

AUGUST 3, 2021
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JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Randy Ogburn, Robert Brown, Jimmy Murphy, Richie McCoy and Josh Smith, a full Board being present. Also present were County Coordinator Louie Goodin and County Attorney Brittany Cooper.

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

COVID – 19 (CORONAVIRUS 2019) UPDATE AND STATUS REPORT

Tom Moffses, with the Department of Health, presented the Board with a summary of the Covid-19 effects on Hamilton County and discussed the percentages of people who have been vaccinated or having tested positive in the past being reinfected. The Board discussed the possibility of hiring back the health care screening position for the Courthouse.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors provided the Board with a brief update on the current Ship, CDBG, CDBG-CV and American Rescue Plan. Mr. Nabors advised the Board that the current CDBG program has been closed out and that the Board received Ship funds on July 23rd for the next fiscal year. Mr. Nabors also stated that the ERR process is underway for the CDBG-CV program. Staff advised the Board of the previous discussion with Windstream regarding the Broadband coverage for the county through the American Rescue Plan.

REQUEST TO APPROVE DRAGLINE #5 ROAD CROSSING –
NUTRIEN – WHITE SPRINGS – RACHEL GARLAND,
GOVERNMENT & INDUSTRY AFFAIRS MANAGER

Cameron Lynch, with Nutrien, provided the Board with a map of the requested #5 Dragline crossing of SE 129th Place during the week of August 22nd and September 20th.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to allow the #5 Dragline to cross SE 129th Place during the week of August 22nd and September 20th with Nutrien to provide the proper signage and notification. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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 107th AVE. – Mr. Bailey stated that he is still waiting on the final permit approval from FDOT and SRWMD.

CR – 137 – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with an update for the CR-137 paving project.

SW 90TH BLVD. – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with an update for the SW 90th Blvd. paving project. Mr. Bailey discussed with the Board the need to obtain permission to access the Spence property for the soil borings. Mr. Bailey provided a quote from Cal-Tech in the amount of \$2,020.00 for the borings to allow for a retention pond to be relocated. County Attorney Brittany Cooper stated that she is scheduling meetings for the right-of-way acquisition. The Board then discussed an issue with residents living on SW 90th Blvd. requesting that the right-of-way to be split evenly rather than being taken from one side of the road. Mr. Bailey stated that he could provide an amended task order for the realignment of the right-of-way. Mr. Bailey also discussed with the Board the CDBG – MIT grant program that can be utilized for drainage improvements.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the Cal-Tech quote for the soil boring in the amount of \$2,020.00. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Smith to allow the right-of-way for the SW 90th Blvd. paving project to be taken from both sides of road. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous

vote.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve invoice no. 325-21-16 in the amount of \$33,750 from Locklear for CEI Services on the CR-137 paving project. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve invoice no. 79155 from Anderson Columbia in the amount of \$325,365.08 for the CR-137 paving project. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

OAK STREET – Ms. Cooper advised the Board that she is waiting on several right-of-way deeds to be returned.

AMENDMENT TO LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS – DISCUSSION

Chairman Ogburn reminded the Board of their meeting / workshop with the Planning and Zoning Board on August 10th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the amendment to the Land Development Regulations.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CROSSROADS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY – REVIEW APPRAISAL FOR CARNLEY PROPERTY

The Board discussed the appraisal for the Carnley property and directed County Coordinator Louie Goodin to negotiate with the Carnley's.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTS

Economic Development Director Chadd Mathis discussed with the Board the current economic development projects.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 149407 – 149546 and checks 065894-065971). Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin recommended that the Board allow the Maintenance Department to replace the roll-up doors due to safety. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.
- Mr. Goodin also discussed with the Board the previous policy to compensate employees that are required to quarantine due to Covid-19. The Board agreed to continue to compensate the employees.
- Commissioner McCoy discussed with the Board a contact for a grant writer for the county. Commissioner McCoy also provided the Board with a brief update of the meeting with Jamal Sowell as a resource for governmental assistance.
- The Board directed staff to send letters to the Governor's office requesting that the appointments for the Development Authority Board be filled.
- Commissioner Brown advised the Board of the need also to hire someone to write grants on behalf of the county and discussed the meeting with Mr. Sowell.

2021-2022 BUDGET REVIEW

County Auditor Ken Daniels provided the Board with an overview of the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to set the millage at 10.000 mills for the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Clerk of Court Greg Godwin reviewed the proposed budget with the Board, the following action was taken:

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to make the following changes:
 - Remove \$4,000 for roll-up doors for Maintenance Dept.
 - Remove \$800 for Building Dept. tires.
 - Remove \$4000 for Building Dept. monitors.
 - Increase operating supplies to \$250,000 for SR 6 & I-75 Water / Wastewater.
 - Increase line item for CERT to \$2,500.
 - Remove \$35,000 (truck) from Maintenance Department.
 - Increase Road Dept. \$35,000 (truck)
 - Decrease Recreation Dept. \$19,737 (mowers)
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 - Remove \$25,000 from Landfill for Fuel truck.
 - Remove \$90,000 from Landfill for Forklift.
 - Remove \$10,500 from Road Dept. for Generator

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

Town of Jennings Manager Jennifer Hightower and Fire Chief Steven Lang discussed with the Board their request for additional funding in the amount of \$20,000. After a brief discussion, the Board took the following action based on the discussion and requested additional information for the next budget meeting. The Board also stated that if the request remained in the budget that the Fire Services Contract would need to be amended.

- Motion by Commissioner Murphy to increase the Town of Jennings Fire budget from \$30,000 to \$50,000. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board agreed to hold the next budget workshop at 4:00 p.m. on August 17th prior to the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. and directed staff to have the following present: Road Department, Jennings Fire, Landfill and Sheriff's Department.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

RANDY OGBURN CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK