

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2022
JASPER, FLORIDA**

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Randy Ogburn, Robert Brown, Richie McCoy, Josh Smith and Jimmy Muphy, a full Board being present. Also present were County Coordinator Louie Goodin and County Attorney Cliff Adams.

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

PRESENTATION OF THE 2021 HAMILTON COUNTY FARM FAMILY – MATT DEAS FAMILY – GREG HICKS, EXTENSION OFFICE

Greg Hicks, with the County Extension Office, presented a plaque to the Matt Deas Family as the 2021 Hamilton County Farm Family and provided a brief history of their family and the many years of farming. Mr. Hicks then presented a plaque to the Hugh Hunter Family as the 2022 Hamilton County Farm Family and also provided a brief history of their many years of farming.

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

Steve Stevens, with Thomas Howell Ferguson, provided the Board with a status report for the American Rescue Plan and also advised that his firm is working on an addendum to the contract to ensure compliance with CFR 200.

USE OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIREARMS AND USE OF EXPLOSIVES IN RESIDENTIAL AREA – CINDY PEDICINI

Cindy Pedicini addressed the Board and explained that individuals are shooting firearms and using tannerite and other explosives in a residential area.

Ms. Pedicini stated that she and others have contacted the Sheriff's Department and explained the issues that others within the subdivision are having with the complaints. The Board requested names as to the individuals involved; however, Ms. Pedicini stated that due to recent developments that she could not release names. The Board then advised Ms. Pedicini that without names there was nothing that the Board or Law Enforcement could do.

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE GETTING INSPECTION APPROVING
NEW BUILDING AT CHURCH – CHARLES BARRETT**

County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that he talked with Mr. Barrett and explained that his issue with his building inspection is with the Town of Jennings rather than the Board of County Commissioners.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM / CDBG-CV – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors provided an update regarding the current Ship, CDBG and CDBG-CV projects. Mr. Nabors also provided the Board with a status report for the Ship projects and a spreadsheet showing the number of Ship applications filed by district from 2016 thru 2022. Mr. Nabors also stated that he is still waiting on DEO regarding the CDBG-CV grant and as for the 2022 CDBG Grant, the application that was submitted on July 21st for a Housing Grant is being processed.

**PETITION FOR ROAD CLOSURE BY WILLIAM B. SHAFFNER AND
SUNSHINE TIBBS – ANITA HANDY, REPRESENTATIVE**

Anita Handy, representing Mr. Shaffner and Ms. Tibbs, explained the petition filed with the Board to close a portion of NW 9th Drive. Ms. Handy answered questions from the Board as to the road closure and was asked by County Attorney Cliff Adams to provide a signed copy of the petition by both Mr. Shaffner and Ms. Tibbs.

- Motion by Commissioner Murphy to accept the petition and direct staff to advertise the petition for the road closing in accordance with the Florida State for a public hearing. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTS

Economic Development Director Chadd Mathis provided the Board with an update on the current projects. Mr. Mathis presented the Board with a map showing the Service Stations and advised that he has both under contract for purchase. After a brief discussion of the property the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Development Authority to split the cost 50/50 for the purchase of the Service Stations. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Chairman Smith.

The Board then questioned Mr. Mathis as to the documentation from the Development Authority that would allow the Board to sign and execute the scope of work for the Jobs Growth Grant. County Coordinator Louie Goodin stated that staff will be meeting with DEO on Thursday, to discuss the grant.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

BAISDEN LAKE LOOP / SW 107th AVE. – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that staff is waiting to see if FDOT will have additional funding for the project prior to the beginning of construction.

GIBSON PARK – Mr. Bailey stated that his staff is still working with the SRWMD and has also revised the grant request to streamline the permitting process.

CROSSROADS FIRE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Bailey stated that he is working on the plans for the Crossroads Fire Department Fire Station. County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that he has filed a supplemental legislative appropriation request for additional funding for the project.

SR 129/I-75 LIFT STATION – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that he met with the property owner for the Jasper Diner project regarding the need for

water and sewer. Mr. Bailey explained the details of the meeting and the need for the lift station. Mr. Bailey also stated that there is DEO funding available for the project and was unsure of the owner's timeline for the project. After a lengthy discussion of the project and the task order from NFPS, the Board stated the need for a development agreement with assurance from the owner of the project prior to proceeding. Mr. Bailey stated that he would verify the availability of funding from DEO.

SUWANNEE VALLEY NURSING CENTER CROSS WALK – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with a site plan for a proposed crosswalk in front of the Suwannee Valley Nursing Center. The Board stated that SVNC should be contacted prior to proceeding due to the request being made by a resident.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to proceed with the project as discussed and for staff to discuss the project with the Nursing Center prior to construction. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

POPULATION ESTIMATE AS OF APRIL 2022 – REVIEW AND RESPOND

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the population estimate by the University of Florida. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item (e) NFPS task order. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 155909 – 156212 and checks 068834-068980). Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Ogburn briefly discussed the meeting with DEO on Thursday, as to the county's role with the Jobs Growth Grant.
- Commissioner Ogburn also discussed the Nutrien jack and bore project for CR 6 East and advised that the project would be the same as the last jack and bore project.
- Commissioner Murphy questioned staff as to the progress on the demolition of the old Holiday Inn property. Mr. Goodin advised that he is waiting on the asbestos report prior to the demolition.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams provided the Board with a brief update as to the Nutrien special permit application.
- Chairman Smith reminded the Board that the interviews for the County Attorneys position will be on Monday, September 19th at 5:30 p.m.
- Clerk of Court Greg Godwin reminded the Board that the Tentative Budget Hearing will be on Tuesday, September 6th at 5:05 p.m.

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

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

