

**AUGUST 2, 2022  
JASPER, FLORIDA**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Randy Ogburn, Robert Brown, Richie McCoy, 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 Ogburn with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Smith.

**RESOLUTION – MEMBERSHIP OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

County Attorney Cliff Adams explained that the TDC Resolution is to re-affirm the current TDC Board members with the addition of Mary Berry.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the Resolution for the TDC Board as recommended by County Attorney Cliff Adams. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND PROGRAM (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN) – THOMAS HOWELL FERGUSON P.A. - STATUS REPORT AND UPDATES**

Steve Stevens, with Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A., provided the Board with an update on the American Rescue Plan.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE AND RELIABLE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET THROUGHOUT HAMILTON COUNTY**

John Little, with the Suwannee Valley Electrical Coop, presented the Board with a Resolution stating that a fiber optic network will be constructed by SVEC to its members in their service area which includes Hamilton County.

Mr. Little introduced Board members Mike Adams and Hugh Hunter and read a portion of the Resolution for the benefit of the public and Board of County Commissioners.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the SVEC Resolution as presented for the construction of a fiber optic network. Second was made by Commissioners Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors provided an update regarding the current Ship, CDBG and CDBG-CV projects. Mr. Nabors also provided the Board with a status report for the Ship projects and stated that the new Ship funds has been received. Mr. Nabors stated that he is still waiting on DEO regarding the CDBG-CV grant and as for the 2022 CDBG Grant, the application was submitted on July 21<sup>st</sup> for a Housing Grant.

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

Economic Development Director Chadd Mathis provided the Board with an update and status report on the current projects. Mr. Mathis presented the Board with a proposal from Mittaner & Associates Inc. for a water/sewer extension from the current Town of Jennings utilities to the Jennings House property. After a brief discussion Mr. Mathis advised the Board that the Development Authority will be considering the proposal at their next board meeting. Mr. Mathis also advised that the closing for the Holiday Inn property is set for August 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Mathis provided the Board with a legal description for the road and retention area. The Board requested a status report for the drafting of an Interlocal Agreement between the Board and Development Authority to proceed with the Jobs Growth Grant, to which Mr. Mathis stated that the Development Authority would be discussing at their board meeting on Thursday.

### **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 staff is waiting to see if FDOT will have additional funding for the project prior to the beginning of construction.

**GIBSON PARK** – Mr. Bailey stated that his staff is still working on obtaining the SRWMD permit for the Gibson Park construction project and will be meeting with SRWMD on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the permits for Gibson Park and the application for the Jennings Bluff Campground permit.

**DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that he has met with Nutrien’s staff and land planning consultants to discuss the availability of property after the reclamation phase. Mr. Bailey also advised the Board that SRF funding would be available for the Jennings House water/sewer extension if needed. The Board requested staff to research the funding availability.

**PARKING LOTS / SW 90<sup>TH</sup> BLVD.** – County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the parking lots are ready to be paved; however, there is a problem with acquiring asphalt due to the extreme heat. After a lengthy discussion, the Board directed staff to determine the availability of asphalt whether the paving would take place at night or day.

**SALE OF PROPERTIES THAT ESCHEATED TO COUNTY THROUGH TAX DEED PROCESS – BID AWARD**

The Board opened the sealed bids for the following parcels of property that had previously escheated to the county through the tax deed process: lot 42 parcel #4904-261, lot 55 parcel #4904-274, lot 59 parcel #4904-278 and lot 62 parcel #4904-281. The bid results were as follows: Marcus Weary - \$500 for each lot, La’Nita Peterson - \$5,000 for lots 42 and 55, \$4,500 for lot 59 and \$6,500 for lot 62.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to award the bid for the previously mentioned lots and bid amounts to La’Nita Peterson. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL – A/C UNIT REPLACEMENT**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the Sheriff’s Department is still awaiting a quote from W.W. Gay for the chillers.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

## **APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 155478 – 155690 and checks 068620-068739) and to declare an emergency and approve the following additions to the bills: North Florida Professional Services - \$15,286.90, Locklear - \$2,500 and Scott Shirley - \$4,300.00. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **COUNTY FIRE SERVICE AND MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE CONTRACTS**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the responses from the municipalities as to fire services. Mr. Goodin stated that he is waiting on a response from the Town of White Springs and that the City of Jasper declined the offer at \$120,000. The Board stated that the issue will be further discussed during the budget workshop at 10:30 a.m.

## **SUWANNEE VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY – STATE AID APPLICATION**

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to declare an emergency and to approve the State Aid application for the Suwannee Valley Regional Library. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that there are issues with the roof on the Animal Control building. After a brief discussion, the Board directed staff to address the problem.
- Commissioner McCoy requested that the Board consider making repairs or replacing portions of the chain-link fence at the arena.
- Commissioner Brown questioned the Board as to the portion of the Doctors Clinic building for phlebotomy that will also need to be renovated. The Board directed Mr. Goodin to take a look at what renovations will be needed.
- Commissioner Ogburn advised the Board that he met with Nutrien's General Manager Jeff Joyce who is willing to assist the county with future development projects and will be meeting with land development consultants to determine the types of projects that could be constructed on their reclaimed property.
- Chairman Smith requested staff to expedite the paving of the parking lots and SW 90<sup>th</sup> Blvd. upon availability of materials and to pave at night if that is the only time that asphalt is available.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK





