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**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.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 Brown with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Madam Chairman Burnam.

Madam Chairman Burnam introduced Johnathan Law as the new Veteran Service Officer.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS / SECURITY**

Seth Cohen, with NFPS, advised the Board that the design for the Courthouse Security renovations is complete and that staff is preparing the plans for the project in order to be able to let for bids.

**SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT**

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors presented the Board with a status report for Ship and CDBG. Mr. Nabors recommended that the Board approve a purchase assistance application for Edward Hendry in the amount of \$12,000.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the purchase assistance application for Edward Hendry in the amount of \$12,000. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors also advised the Board that the rehab application for Karen Davis of White Springs has already been approved.

## **INCENTIVE PACKAGE FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Madam Chairman Burnam recommended that the Board allow staff to get with landowners and Retail Strategies in order to derive an incentive package for specific projects. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.

## **ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT**

Seth Cohen, with NFPS, gave the Board a status report on the current road projects.

**CR-137** – Mr. Cohen advised the Board that the CR-137 construction project has been completed with the contractor currently sodding the project. Commissioner Ogburn stated that the white strip will need to be repainted prior to the completion of the project.

**SW 79<sup>TH</sup> DRIVE** – Mr. Cohen stated that FDOT’s comments have been addressed and the project is complete.

**NW 23<sup>RD</sup> BLVD.** – Mr. Cohen stated that FDOT’s comments have been addressed and the project is complete.

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

**NW 34<sup>TH</sup> BLVD. (DIP)** – Mr. Cohen advised the Board that the SRWMD permit has been received along with the restoration plans from the POA for NW 34<sup>th</sup> Blvd.

Mr. Cohen discussed with the Board the possibility of utilizing a portion of the allocated funds for the SW 90<sup>th</sup> Blvd. project in order to fund the shortfall for the other projects recently bid.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to award the bid for the SW 55<sup>th</sup> Drive paving project to Anderson Columbia in the amount of \$1,276,926.12. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to award the bid for the SE 141<sup>st</sup> Blvd. paving project to Anderson Columbia in the amount of \$973,932.51. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to award the bid for the 104<sup>th</sup> Ave., 35<sup>th</sup> Dr., NW 103<sup>rd</sup> Pl. and Chan Bridge Road paving projects to Anderson Columbia in the amount of \$441,393.14. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to utilize funding from the SW 90<sup>th</sup> Blvd. paving project to fund the shortfall for the above paving projects and utilize the excess Loves funds if available. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a

unanimous vote.

**SW 55<sup>TH</sup> DRIVE** – The Board agreed by unanimous consent to rebid the CEI for the SW 55<sup>th</sup> Drive paving project.

**CR-152** – Mr. Cohen discussed with the Board an area on CR-152 that will be repaired and stabilized prior to the repaving and County Coordinator Louie Goodin gave the Board an update on the project.

### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE – KAREN WILLIAMS**

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Karen Williams gave the Board an update on the upcoming Chamber events. Ms. Williams stated that the Annual Chamber Dinner will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> and that the keynote speaker will be Lisa Mills.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE ENACTMENT IMPOSING A SIX (6) CENT LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX**

Madam Chairman Burnam recessed the regular meeting and called the public hearing (Local Option Fuel Tax) to order at 9:42 a.m.

County Attorney Cliff Adams explained the action before the Board and stated that all documentation from the three (3) municipalities has been received. Mr. Adams read the title to the Ordinance continuing the six (6) cent Local Option Fuel Tax.

There being no questions or comments from the public or Board, Madam Chairman Burnam closed the public hearing and reconvened the Board meeting at 9:44 a.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the ordinance for the continuation of the six (6) cent local option fuel tax. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **SECOND PUBLIC HEARING – FFY 2017 SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

Madam Chairman Burnam recessed the regular meeting and called the public hearing (CDBG) to order at 9:45 a.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 advised the Board and public in attendance of the Community Wide Needs Score of 758.20 which should be within the funding range. Madam Chairman Burnam read the Resolution for the record.

There being no questions or comments from the public or Board, Madam Chairman Burnam closed the public hearing and reconvened the Board meeting at 9:47 a.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the Resolution for the Housing Revitalization CDBG grant. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**SR-6 / I-75 HAMILTON COUNTY WATER SYSTEM – DEP VS HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – OGC CONSENT ORDER NO. 18-1012 – DRINKING WATER ENFORCEMENT**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin explained the consent order issued by FDEP regarding the Hamilton County Water/Sewer facility. Bob White, with NFPS, was present and also explained the issue with the consent order and possible alternative methods to treat water. Mr. Goodin then discussed the methods available and the issue with the Chlorine and the media being used to treat the water and the capital expenditure necessary to correct the issue. Mr. Goodin assured the Board that the deadlines set forth in the consent order will be met. Commissioner Smith suggested that the Board consider another well site.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to accept the consent order as filed by FDEP. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – STATUS REPORT**

Hamilton County Economic Development Director Susan Ramsey gave the Board a status report on the current economic development projects.

**APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 131340 – 131563 and checks 057909 – 057980). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**LEAVE PAYOUT**

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to declare an emergency and approve the leave payouts for Joe Anderson and Bo Beauchemin. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with a letter from Environmental Attorney Scott Shirley regarding the 2017 Annual Report and 2018 Estimates for Nutrien.

- Mr. Goodin announced that the Health Fair will be held at the Annex Friday, from 9 to 1 and also reminded the Board of Open Enrollment taking place today and tomorrow.
- Commissioner Ogburn questioned staff as to the purchase of a road striper, Mr. Goodin advised that the specifications are being drafted and will be bid within the next week.
- Commissioner Ogburn provided the Board with a brief update of the Technical Working Group meeting and also discussed the time span for Nutrien. Commissioner Ogburn also stated that Nutrien appeared to be in agreement to extend the property agreement for the Project Bark property.
- Commissioner Brown advised the Board of two (2) dead pines located on the Arena property, the Board directed staff to have the trees removed.
- Commissioner Smith requested that the Road Department allow the Graders and mowers to work overtime this Friday. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that Wells Fargo has four (4) lots that they would like to donate to the Board in Oak Woodlands. After a brief discussion, the Board declined the offer.
- The Board agreed to waive the building permit fees for the Suwannee Valley Nursing Center.

There being no further business before the Board, Madam Chairman Burnam recessed the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Madam Chairman Burnam called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.

## **2018-2019 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

### **LIBRARY**

Suwannee River Regional Library Director Betty Lawrence discussed the library budget with the Board.

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

EMS Director Toby Witt discussed the EMS budget with the Board.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to increase the EMS revenue \$155,000 due to being allowed to transport for Suwannee County. Second was made by

Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**FIRE**

Fire Coordinator Henry Land discussed the fire budget with the Board. After a lengthy discussion the Board agreed for staff to meet with each Municipality to discuss the fire options. The Board also agreed to pay for the Tender Trucks rather than lease them.

**SALARIES**

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve a lump sum salary increase of \$1,000 per employee and structure the PRN and part-time salaries as previously approved in 2017. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**TRANSPORTATION**

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to allow an Administrative Assistant position at the Road Department and for the position to be utilized as a “floater” for all departments. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Madam Chairman Burnam announced that the next budget meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

There being no further business before the Board, Madam Chairman Burnam adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

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BETH BURNAM, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

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