

**AUGUST 16, 2022
JASPER, FLORIDA**

SPECIAL SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in special session on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year budget in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Josh Smith, Randy Ogburn, Jimmy Murphy and Richie McCoy, a full Board being present. Also present was County Coordinator Louie Goodin, County Attorney Cliff Adams and Finance Director Sheri Davis.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Josh Smith.

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Sheriff Harrell Reid addressed the Board and requested a ten (10 %) increase for his Correctional Officers which were omitted from the FDLE grant.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the request from Sheriff Reid in the amount of \$11,231.00 as presented. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Bo Beauchimin and Karen Bristol with the JRE Lee Community Complex addressed the Board and requested assistance with funding in the amount of \$900 per month to assist with the utilities for the complex.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the request as presented in the amount of \$10,800.00 for the JRE Lee Community Complex. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Tom Moffses, Executive Director of the Health Department, presented the Board with an architectural drawing / conceptual design for the new Health Department. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to allow the design to be hardened making the facility a possible storm shelter etc. The Board also discussed the possible issues with water retention and agreed to allow staff to discuss with County Engineer Greg Bailey and advise the Board. Mr. Moffses also discussed the need for the replacement of the flooring and making the current bathroom ADA compliant for the current Health Department.

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed a request from the Recreation Department for an aerator for the pond.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to allow the purchase of an aerator from the current fiscal year budget in the amount of \$3,450.75 as requested. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the specifications of the Doctors Office Building and to utilize funding from the American Rescue Plan. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve a three (3) percent salary increase for all county employees and to raise all employees to a minimum wage of \$14.00 per hour. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the request for \$5,000 each for the Hamilton County High School Football and Volleyball programs. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board agreed by unanimous consent to purchase the ac unit for the Board room and directed Fire Coordinator Henry Land to put together prices for the Fire equipment needed and to report back to the Board at a later date.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

