

**JUNE 20, 2023**  
**JASPER, FLORIDA**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 20, 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 Roberson with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Brown.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin requested direction from the Board as to whether to hire an individual to be the Land Use Administrator or contract with NFPS for the Land Use service. The Board stated concerns with not having an individual to handle the day-to-day activities of the Land Use Department.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to allow Mr. Goodin to hire an individual as the Land Use Administrator and to utilize NFPS for planning and training assistance. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, 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 grants. Mr. Nabors advised the Board that the round two (2) Ship projects are underway. Mr. Nabors also provided the Board with a grant.

County Attorney Andy Decker and Mr. Nabors provided the Board with an update regarding for the CDBG-CV grant and advised that part one (1) of the Environmental Review is complete and ready to be executed by Chairman Brown.

## **HAMILTON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL – ZOEY DANIELS, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME POSITION**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin requested the item to be tabled until the budget workshops.

## **HAMILTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – TIPHANIE DANIELS, DIRECTOR**

EMS Director Tiphonie Daniels requested that the Board consider cancelling the current EMS billing services contract with Intermedix D/B/A Digitech and replace them with MC/EMS-ESO. Ms. Daniels explained the reason for the request as the ESO company having a much better collections department. Ms. Daniels also advised the Board that the county would be able to piggy-back from the request for proposals from Suwannee County. Ms. Daniels provided County Attorney Andy Decker with the current contract for review.

The Board also considered a request from EMS to replace the existing radios and laptops utilizing the IRC fund in the amount of \$18,810.00. Mr. Decker provided the Board with an explanation as to the use of the IRC funds and agreed that the funds could be used for the purchase.

- Motion by Commissioner Murphy to approve the purchase of radios and laptops for EMS utilizing the IRC fund in the amount of \$18,810.00. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Ms. Daniels then requested that the Board allow the two (2) ambulance boxes that will be re-chassis to be shipped to Texas.

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to approve for EMS to ship the two (2) ambulance boxes to Texas to be for the re-chassis. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

County Coordinator Louie Goodin provided the Board with an update on the current economic development projects. Mr. Goodin advised the Board that the Development Authority at their last meeting agreed to donate the property being requested by Busy Bee at the SR6/I-75 interchange. Mr. Goodin stated that as soon as the details are worked out with the Development Authority that the property will be deeded.

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

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

**WATER PLANT WELL** – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with a brief update on the test well situation and stated that NFPS would have a recommendation by the next meeting based on the attempt to find a consistent water supply.

**LAKE BAISDEN LOOP** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the Lake Baisden Loop paving project is progressing according to schedule.

**CROSSROADS FIRE STATION** – Mr. Bailey stated that plans for the Crossroads Fire Station are complete with the position on the property of the new structure still being worked out.

**SR6 JOBS GROWTH GRANT** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the wetland survey for the property has been completed.

**5 HOLE BOAT RAMP** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the 5 Hole boat ramp project is proceeding and that as soon as the geotechnical survey is complete that the permitting phase will begin.

**CR-25A** – Mr. Bailey advised that the survey for the CR-25A paving project is complete and that he currently working on the plans for the resurfacing project.

**FDOT PLANNING** – Mr. Bailey announced that the FDOT planning meeting for the Jennings exit will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at the Annex.

### **2021 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT PRESENTATION – KEN DANIELS, COUNTY AUDITOR**

County Auditor Ken Daniels presented the Board with the audit for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and reviewed the financial statements with the Board.

- Motion by Commissioner Roberson to accept the 2021-2022 audit as presented by Mr. Daniels. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **STATUS OF SEWER PLANT REPAIRS**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the needed repairs to the Water and Sewer plant. Mr. Goodin stated that the approximate cost of the repairs would be \$70,000. The Board agreed to allow the repairs as discussed.

**PROPOSAL FROM LAMPL HERBERT FOR PROFESSIONAL ANNUAL CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO WHITE SPRINGS AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS, INC. D/B/A PCS PHOSPHATE-WHITE SPRINGS AND INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF NUTRIEN LTD**

The Board and staff briefly discussed the proposal from Lampl Herbert and took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to accept the proposal from Lampl Herbert for the consulting services as discussed. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the bills (vouchers 161172 – 161439 and checks 071093-071199). Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Clerk of Court Greg Godwin and Finance Director Sheri Davis provided the Board with a review of the Boards revenues and expenditures through the month of May.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board the need to replace the chairs for the Board room and stated that the roof for Watson’s Healthcare will need to be repaired or replaced.
- Commissioner McCoy suggested that the Board send a letter to Hamilton Department of Corrections thanking them for their assistance with cleaning of county property. The Board agreed by unanimous

consent. Commissioner McCoy also discussed with the Board the need to assist the VFW with the removal of trees, with the Board agreeing to remove the trees as needed.

- Commissioner Roberson questioned Mr. Goodin as to the sewer dump station, to which Mr. Goodin stated that he is waiting on quotes for the construction of the project.
- The Board announced that the Historical Grant for the Historical Museum and old Jail has been submitted.
- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to declare an emergency and move the July 4, 2023, BCC meeting to Wednesday, July 5, 2023. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

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ROBERT BROWN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK







