

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2023
JASPER, FLORIDA**

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Travis Erixton, Jimmy Murphy, Robert Brown, Robbie Roberson and Richie McCoy, a full Board being present. Also present was County Attorney Andy Decker.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brown and led in prayer by Chairman Brown with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Brown.

BUILDING OFFICIAL – JON AUER

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to waive the electrical reconnection fee due to Hurricane Idalia. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND PROGRAM
(AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN) – THOMAS HOWELL FERGUSON P.A. – STATUS
REPORT AND UPDATES**

John Beall, with Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A., provided the Board with a brief update of the American Rescue Plan and the bid process for the Mobile Health Unit. Tom Moffses, with the Dept. of Health, was present and discussed the bid process and details of the Mobile Health Unit. County Attorney Andy Decker advised the Board that due to only receiving one (1) bid proposal for the Mobile Health Unit which had to be delivered electronically due to Hurricane Idalia, that the Board could accept the bid proposal and approve the proposal contingent upon no other bids having been received as of 12:00 p.m. on September 8, 2023.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to accept the bid proposal from Lifeline in the amount of \$593,416 for the Mobile Health Unit contingent upon the County Attorney's recommendation due to other possible bids being undeliverable prior to September 8th at 12:00 p.m. Second was made by Commissioner Roberson, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM / CDBG-CV – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors provided the Board with a status report for Ship, CDBG and CDBG-CV grants. Mr. Nabors advised that he is currently working with contractors and has extended the current bid deadline due to Hurricane Idalia. Mr. Nabors stated that the environmental review exemption has been approved by DEO for the CDBG

project with the process underway. As to the CDBG-CV, Mr. Nabors advised the bids for the engineering and architectural services have been let and will be returned on Friday, September 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTS

Patrick Bell, lobbyist for the County, provided the Board with a brief Legislative update and reminded the Board of the Delegation meeting on Tuesday, September 26th at 11:00 a.m. Engineer Greg Bailey provided the Board with a status report on the current economic development projects. Mr. Bailey discussed the task order for engineering services for the US 129/CR 158 Lift Station.

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to approve the Task Order from NFPS for the Lift Station as previously discussed. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board requested Mr. Bailey to check on the dump station project at the County Water and Sewer facility. County Attorney discussed with the Board the request to approve and execute a Special Warranty Deed between the Development Authority and the Board.

- Motion by Commissioner Roberson to approve and execute the Special Warranty Deed as previously mentioned and recommended by County Attorney Andy Decker. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS EREPORT

Greg Bailey, with North Florida Professional Services, provided the Board with a status report on the current road projects.

LAKE BAISDEN LOOP – Mr. Bailey advised the Lake Baisden Loop paving project is progressing according to schedule; however, the road may need immediate attention to the removal of storm debris to not hinder the contractor.

SR6 / I-75 JOBS GROWTH GRANT – Mr. Bailey provided a brief update and advised the Board that the project is currently in the design phase.

CR-25A – Mr. Bailey advised that the final plans are under review for the CR-25A paving project.

SR6 WATER AND SEWER FACILITY – Mr. Bailey discussed with the Board the plan to only drill one (1) new well seeking to find acceptable water. Mr. Bailey explained the issues with the treatment of the water. The Board discussed the need to get clarification as to the appropriation which was for two (2) new ten (10) inch water wells.

CROSSROADS FIRE STATION – Mr. Bailey advised that the permit request for the project is under review by the SRWMD.

5 HOLE BOATRAMP – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the permit for the project has been submitted to SRWMD.

JENNINGS PROPERTY PLANNING GRANT – Mr. Bailey briefly discussed the planning grant for the Jennings I-75 interchange.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the consent agenda. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DUKE ENERGY INVOICE FOR SERVICES PERFORMED AT 1846 HAMILTON AVENUE LODGE JENNINGS

County Attorney Andy Decker discussed the proposal from Duke Energy to remove the existing electrical service for the old Holiday Inn site and the invoice for the damaged transformers. The Board agreed to continue the item until Mr. Decker has an opportunity to further investigate the invoice requests.

TOWN OF JENNINGS – STORM DEBRIS SITE

Town of Jennings Mayor, Samantha Prueter and Town Manager Jennifer Hightower addressed the Board requesting direction for a storm debris site. Ms. Hightower advised that the Town had previously obtained permission to place the debris on the county property on Bee Street and would like to continue. The Board discussed several issues with the site and agreed to check the area for an alternate site. Ms. Hightower also advised the Board that FDOT has destroyed several of their meter boxes during the debris pickup.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the bills (vouchers 162348 – 162591 and checks 071594-071704). Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ANNUAL LEAVE EXTENSION

- Motion by Commissioner Erixton to declare an emergency and to extend the annual leave deadline to November 1st due to Hurricane Idalia. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There was no correspondence or announcements.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

ROBERT BROWN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

