

**AUGUST 28, 2023
JASPER, FLORIDA**

SPECIAL SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in special session on Tuesday, August 28, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the grants administration 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.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brown.

STATE AND LOCAL GRANT ADMINISTRATION

The Board discussed with Land Use Administrator Mathew Morgan the need to have a grants administrator who would do the reporting and keep all grant information current. The board also advised that the position would include legislative appropriations and other specified grants. Mr. Morgan discussed his prior grant experience and agreed to work with staff to organize the grants.

- Motion by Commissioner Roberson to approve for Land Use Administrator Mathew Morgan to take on the task of grant administration for an additional \$15,000 with the Board to reassess the position in six (6) months. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Morgan accepted the position and agreed to work with all involved.

Clerk of Court Greg Godwin presented the Board with a deed prepared by the School District for the property at the old High School, adjacent to Central Hamilton Elementary.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to declare an emergency and to accept the deed from the School District for the previously mentioned property. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

County Attorney Andy Decker discussed with the Board several issues that have occurred at the Road Department. Mr. Decker advised the Board to wait until the new County Coordinator is hired and has an opportunity to review and report to the Board. The Board discussed a grievance filed by a Road Department employee. Chairman Brown read the grievance and Commissioner McCoy discussed his response and agreed to wait until the

new County Coordinator is hired before taking further action. Commissioner Erixton also stated that he has experienced similar issues with the Road Department.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

ROBERT BROWN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

