

**AUGUST 21, 2023  
JASPER, FLORIDA**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in special session on Tuesday, August 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of ranking the County Coordinator applicants and further discussing the 2023/2024 Budget, in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Travis Erixton, Robbie Roberson, Jimmy Murphy and Richie McCoy, a full Board being present. Also present was County Attorney Andy Decker and Finance Director Sheri Davis.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brown.

**COUNTY COORDINATOR APPLICANT RANKING**

The Board discussed the ranking process for the County Coordinator applications and agreed on the questions for the ranking process. The Board then ranked all fourteen (14) applications and agreed to interview the top five (5) applicants which were as follows: Scott Driggers, Gary Godwin, Shawn Kindoll, Josh Smith and William Smith. The Board then agreed to hold the interviews for the County Coordinator position on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 p.m. with County Attorney Andy Decker to notify each applicant of their appropriate time.

**2023 / 2024 BUDGET**

Fire Coordinator Henry Land was present for the meeting and discussed the effect that the new ISO rating system would have on the county. Mr. Land discussed the possibility of merging the fire departments including the municipalities until the issue can be resolved. Mr. Land explained that the combination of resources and reporting would help with the current ISO rating process. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to meet with all Municipalities and county fire personnel to discuss the issues before making a final determination.

Clerk of Court Greg Godwin provided the Board with an update from the last budget workshop.

- Motion by Commissioner Roberson to remove the A/C for auditorium and place it on the appropriations list. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to change the property deductible for a “Named Storm” to ten (1) percent. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
  
- Motion by Commissioner Roberson to approve a three (3) percent raise for all county employees and to also make the minimum wage for the county be \$15 per hour. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the grants and the need to have an individual organize and keep up with the schedules for each. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to discuss the position with current Land Use Administrator Mathew Morgan at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. The Board also agreed with the timing and hours for the two (2) Motor Graders as provided by Beard Equipment Company. The Board discussed the need for a Chamber of Commerce and will look into what will need to be done to re-activate the Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman Brown and Commissioner Erixton will serve as the Value Adjustment Board members.

The Board agreed to have another budget workshop on August 31, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

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ROBERT BROWN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK





