

**AUGUST 16, 2022
JASPER, FLORIDA**

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.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 Brown with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Smith.

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 requested that the Board approve the round one (1) Ship projects: Lorne Jay Smith, Delores Newsome, Ira Joe Armstead and Leconue Conwright.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve round one (1) Ship projects as recommended by Mr. Nabors. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors also provided the Board with a budget recap of the Ship funds to date. The Board requested that Mr. Nabors provide the list of Ship applications by the year in which they were received.

Mr. Nabors also 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 21st for a Housing Grant.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTS

Economic Development Director Chadd Mathis was unable to be in attendance for the meeting; therefore, County Coordinator Louie Goodin provided the Board with an update on the current projects and advised that the closing for the Holiday Inn Property took place on the 15th with the demolition to begin as soon as a survey of the impervious surfaces can be obtained. The Board also discussed the possibility of purchasing or renting a crusher to be able to crush and utilize the debris from the demolition for future projects. Mr. Goodin also stated that the asbestos report will be forthcoming. Mr. Goodin then advised the Board that NFPS is still gathering information as to the construction of a lift station at SR-129/I-75.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Greg Bailey, with North Florida Professional Services, provided the Board with a status report on the current road projects. Mr. Bailey advised the Board that he is hopeful that the Board will be able to purchase asphalt Thursday, August 18th or Friday, August 19th from Lenox Georgia for the parking lots.

BAISDEN LAKE LOOP / SW 107th 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. The Board agreed to postpone the project for an additional thirty (30) days.

GIBSON PARK – Mr. Bailey stated that his staff is still working on obtaining the SRWMD permit for the Gibson Park construction project and that the SRWMD site visit was a success.

PARKING LOTS / SW 90TH BLVD. – County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the parking lots are ready to be paved and will be upon the availability of asphalt.

JENNINGS BLUFF CAMPGROUND – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the SRWMD permit has been received for the Jennings Bluff Campground project.

CROSSROADS FIRE DEPARTMENT – The Board discussed with staff the need for a topography survey and plans for the new Crossroads Fire Department Fire Station.

SR 129/I-75 LIFT STATION – Mr. Bailey stated that the Board will have a task order for the Lift Station by the next meeting.

SUWANNEE VALLEY NURSING CENTER – The Board discussed a request from residents of the Suwannee Valley Nursing Center for a crosswalk. After a brief discussion, the Board requested Mr. Bailey to look at the area and make a recommendation as to the request.

HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL – A/C UNIT REPLACEMENT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the Sheriff's Department received a quote from W.W. Gay in the amount of \$700,000 for the chillers to replace the ac at the Jail. The Board reviewed the previous quote from Green's Sales and Services in the amount of \$53,000 for a replacement unit and took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve for one (1) ac unit to be replaced at the Jail and to accept the quote from Green's Sales and Services in the amount of \$53,000. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT RENOVATIONS SPECIFICATIONS

The Board reviewed the request for repairs to the Hamilton County Health Department as presented by Department of Health Director Tom Moffses.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve for staff to draft the specifications for the repairs as requested. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the consent agenda with the recommended Quit Claim deed for the lots previously sold by the Board. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 155691 – 155908 and checks 068740-068833). Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that a decision will need to be made regarding the contract for construction for the Jennings Bluff Campground. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow construction contract to proceed.
- Commissioner McCoy advised the Board of an issue with Swift Straw burning pine straw and causing significant smoke in the area. Board suggested that the residents may need to file a complaint with the Code Enforcement Officer.
- Commissioner Brown advised the Board that he will be serving on the canvassing board for the upcoming election.
- Commissioner Ogburn and the Board recognized Commissioner Brown for his perfect attendance on the North Florida Regional Planning Council Clearing House. Chairman Smith read the letter/news release and the Board thanked Commissioner Brown for his service.
- The Board discussed the need for lobbyist Patrick Bell to be more responsive to the Board as to the status of legislative projects.

- Commissioner Murphy questioned staff as to the replacement and correction of 911 signs. Chairman Smith advised the Board that the issue has been resolved and that 911 mapping is utilizing coop students from the High School to replace and repair the signs in the county.

- County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that two (2) responses have been received for the County Attorney's position. Mr. Adams explained the procedures for the selection process and stated that he would be willing to stay through the end of the year if necessary. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to interview both on September 19th at 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

