

**August 21, 2018
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JASPER, FLORIDA**

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.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 Smith with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Madam Chairman Burnam.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that according to Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors there was nothing new to report. Mr. Goodin stated that the 2018/2019 CDBG application was hand delivered.

SUPPLEMENTAL REVIEW OF PCS PHOSPHATE WHITE SPRINGS 2017 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT AND 2018 ESTIMATES

County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that Environmental Attorney Scott Shirley was satisfied with the additional comments from PCS Phosphate and recommended that the Board approve the 2017 Annual Report.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to accept the PCS Phosphate White Springs 2017 Annual Progress Report and 2018 Estimates based on the recommendation of Environmental Attorney Scott Shirley. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS / SECURITY

County Engineer Greg Bailey, with NFPS, presented the Board with plans for the Courthouse Security renovations. Mr. Bailey reviewed the plans with the Board and also agreed to include separately an awning for the handicap ramp as requested by the Board.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the plans as submitted by NFPS and to let the Courthouse Renovation project for bids. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Greg Bailey, with NFPS, gave the Board a status report on the current road projects.

CR-137 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the CR-137 construction project has been completed with the contractor cleaning up and placing the signage.

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

Mr. Bailey stated that utilizing a portion of the allocated funds for the SW 90th Blvd. to fund the shortfall for the previously bid projects will still need to be approved by FDOT and that a meeting has been scheduled. The Board discussed the possibility of allowing the shortfall to be taken from the Transportation Trust Fund in order to allow the completion of SW 90th Blvd. at the time of construction. The Board also discussed purchasing additional right of way in order to eliminate the 90 degree curve in the road.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to allow the shortfall for the previously bid projects to be taken from the Transportation Trust Fund. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

JENNINGS EXIT – Mr. Bailey suggested that the Board consider an overlapping district for the Jennings exit in order to help with the aesthetics of the area. Mr. Bailey stated that the work would have to be accomplished with the assistance of the Town of Jennings. The Board directed staff to look into how the implementation of such a program would take place.

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.

HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Tom Moffses, with the Health Department, gave the Board an update on the sewer spill from Lowndes County and stated that he has been in contact with FDEP regarding the issue and the Alapaha River has been cleared for swimming. The Board voiced their continued concerns and directed legal staff to review the possibility of legal action. Mr. Moffses also stated that the Health Department is working on the migrant situation at the Jennings I-75 interchange.

INCENTIVE PACKAGE FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

County Coordinator Louie Goodin gave the Board a status report as to the incentive package for future development. Mr. Goodin presented the Board with options for an incentive package and the Board agreed that confidentiality agreements could be used where necessary.

ACCEPTANCE OF STORM WATER AND MAINTENANCE EASEMENT

County Attorney Cliff Adams requested that this agenda item be continued until the next Board meeting.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the bills (vouchers 131564 – 131887 and checks 058002 – 058082). Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Mitchell stated that the new Board website looks nice and is progressing.
- Commissioner Mitchell also thanked Nutrien for the road repair in his district.
- Commissioner Brown questioned staff as to the removal of dead trees at the Arena.
- Commissioner Smith suggested that staff meet with Anderson Columbia regarding the future warranty of SW 79th Drive.
- Commissioner Smith also stated that the Walking Track at the Recreation Department has been completed and would like to see the Board draft a letter to the Health Department regarding the exercise equipment and thanking them for their participation.
- Commissioner Smith then discussed the need for select equipment to work overtime at the Road Department.
- Madam Chairman Burnam reminded the Board of the Tentative Budget Hearing at 5:05 p.m. on September 4th and also stated that she will not be present for the October 2nd meeting.
- Madam Chairman Burnam also discussed the possible salary increase for the County Coordinator. After discussing the issue, Commissioner Mitchell declared an emergency and made a motion to increase the County Coordinator's salary \$1,000 in addition to the

increase already approved by the Board for all employees. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, however after a continued discussion, both Commissioners rescinded their motion and the Board agreed to have the issue placed on the agenda for the meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, Madam Chairman Burnam adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

BETH BURNAM, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

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