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REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.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.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn 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 was unable to attend the meeting.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors presented the Board with a status report for Ship and CDBG. Mr. Nabors advised the Board that the CDBG grant has been administratively closed with no findings or concerns. Mr. Nabors then explained the Ship projects completed and the ongoing projects with approximately \$40,000 left for additional projects. Mr. Nabors then stated that the Annual Reports are due by September 15th. In regards to the 2017 CDBG grant Mr. Nabors advised the Board that the CATF met on July 13th and recommended that the 2017 application be for Housing Revitalization. Mr. Nabors explained the timeline for the public hearings and the submittal of the application and requested that the Board consider leveraging \$50,000 of Ship funds for the application in order to receive twenty-five (25) additional points.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to leverage Ship funds in the amount of \$50,000 for the 2017 CDBG grant in order to receive additional points. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

EDDIE TUCKER – REQUEST FOR DITCHES TO BE CUT ON SW 92ND DRIVE

Eddie Tucker addressed the Board requesting ditches to be placed on a portion of SW 92nd Drive due to flooding issues on his property. Mr. Tucker presented the Board with a map of the area and explained the flow of the water during heavy rains. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Smith advised Mr. Tucker that he would meet with him in order to resolve the issues.

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 the CR-137 construction project is proceeding according to schedule and the contractor is currently paving. Commissioner Ogburn questioned staff as to several areas that need to be addressed before the project is complete.

SW 79TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey stated that the contractor has completed the paving project and is now addressing the FDOT comments.

NW 23RD BLVD. – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the contractor is working on erosion issues.

NW 104TH AVE., CHANBRIDGE DRIVE, NW 35TH DRIVE AND OAK STREET - Mr. Bailey advised the Board that NW 104th Ave., Chanbridge Drive and NW 35th Drive have been let for bids and will be returned on July 23rd.

SW 55TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the SW 55th Drive paving project has also been let for bids and will be returned on July 23rd.

SE 141ST BLVD. – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the SE 141st Blvd. paving project has been let for bids and will be due back on July 23rd.

NW 34TH BLVD. (DIP) – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that his staff submitted the REI to SRWMD and is still waiting on the restoration plans from the POA.

OAK STREET – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the Oak Street project has been let for bids and will be returned on August 27th.

CR-152 – Mr. Bailey discussed with the Board an area on CR-152 that needs to be repaired and stabilized prior to the repaving.

NW 79TH DRIVE – County Coordinator Louie Goodin stated that to mill a 1,000 ft. section of NW 79th Drive would take approximately seventeen (17) loads of milling. Commissioner Mitchell explained the issues with the road and requested that the Board consider milling the affected area.

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to mill the portion of NW 79th Drive. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Madam Chairman Burnam questioned the Board as to limitations of trucks utilizing county roads. After a brief discussion, the Board stated that the only roads that are limited are the ones marked with weight restrictions as posted on the road.

PUBLIC HEARING – FIRST PUBLIC HEARING – SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Madam Chairman Burnam recessed the regular meeting and called the public hearing (CDBG) to order at 6:37 p.m.

Spencer Nabors, with In Touch Consulting Group, Inc., discussed with the Board the 2017 CDBG grant application for Housing Revitalization. Mr. Nabors stated that the CATF agreed for the application to be for a Housing grant. Mr. Nabors also suggested that the Board consider using \$50,000 from Ship for leverage with the grant in order to receive additional points.

There being no questions or comments from the public or Board, Madam Chairman Burnam closed the public hearing and reconvened the Board meeting at 6:39 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to accept the recommendation of the CATF and apply for a Housing Revitalization CDBG grant. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to leverage Ship funds in the amount of \$50,000 for the 2017 CDBG grant in order to receive additional points. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – CPA 18-01 – BIENVILLE – FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT

Madam Chairman Burnam recessed the regular meeting and called the public hearing (Bienville) to order at 6:40 p.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained the action before the Board as an application for a Future Land Use Map change for the subject property which is currently designated as AG-1to MU (Mixed Use). Ms. Carter advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the application and for the transmittal to the State of Florida. Robert Morey, the applicant, explained his reasoning for the zoning change due to approximately 1,100 acres of the previously zoned property now being in a Conservation Easement. Mr. Morey also explained that due to the Conservation Easement that he had to forfeit his development rights and that the property can still be used for recreational purposes with no permanent structures. Mr. Morey then explained his development plans for the 2,030 acres in this application. Commissioner Ogburn questioned staff as to the number of acres

being shown as Mixed Use with the property not really being able to be developed due to the Conservation Easement. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Ogburn requested that Mr. Morey make every effort to develop the property as requested.

There being no questions or comments from the public or Board, Madam Chairman Burnam closed the public hearing and reconvened the Board meeting at 6:59 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve CPA 18-01 (Bienville). Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPALITIES – LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX

County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that he has received the Inter-Local Agreements from all three (3) Municipalities regarding the renewal of the local option fuel tax distribution.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to accept the Inter-Local Agreements from the Municipalities and to sign and execute the documents. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF JENNINGS – EMS BUILDING USE

County Attorney Cliff Adams stated that the Town of Jennings has approved the Inter-Local Agreement for the use of their buildings for EMS and recommended that the Board approve the documentation.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to sign and execute the Inter-Local Agreement with the Town of Jennings for the housing of EMS. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS / SECURITY

County Engineer Greg Bailey discussed with the Board preliminary plans for the Courthouse Security renovations and the need to install a steel beam in order to support the glass wall.

BOARD APPOINTMENT – ORIGINAL FLORIDA TOURISM TASK FORCE

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

DISCUSSION OF COMPENSATION FOR VECTOR CONTROL OFFICER

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the Sheriff agreed to the details of compensation for the Vector Control Officer.

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to allow compensation for the Vector Control Officer and to compensate for the 13.5 hours previously worked. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY WEBSITE

Staff explained the “piggy back” option with the City of Starke for website services.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to accept the website proposal from The Net Group contingent upon legal counsel ensuring the RFP with the City of Starke. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the bills (vouchers 131068 – 131339 and checks 057798 – 057879). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Veteran Service Officer Bo Beauchemin thanked the Board for their support of the Veterans Memorial Park and also stated that he was thankful for the opportunity to serve as the VSO with his last day being July 31st. The Board thanked Mr. Beauchemin for his service and work on the park. Mr. Goodin stated that a local person is in the process of being hired as the next VSO.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the Technical Working Group meeting has been rescheduled for August 2nd.
- Mr. Goodin also stated that the financial review for the Primary Care Clinic will be Friday, July 20th at 3:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Ogburn questioned staff as to the Nutrien annual review, Project Bark and Retail Strategies.
- Commissioner Smith discussed with the Board the need to provide a newer vehicle for the CEI inspector. Mr. Goodin stated that he would check with the Road Department and get a newer vehicle.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that the Land Use Department has received a call from ATF regarding a firearms retail business being placed at the 129 / I-

75 Interchange. Ms. Carter was present and stated that the LDR's do not specifically address the zoning for that type of business. The Board agreed to allow the business and for staff to assist in any way possible.

- Madam Chairman Burnam encouraged the Board to consider the development and incentive package for a hotel at one of the I-75 Interchanges.

There being no further business before the Board, Madam Chairman Burnam adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

BETH BURNAM, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

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