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JASPER, FLORIDA**

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Beth Burnam, Josh Smith and William Mitchell. Commissioner Randy Ogburn was absent. 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 Brown with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Madam Chairman Burnam.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the Consent Agenda with the change to item #4 (Health Department) as noted by County Attorney Cliff Adams. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE – KAREN WILLIAMS

Karen Williams, the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, gave the Board a status report of the current Chamber events. Ms. Williams reminded the Board of the community meeting in White Springs on September 6th. Pregnancy Care Center Walk For Life on September 29th and also the Annual Chamber Dinner on September 27th. Ms. Williams then suggested that the Board participate in the nominations for the Business of the Year.

Sequonda Wright, with “The Wright Connection Mentoring Program” was present and presented the Board with literature pertaining to her program. Ms. Wright explained the program and agreed to be present for the next Board meeting with additional information.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors discussed with the Board the ranking for the latest CDBG program applications and also stated that sight visits should be completed by the end of September with contracts to be administered in November.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

NW 104TH AVE., CHANBRIDGE DRIVE, NW 35TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey discussed with the Board the bids received for the three (3) projects. The bids were as follows: Anderson Columbia - \$489,876.32, Curts Construction - \$364,199.27 and Scruggs - \$355,050.57. Mr. Bailey stated that the FDOT budget for the projects is approximately \$600,000 and recommended that the Board award the bid to Scruggs.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to award the bid for NW 104th Ave., Chanbridge Drive, NW 35th Drive to Scruggs Construction Company in the amount of \$355,050.57 as recommended by Engineer Greg Bailey. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CR-137 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the CR-137 construction project is complete and the contractor is cleaning up and placing the signage.

Mr. Bailey then advised the Board that he received the concurrence from FDOT for the SE 141st Blvd. paving project.

OAK STREET – Mr. Bailey stated that there were errors in the quantities as proposed in the bid documents.

STREET LINER – County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that only one (1) bid was received for the Street Liner from EZ Liner in the amount of \$43,819.75 and that Road Superintendent James Bell reviewed the bid and requested option “B” as the package for the Liner. The Board also discussed the possibility of utilizing Thermo Liner on certain roads; in addition, Mr. Bailey stated that he would give the Board an estimate on the Thermo Liner at the next Board meeting.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to award the bid for the Street Liner to EZ Liner with Option “B” in the amount of \$43,819.75. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CEI SERVICES (SW 55TH DRIVE) – The Board received one (1) proposal from Eisman & Russo for the CEI Services on the SW 55th Drive paving project. Mr. Bailey briefly explained the CEI Services proposal. J.W. Hunter, with Eisman & Russo was present for the meeting. The Board discussed the timeline for the beginning of the SW 55th Drive paving project, Mr. Bailey stated four (4) to six (6) weeks.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to accept the proposal for CEI Services from Eisman & Russo and direct staff to negotiate on behalf of the Board regarding the fees associated with the proposal. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that Bienville Plantation has requested that NFPS be their engineer for a future development. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow NFPS to provide engineering services for Bienville Plantation.

DISCUSSION OF FUEL METERING SYSTEM AT ROAD DEPARTMENT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board new financial reporting being required by the State of Florida for the fuel usage of the county. Mr. Goodin stated that staff has looked at the metering systems in surrounding counties and that a vendor will be at the Road Department tomorrow to discuss the new system and provide a cost estimate. The Board agreed to allow staff to proceed with the new system and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

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.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS / SECURITY

County Engineer Greg Bailey, with NFPS, stated that Building Official John Auer made a change to the plans and that the bids will be let this week for the renovation project. The Board also discussed the need to have additional vents placed in the area, staff will review the issue and report back to the Board.

INCENTIVE PACKAGE FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

County Coordinator Louie Goodin gave the Board a status report from Retail Strategies and also stated that each economic development project will be reviewed on a case by case basis in order to determine the incentive package offered by the county.

ACCEPTANCE OF STORM WATER AND MAINTENANCE EASEMENT

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

DISCUSSION OF THE JENNINGS INTERCHANGE

County Attorney Cliff Adams discussed with the Board his research regarding the migrant housing being utilized at the old hotel structures at the I-75 interchange in Jennings. Mr. Adams advised the Board that the zoning regulations for the Town of Jennings prohibits migrant housing at the interchange and would have to be enforced by the Town due to the facilities still be licensed as hotels with the State of Florida. Mr. Adams explained the enforcement process and advised the Board that he would be presenting the information to the Town of Jennings at their next meeting and if the Town agrees to move forward with the enforcement to expect push-back from the owners.

DISCUSSION OF DEP CONSENT ORDER REGARDING WATER SYSTEM AT I-75 & SR 6

Mr. Goodin advised the Board of the FDEP meeting held last Thursday, in Jacksonville where the options for the water plant were discussed in order to be in compliance with the consent order. Mr. Goodin stated that the first phase would be the use of Hydrogen Peroxide for the treatment of the water and would cost approximately \$10,000 and the next phase if needed would be the purchase of new media at a cost of approximately \$100,000 with an approximate two (2) year payback. The Board agreed to allow staff to proceed with the options mentioned and also discussed the possibility of drilling new test wells.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the bills (vouchers 131888 – 132072 and checks 058120 – 058188). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Tom Moffses, with the Health Department, advised the Board that as of October 1, 2018 the current health provider will be placed back in Alachua County; however, staff will be switched to fulfill the need in Hamilton County. Commissioner Smith requested that the Board recognize the Health Department for their assistance with the Walking Trail at the Recreation Department.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin stated that the new website is operational and looks nice.
- Mr. Goodin also advised the Board that the fiber optics quote for the Annex is \$950 per month and that the service will take care of the needs for all offices located at the Annex. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to accept the quote and all Madam Chairman Burnam to sign and execute the contract for the services.
- Commissioner Mitchell advised the Board of the need to make repairs to two (2) roads in his district that are currently under a limited maintenance agreement and that the School District has requested that the repairs be made due to buses. The Board agreed to allow staff to take care of the issues and make the necessary repairs to the roads. Mr. Mitchell also discussed with the Board a need for electrical charging stations.

- Commissioner Mitchel also requested that the Board consider issuing a letter recognizing the efforts of Emergency Management Assistant Pam Allen for her work on the FEMA reimbursements.
- Commissioner Brown discuss with the Board the possible covering of the drainage ditch located beside Mamma's Burgers.
- Madam Chairman Burnam stated that she was excited about the new website and reminded the Board that Mortensen will be hosting a job fair on Wednesday, September 5th at the Development Authority conference room.
- Madam Chairman Burnam also discussed a request from the School District for assistance with the construction of a soccer field at the High School. The Board directed Mr. Goodin to check into the request.
- Madam Chairman Burnam also discussed the issue of human trafficking with the Board.

There being no further business before the Board, Madam Chairman Burnam adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

BETH BURNAM, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

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