

**JULY 28, 2022**  
**JASPER, FLORIDA**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in special session on Tuesday, July 28, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year budget in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Josh Smith, Randy Ogburn, Jimmy Murphy and Richie McCoy, a full Board being present. Also present was County Coordinator Louie Goodin and Finance Director Sheri Davis.

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

**2022-2023 BUDGET REVIEW**

The Board reviewed information pertaining to Fire Services from the Municipalities and agreed to wait until later in the meeting to further discuss the issue. County Auditor Ken Daniels provided the Board with an overview of the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget. Clerk of Court Greg Godwin then reviewed the proposed budget with the Board. Mr. Godwin discussed the list of unbudgeted items that could be funded by grants with the Board agreeing to allow the Health Department's three (3) requests to be considered through the CDBG CV or American Rescue Plan for funding. The Board also approved the request from the Clerk's Office to allow an employee to be trained from October to January with the current employee to retire in January.

➤ Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to make the following change:

1. Decrease Road Dept. \$150,000 for Office

Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to set the operating millage rate for the 2022 - 2023 fiscal year budget at (ten) 10 mills. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
  
- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn make the following changes to the Maintenance Department budget:
  1. Remove Stage Curtain - \$20,000
  2. Remove Sound System - \$5,000

Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to move the truck request by the Custodial Department to transportation in the amount of \$32,000. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
  
- Motion by Commissioner Murphy to remove the software request from the Building Department in the amount of \$30,000 and allow the expenditure in the current fiscal year. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
  
- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to make the following changes to the Fire Department budget:
  1. Remove the Fire Squad Truck - \$135,000
  2. Remove the Fire Engine (Pumper) - \$330,000

Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to make the following changes to the Recreation Department budget:

1. Remove the Power Bagger in the amount of \$5,100 and move the item to transportation.
2. Remove the Stag request in the amount of \$8,020 and allow the expenditure during the current fiscal year.
3. Reduce the request for a 2500 Custom Chevrolet in the amount of \$52,220 to a 1500 in the amount of \$40,000.
4. Reduce the request for two (2) small trucks from \$58,800 to \$30,000 for one (1) truck.
5. Remove the request for Batting Cage flooring in the amount of \$9,000 and allow the expenditure during the current fiscal year.

Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to make the following changes to the Landfill budget proposal:

1. Remove the request for a truck in the amount of \$35,000.
2. Recue the request for Lawnmower from \$15,000 to \$8,500.
3. Reduce the request for a Pole Barn from \$20,000 to \$10,000.

Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Chairman Smith.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to make the following changes to the Road Department budget proposal:

1. Remove SCM 400 Broom in the amount of \$96,644.
2. Remove Forklift in the amount of \$90,000 and approve for the item to be purchased during the current fiscal year.
3. Remove Motor Grader in the amount \$280,000.

4. Remove Veeder Root Software in the amount of \$36,150 and allow the item to be purchased in the current fiscal year.

Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the fire services negotiations with staff and Fire Coordinator Henry Land for each of the municipalities. The Board reviewed the Fire Services proposal from the Town of White Springs in the amount of \$275,000 with the City of Jasper being \$160,000 or allow the county to take over their equipment and infrastructure and the Town of Jennings being \$60,000 for one (1) full-time Fire Fighter or an additional \$40,000 for two (2). After discussing each of the proposals, the Board directed staff to offer the Town of White Springs the same proposal as proposed by the Town of Jennings and for the Town of Jasper's to remain as previously budgets for \$120,000 for a guaranteed response with two (2) Fire Fighters.

The Board agreed to hold the next budget workshop at 10:30 a.m. on August 2<sup>nd</sup> following the regular Board meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK





