

**AUGUST 15, 2023
JASPER, FLORIDA**

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Travis Erixton, Jimmy Murphy, Robert Brown and Richie McCoy, a full Board being present. Also present were County Coordinator Louie Goodin and County Attorney Andy Decker.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MEDICAL CLINIC ROOF OVER – BID AWARD

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to award the bid for the Medical Clinic Roof to Plumb Level Construction in the amount of \$58,125.84. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**REQUEST ADOPTION OF A COMMUNITY RESOLUTION –
AMERICAN PATRIOTS – MOSES CLEPPER**

Moses Clepper, representing the American Patriots of Live Oak, presented the Board with a resolution for consideration to denounce and condemn all acts of terrorism. Mr. Clepper explained the benefits and effects on the community and county. County Attorney Andy Decker also discussed the Resolution and stated that it was in accordance with the State Statutes.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the Resolution as presented. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PETITION TO CLOSE A PUBLIC ROAD – CENTRAL AVENUE SE (APPROX. 730 FEET) – SAMMY KYLE MCCOY AND JACKIE L. AND SYBIL L. KLINE

Jackie Kline and Kyle McCoy explained the reason for the petition to close a portion of Central Avenue SE.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the petition and to direct the Clerk to advertise for a public hearing. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – FINAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR SP 23-01, A PETITION BY HAROLD TIMMONS (AS AGENT FOR THE TOWERS, LLC), REQUESTING A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES BE GRANTED AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 14.11 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO ALLOW FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN AN AGRICULTURAL – 4 (AG4) ZONING DISTRICT ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Harold Timmons, the agent for The Towers, LLC, provided the Board and public a presentation outlining the application. County Attorney Andy Decker advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the application and stated that the application is in compliance with Section 14 of the Land Development Regulations.

There being no further comments from the Board or public, Chairman Brown closed the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to approve SP 23-01 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE EXACTION AND IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL ONE CENT (\$0.01) DISCRETIONARY SALES TAX FOR THE FIRE PROTECTION NEEDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA AS PROVIDED FOR BY SECTOIN 212.055(3) FLORIDA STATUTES

County Attorney Andy Decker presented the Board with a copy of the Ordinance and explained the Statutory purpose of the Ordinance per F.S. 212.055(3). Mr. Decker also stated that the Ordinance will be filed with the Secretary of State and will go into effect in January 2024.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the Ordinance exacting and imposing an additional one cent discretionary sales tax for Fire Protection needs of Hamilton County per F.S. 212.055(3). Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTS

County Engineer Greg Bailey provided the Board with a status report on the current economic development projects. Mr. Bailey discussed the SR6 / I-75 Jobs Growth project and advised the Board that his staff is continuing to work on the design stage and has ordered the geotechnical survey of the property. Mr. Bailey also stated that HB 1209 may provide relief from the grant agreement timeline. Mr. Bailey then discussed a possible five (5) county utilities work group that would share in the license of the facilities and provided an MOU outlining the implementation of such a group. The Board stated that they were interested and requested that Mr. Bailey provide additional information.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS EREPORT

Greg Bailey, with North Florida Professional Services, provided the Board with a status report on the current road projects.

LAKE BAISDEN LOOP – Mr. Bailey advised the Lake Baisden Loop paving project is progressing according to schedule.

CR-25A – Mr. Bailey advised that the geotechnical survey and the testing of the pavement cores for the CR-25A paving project are currently being done with the final determination of the plans forthcoming.

RESILIENCY GRANT – Mr. Bailey stated that he is working on a cost for the replacement of the Swift Creek Bridge which will be the first submittal for the grant.

5 HOLE BOATRAMP – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the permit for the project has been submitted to SRWMD.

CR-132 RESURFACING PROJECT – County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the FDOT approval for the CR 132 resurfacing project is forthcoming.

GRADER BID SPECIFICATIONS – The Board reviewed the specifications for a Finish Grader and regular Tandem Grader.

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to approve the Grader specifications as presented and to direct staff to bid for one (1) Finish Grader and two (2) regular Graders. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

HAMILTON COUNTY FIRE SERVICE

The Board at the direction of staff agreed to table the agenda item until a later date.

DUKE ENERGY INVOICE FOR SERVICES PERFORMED AT 1846 HAMILTON AVENUE LODGE JENNINGS

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the proposal from Duke Energy to remove the existing electrical service for the old Holiday Inn site. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed for staff to further discuss the invoice and if needed to request that the Development Authority consider splitting the invoice.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the bills (vouchers 162051 – 162347 and checks 071486-071593). Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner McCoy questioned staff as to a start date for the paving of NW 13th Drive and discussed an issue with a ditch along Chanbridge Drive. The Board directed staff to check the ownership and determine if an easement exists for the ditch property.
- The Board announced that the next Budget workshop will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

ROBERT BROWN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

