

**JUNE 21, 2022  
JASPER, FLORIDA**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 21, 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 (telephonically), 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 Brown with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Smith.

**SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM / CDBG-CV – STATUS REPORT**

Ship Coordinator Spencer Nabors provided the Board with an update regarding the current Ship and CDBG-CV projects. Mr. Nabors presented the Board with an updated list of the current Ship projects and advised that the new Ship funding would be allocated in September. Regarding the CDBG-CV, Mr. Nabors stated that the County’s application has been forwarded to the Governor’s office and is waiting to be processed. Mr. Nabors also provided the Board with an update on the 2022 CDBG application process and advised the Board that the second public hearing will be held in July with the application being due on July 21, 2022.

**PUBLIC HEARING – SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR FFY 2021**

Chairman Smith recessed the regular meeting and called the public hearing (CDBG) to order at 6:10 p.m.

Chairman Smith read the public notice for the first CDBG public hearing for the benefit of the Board and public. Spencer Nabors, with ITC, stated that the purpose for the hearing was to allow citizens to comment or share concerns for the community’s economic and community development needs.

There being no further comments from the public or Board, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing and re-opened the regular Board meeting at 6:13 p.m. Mr. Nabors instructed the Board that no action was required.

**HAMILTON COUNTY ALCOHOL TOBACCO PREVENTION COALITION – EMILY LUMPKIN – UPDATE ON SUMMER BASKETBALL PROGRAM AND REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

Emily Lumpkin, executive director of the Hamilton County Alcohol Tobacco Prevention Coalition, provided the Board with a financial budget for the summer basketball program being offered to the youth. Ms. Lumpkin previously requested assistance from the Board in the amount of \$10,000.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the request from the HCATP Coalition in the amount of \$10,000.00. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**NUTRIEN WHITE SPRINGS AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS – REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE INSTALLATION OF A JACK AND BORE UNDER CR 6 – DON DAHLGREN AND DUSTIN SERSLAND**

Don Dahlgren and Dustin Sersland, with Nutrien, presented the Board with engineered plans for the installation of a jack and bore under CR-6. The Board requested that County Engineer Greg Bailey review the plans to ensure compliance with the county standards.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the plans for the installation of a jack and bore under CR-6 as presented based on the approval of the county engineer. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

Economic Development Director Chadd Mathis was not able to be in attendance for the meeting. County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that when Glen Richards constructed the Jai-Alia facility that he installed a regional lift station that would handle additional infrastructure at the interchange. The Board requested County Engineer Greg Bailey to look at the

lift station which could be utilized for the Jasper Diner and to begin the process for an FDOT permit to jack and bore under Hwy. 129. The Board directed staff to contact Green Point as to the usage of the lift station.

The Board also discussed a Resolution proposed by the Development Authority to recommend that the Board request reinstatement of the Hamilton County Development Authority with a seven (7) member board including two (2) members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. After a brief discussion, County Attorney Cliff Adams recommended tabling the Resolution until the next meeting.

During the Correspondence and Announcements, Commissioner Murphy questioned staff as to the Holiday Inn property in Jennings. Mr. Goodin explained the negotiations between Economic Development Director Chadd Mathis and the owner of the property and advised that an agreement has been reached in the amount of \$2,250,000.00. The Board discussed the amount and the need for the Development Authority and the Board to split the cost 50/50 as discussed. Several members of the Development Authority were present and stated that they would have to get approval from their Board but didn't see there being a problem.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to declare an emergency and to approve the purchase of Holiday Inn property with a 50/50 split with the Development Authority in the amount of \$2,250,000.00 and to allow the Development Authority to take the lead and negotiate the purchase of the three (3) service stations that are adjacent to the property. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Also, during the Correspondence and Announcements, County Attorney Cliff Adams presented the Board with a quick claim deed to correct the title of property in the CR-137 Industrial Park.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to accept the deed as recommended by County Attorney Cliff Adams. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **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 advised the Board that the bids for the Baisden Lake Loop paving project were to be returned on Monday, June 20, 2022, however, due to an engineering correction the date has been extended a week making them due June 27, 2022.

**GIBSON PARK** – Mr. Bailey stated that his staff is still working on obtaining the SRWMD permit for the Gibson Park construction project; however, now the SRWMD has turned the project over to FDEP who doesn't have jurisdiction. Mr. Bailey advised that his staff is working on providing any information requested to rectify the issue.

**SW 90<sup>TH</sup> BLVD.** – Mr. Bailey advised that he met with Road Superintendent Jimmy Daniels to discuss the SW 90<sup>th</sup> Blvd. paving project. Mr. Bailey stated that he would recommend maintaining a minimum “20 ft.” roadway and to mix the lime rock with the milling for the base or remove the milling and use only lime rock. The Board stated that they would make the determination after meeting with Mr. Daniels and discussed the need to either purchase or rent a shuttle buggy to keep the asphalt at a constant temperature and not have the same issues that occurred on the Oak Street paving project.

**DOCTORS CLINIC PARKING LOT** – Mr. Bailey advised that he will provide the Board with a site plan for the Doctors Clinic parking area for review.

## **JASPER FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Chairman Smith explained the proposal from the City of Jasper for Fire Services. Fire Coordinator Henry Land reviewed the details of the proposal and discussed issues with departments trying to maintain certified volunteers. Mr. Land also stated that the City of Jasper is not in compliance with the current contract due to only have one (1) certified Fire Fighter. The Board also briefly discussed the need to address the contracts with the other municipalities and agreed to wait on additional information before making a final decision on how the fire services will be structured. County Attorney Cliff Adams discussed the process for a fire assessment in the event that the Board were to ever consider

such due to budget constraints. Mr. Land explained how Suwannee County and other surrounding counties are providing fire services. After the discussion, the Board agreed to meet on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to discuss fire services.

### **JUSTIN WATERS – DISTRICT 3 U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Justin Waters addressed the Board as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the District 3 U.S. House of Representatives. Mr. Waters introduced himself to the Board and briefly discussed his political platform.

### **ROLINE BOAT RAMP / TURNER BRIDGE PARK INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the Inter-local Agreement with the SRWMD for the Roline Boat Ramp and Turner Bridge Park. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **SIGN SPECIALIST POSITION – DISCUSSION**

Chairman Smith explained the need for an individual to maintain and replace the 911 signs throughout the county. 911 Mapping director Henry Land explained the new standards and the creation of roads that will require new addresses and signs. The Board discussed with staff how to fill the position and whether to create a fulltime or temporary position. After a lengthy discussion, the Board directed staff to find a person willing to perform the job.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 154701 – 155044 and checks 068317-068423) with the addition of Code Enforcement

Magistrate (Jimmy Prevatt) bill in the amount of \$2,085.00. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin announced that the North Florida Economic Development Partnership meeting will be in Keystone Heights Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Goodin discussed the utilities at the Jennings Recreation Park, Commissioner Murphy stated that he would check with the Town of Jennings to see what can be done to keep the lights from being left on after individuals use the park.
- The Board agreed to purchase a banner for the Hamilton County High School Football field in the amount of \$250.
- Commissioner Brown discussed with the Board a request from the JRE Lee Committee to have the grass mowed due to their tractor being repaired. The Board agreed to allow the Road Department to mow the grass as requested.
- Commissioner Ogburn advised the Board that the Town of White Springs are holding a special meeting to allow Internet Café's to locate in the Town.
- Commissioner Ogburn questioned staff as to the Animal Control vehicle being parked in White Springs. Mr. Goodin assured the Board that the situation is being monitored.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams discussed the need for a Code Enforcement Officer due to the complaints and issues beginning to create a backlog. The Board discussed possibly making the position a multi-purpose position.

- Chairman Smith discussed allowing James Daniels to appear at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> to further discuss his economic development project, the Board agreed.
- Chairman Smith also discussed the need for the Board to consider setting limits on funding requests that are outside of the budget process.
- Chairman Smith read a letter from Peter Laga thanking Animal Control officer Jessica Puls for her assistance with an animal and the care that she exhibited.
- Clerk of Court Greg Godwin advised the Board that they own four (4) lots in the Oak Woodlands Subdivision that need to be sold in order to have them back on the tax roll. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow the lots to be sold.
- The Board directed Mr. Godwin to agenda the Drug Free Policy for the next Board meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK







