

**JULY 16, 2024
JASPER, FLORIDA**

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Travis Erixton, Jimmy Murphy, Robbie Roberson, Richie McCoy and Robert Brown, a full Board being present. Also present were County Attorney Andy Decker and County Coordinator Gary Godwin.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Roberson to approve the consent agenda. 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, CDBG, CDBG-CV, HHRP and other ongoing projects.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTS

County Coordinator Gary Godwin provided the Board with a brief update regarding the current economic development projects. The Board discussed allowing Chairman McCoy to sign and execute all documentation for the SR 6 Logistics Park due to time constraints with the review and recommendation of County Attorney Andy Decker.

- Motion by Commissioner Roberson to allow Chairman McCoy to sign and execute all documentation for the SR 6 Logistics Park due to time constraints with the review and recommendation of County Attorney Andy Decker. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 167707 – 167902 and checks 073804 - 074004) with the removal of the McCoy Land Services invoices. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Chairman McCoy relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman Roberson.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the McCoy Land Services invoices. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote. Chairman McCoy abstained from voting due to a possible conflict with McCoy Land Services.

Vice- Chairman Roberson relinquished the Chair back to Chairman McCoy.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS EREPORT

Kellan Bailey, with North Florida Professional Services, provided the Board with a written status report on the current road projects and reviewed each project.

CR 25A – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the contract for CR 25A resurfacing has been executed with a notice to proceed issued to Anderson Columbia for construction to begin.

CR 132 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the site review for the CR 132 resurfacing project has been completed. Mr. Bailey also discussed the removal of the guardrail due to no longer being needed. The Board agreed to have the first set of guardrails removed.

GIBSON PARK – Mr. Bailey stated that he has met with FWC to discuss phasing the grant project and is waiting on a response to the change in the scope of work.

5 HOLE BOAT RAMP – Mr. Bailey stated that the variance request from SRWMD has been approved with the plans having been resubmitted for approval.

ANIMAL CONTROL – Mr. Bailey stated that he will be meeting with staff and others to finalize the site plan for the Animal Control facility.

LOGISTICS PARK – Mr. Bailey advised that the pre-construction meeting with Curt's Construction will be Monday, July 22nd with construction to begin as soon as possible.

SR 129 LIFT STATION – Mr. Bailey stated that he met with the City of Jasper regarding the installation of the lift station with there being no issues or concerns on behalf of the City. Mr. Bailey will prepare the bid documents for advertisement.

JENNINGS INTERCHANGE ROAD – Mr. Bailey stated that he along with County staff are soliciting grant funds for the project.

Mr. Bailey discussed SB 684 which is a legislative bill requiring all state funded projects to buy American Steel. Mr. Bailey explained the concerns with cost associated with all state funded projects. Mr. Bailey also advised the Board that the historical grant for the Old Jail has been submitted.

The Board discussed the request from KBT to reject the bids submitted for the Crossroads Fire Station to allow them to recall the bond for other projects.

- Motion by Commissioner Roberson to reject the bids for the Crossroads Fire Station due to the lack of legislative appropriated funds and to release the bond for KBT. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to approve the Little & Williams final invoice in the amount of \$8,324.86 for the Road Department office building. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

HEBRON CEMETERY – Pastor Smith and Scott Miller discussed with the Board the destruction of the Hebron Church due to Hurricane Idalia. Pastor Smith advised the Board that the Church will be re-built and discussed the upkeep of the Church Cemetery. Pastor Smith stated that the Church is doing a mailout requesting assistance and financial support for the upkeep of the cemetery.

TAX ROLL EXTENSION REQUEST

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to declare an emergency and approve the extension of the 2024 tax roll as requested by the Hamilton County Property Appraiser and the Florida Department of Revenue. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Gary Godwin advised the Board that he has hired Earl Ketring as the new Building Inspector.
- Mr. Godwin also advised the Board that Fire Coordinator Henry Land will temporarily assume the duties of the EMS Director due to the current EMS Director having tenured her resignation
- Commissioner Brown advised the Board that staff will be meeting with Jay and Gloria Bridges to discuss the easement for SW 101st Lane for the possibility of establishing a limited maintenance agreement for the road.
- County Attorney Andy Decker discussed with the Board a legislative bill designed to have all contractors sign and execute an affidavit for human trafficking / coercion for labor services. The Board agreed to have all contractors providing work for the county to sign an affidavit.

- Commissioner Murphy questioned staff as to the closing date for the Geddes property in the City of Jasper. Mr. Godwin advised that the closing date is set for Friday, August 16, 2024.
- Chairman McCoy discussed the need to clarify the color of road signs that will distinguish between private and public roads. Chairman McCoy also discussed the access to fiber through Windstream along 104th Lane.
- Chairman McCoy requested new signs be placed at the entrance to Taylor Cemetery. Chairman McCoy also stated that the asbestos is being removed from the Bass's building prior to demolition.
- The Board announced that the first budget workshop will be held on Tuesday, July 30th at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman McCoy adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

RICHIE MCCOY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

