

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2022  
JASPER, FLORIDA**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in special session on Thursday, September 1, 2022, at 9:00 a.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.

**2022-2023 BUDGET REVIEW**

Clerk of Court Greg Godwin provided the Board with an overview of the budget recap from the prior budget meeting.

➤ Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the following:

1. Remove Recreation truck (\$40,000) from general fund by purchasing in the current fiscal year.
2. Remove Recreation truck (\$30,000) from general fund and transfer to the transportation fund.
3. Remove Maintenance truck (\$35,000) from transportation fund and purchase in the current fiscal year.

Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

➤ Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve for all Direct Care EMS employees to be compensated at \$15.00 per hour as required by State of Florida. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to allow the Road Department to purchase a Broom out of the current fiscal year and not to exceed \$50,000 with staff to receive sealed bids if not available from the State bid list. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to increase the hourly rate of pay for Pablo Garcia and Louis Edenfield to \$18.50 per hour. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to remove the lobbyist position (\$36,000) from the budget. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Commissioner McCoy.
- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bid specifications for the request for proposals for the Insurance Broker. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the new proposal from Green's Sales and Services for the 35-ton AC unit for the jail in the amount of \$88,000.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the agreement with Green's Sales and Services for an upfront payment of \$44,000 with the remaining \$44,000 to be paid at completion of the Jail AC project. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board reviewed the necessary repairs as suggested by Director Tom Moffses to the Health Department and the building in White Springs to be used by the Health Department.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to allow staff to develop specifications for the bid process for the request from Health Department Executive Director Tom Moffses. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board also discussed the need for the Veterans Park to be taken care of and briefly discussed Fire Services from the municipalities. County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that he has prepared a deed with a reverter clause for the Development Authority to consider to meet the requirements of the Jobs Growth Grant.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

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JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK





