

JULY 12, 2022
JASPER, FLORIDA

SPECIAL SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in special session on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Randy Ogburn, Robert Brown, Richie McCoy and Jimmy Muphy, Chairman Josh Smith was not present for the meeting. Also present were County Coordinator Louie Goodin and County Attorney Cliff Adams.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman McCoy.

Vice-Chairman McCoy explained that the purpose of the workshop was to discuss the fire services in the county. Fire Coordinator Henry Land discussed the current situation with fire departments and the hiring process if the Board were to have to provide a fulltime fire service. Mr. Land also provided the Board with an update from the Fire Chief's meeting and discussed the different scenarios available to the Board. The discussion centered around staffing a fulltime fire department with nine (9) employees and house them at the EOC utilizing equipment from other county departments. Mr. Land discussed the current infrastructure and what assistance could be provided by the other county departments and the municipalities. Steven Lang, Fire Chief for the Town of Jennings, advised the Board that the Town of Jennings will support the decision of the Board. The Board had a lengthy discussion of the availability of Fire Fighters whether fulltime or volunteer, the intricacies of the State Safer Grant, available equipment and future replacement and the cost to provide a fulltime service at different levels. The Board agreed to wait until staff has met with each Municipality before making a final determination.

Commissioner Ogburn advised the Board that the John Deere tractor / Brush Cutter repair will be attempted in house.

There being no further business before the Board, Vice-Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

RICHIE MCCOY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

