

**AUGUST 6, 2024
JASPER, FLORIDA**

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.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 Erixton with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman McCoy.

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

Thomas Howell Ferguson provided the Board with a written status report for the American Rescue Plan.

PETITION TO CLOSE A PUBLIC ROAD – SE 137TH BLVD. – JOHN C. SILCOX

John Silcox addressed the Board and explained his reasoning for filing a petition to close a portion of SE 137th Blvd. Mr. Silcox explained the issues with traffic and potential liability. County Attorney Andy Decker explained the petition process and addressed the liability concerns shared by Mr. Silcox. After a lengthy discussion and several recommendations from Mr. Silcox he advised that the Board could do whatever they wanted to and that he would do the same. Mr. Silcox exited the meeting, and the Board deemed the petition previously filed by Mr. Silcox withdrawn. The Board also admitted into the record a petition filed by residents in opposition to the road closing.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM / CDBG-CV – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors was unable to attend the meeting or provide a report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTS

County Coordinator Gary Godwin provided the Board with a brief update regarding the current economic development projects.

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.

SE 142ND BLVD. – Commissioner Erixton requested that the Board consider paving the portion of SE 142nd Blvd. from CR 137 to Swift Creek due to the continued maintenance and safety issues. Rachel Garland was present for the meeting and discussed the condition of the road. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to have NFPS to look at SE 142nd Blvd. and NW 44th Street and provide a cost estimate and exact distance at the next Board meeting.

CR 25A – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the pre-construction meeting will be scheduled for the CR 25A resurfacing project with construction to begin October 1st. Mr. Bailey explained that the project will be approximately 5.5 miles and will be from Hwy. 41 to SW 141st Blvd.

CR 132 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the site review for the CR 132 resurfacing project has been completed and is being reviewed by FDOT.

GIBSON PARK – Mr. Bailey stated that FWC has agreed to phasing the grant project with the drainage to be included in phase one (1).

5 HOLE BOAT RAMP – Mr. Bailey stated that NFPS is awaiting responses from the SRWMD and Army Corp. of Eng.

ANIMAL CONTROL – Mr. Bailey briefly discussed the revised scope of work for the Animal Control facility.

DUMP STATION – The Board announced that both Commissioner Roberson and Commissioner Murphy will be meeting to discuss the installation of a dump station at the current Water and Sewer Plant.

LOGISTICS PARK – Mr. Bailey advised that construction for the Logistics Park project is underway.

SR 129 LIFT STATION – Mr. Bailey stated that he is finalizing the plans for the lift station and will be preparing the documentation for being let for bids.

JENNINGS INTERCHANGE JOBS GROWTH GRANT – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that staff is working on an application for a Jobs Growth Grant for the interchange roadway.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to reschedule the budget workshop on the agenda for 1:30 p.m. to Thursday, August 8th at 9:00 a.m. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVE HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02 FOR THE PURPOSES – PLACEMENT ON BALLOT

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to approve Resolution 2024-02 from the Hamilton County School Board for the placement on the ballot for the November general election. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF AMBULANCE INVENTORY

Chairman McCoy announced that this item was taken care of during the last budget workshop.

AUGUST 20, 2024 BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE – DISCUSSION

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to change the August 20th Board meeting date to Thursday, August 22nd at 6:00 p.m. due to the primary election. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to approve the bills (vouchers 167944 – 168171 and checks 074005 - 074125). Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CONTINUATION OF LOCAL DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to continue the Local Declaration of State of Emergency due to Hurricane Debby. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- Motion by Commissioner Murphy to resume normal business activities for the county offices and department on Wednesday, August 7, 2024. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Gary Godwin advised the Board that staff is working on the storm assessment and also discussed a program being utilized by other counties for the lease of dump trucks.

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

RICHIE MCCOY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

