to people's actions on their property causing adjacent property owners property values to be decreased. County Attorney Cliff Adams explained how other counties handle Code Enforcement issues and also how the LDR's are enforced. Mr. Adams advised the Board that a County Code would have to be drafted. After a lengthy discussion the Board agreed to allow the complaints to continue to be handled through the Land Use Department. Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained how the complaints are filed and handled. George Roberson stated that the hunters and others should all be held to the same standards.

REQUEST FROM HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOR ASSISTANCE WITH RELOCATING MODULAR BUILDINGS TO HIGH SCHOOL FOR LOCKER ROOMS

Madam Chairman explained the possible need for assistance with moving the modular buildings from the old Central Hamilton Elementary to the High School to be utilized as locker room facilities for the sports programs. Mike Vinson, with the School District, stated that the School Board has determined to only keep one (1) modular unit to be used as a multiple use locker room facility.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the bills (vouchers 130241 – 130518 and checks 057462 – 057570). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board directed staff to review the Fire Calls report and to clarify the Fire Works bill (130174).

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that Veterans Service Officer Bo Beauchemin will be leaving his job on July 18th.
- Commissioner Smith also thanked staff for the improvements at the Recreation Center.
- Commissioner Smith requested that the Board consider allowing the Road Department to grade roads due to excessive rain on Friday, June 8th and Saturday, June 9th and for staff to make the determination for the following week. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams presented the Board with a draft amendment to Ordinance 97-02 for review.
- Mr. Adams also discussed with the Board the need to allow county management and officers to have separate cell phones for county business.
- George Roberson discussed with the Board an issue with Anderson Columbia regarding an agreement he made with his property to be used as a lay down area for the SW 79th Drive paving project. Commissioner Smith stated that he would get with Anderson Columbia regarding the issue. The Board also stated that signage for the project is forthcoming.

There being no further business before the Board, Madam Chairman Burnam adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

BETH BURNAM, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

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