

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**  
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**JASPER, FLORIDA**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Randy Ogburn, Robert Brown, Jimmy Murphy, Richie McCoy and Josh Smith, 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 Randy Ogburn and led in prayer by Commissioner Brown with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Ogburn.

**COVID – 19 (CORONAVIRUS 2019) UPDATE AND STATUS REPORT**

Tom Moffses, with the Department of Health, presented the Board with a summary of the Covid-19 effects on Hamilton County.

**SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT**

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors provided the Board with a brief update on the current Ship, CDBG, CDBG-CV and American Rescue Plan. Mr. Nabors reviewed the following Ship projects with the Board: Johnathan and Taneisha Brown (Purchase Assistance), Harold Westberry (New Construction) and Margaret Rozier (Rehab).

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the three (3) applications as recommended by Mr. Nabors. Second was made by Commissioner Muphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors also stated that the ERR, mapping and application process is underway for the CDBG-CV program.

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the American Rescue Plan funds can be used for Water and Sewer and suggested that the Board allocate \$200,000 to the SR6 / I-75 facility to complete the repairs. Mr. Goodin also stated that staff is waiting on County Attorney Cliff Adams response as to the legality of the non-disclosure agreement with Windstream. Mr. Adams stated that he has reached out to the Commission on Ethics and the Attorney General's office for guidance prior to moving forward with the Broadband project.

### **NUTRIEN-WHITE SPRINGS – RACHEL GARLAND, GOVERNMENT & INDUSTRY AFFAIRS MANAGER**

Rachel Garland, with Nutrien, provided the Board with a request to allow Dragline #5 to cross SE 129<sup>th</sup> Place during the week of September 27, 2021. Ms. Garland also requested that the Board remove the request for Dragline #2 due to mechanical issues.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to allow Dragline #5 to cross SE 129<sup>th</sup> Place during the week of September 27, 2021 with Nutrien to provide all signage. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **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 107<sup>th</sup> AVE.** – Mr. Bailey stated that he is still waiting on the final permit approval from FDOT and SRWMD.

**CR – 137** – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with an update for the CR-137 paving project and advised that the milling for the project is complete.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve payment #6 (CR-137) for Anderson Columbia as recommended by Locklear and Associates. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**OAK STREET** – Mr. Adams advised the Board that the property owners have been contacted and should have the right-of-way deeds by the next meeting.

**SW 90<sup>TH</sup> BLVD.** – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with an update for the SW 90<sup>th</sup> Blvd. paving project. The Board advised County Attorney Cliff Adams that if he needs assistance with the right-of-way deed acquisition due to conflicts to make a recommendation to the Board.

### **NFPS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT**

The Board discussed their conversation with Dale Williams as a possible economic development consultant with Mr. Bailey. Mr. Bailey agreed to assist in what ever way possible. County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that staff and Chairman Ogburn would be meeting with Mr. Williams on Monday in White Springs to discuss a possible development.

Mr. Adams advised the Board that the letter to Governor DeSantis regarding the appointments has been sent.

Mr. Bailey presented the Board with a conceptual layout of the SR6 / I-75 development project and after a lengthy review agreed to make modifications and to discuss the layout with Economic Development Director Chadd Mathis and the Development Authority.

## **DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin provided the Board with specifications on the lift station at SR129 / I-75 and stated that the lift station would be one of the appropriations requested through the legislature.

## **OPIOD LITIGATION MOU RESOLUTION**

County Attorney Cliff Adams provided the Board with a draft copy of the resolution for the Opiod Litigation. Mr. Adams summarized the resolution and recommended approval.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to adopt the Resolution based on the recommendation from County Attorney Cliff Adams. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **FORM 4A DISCLOSURE OF BUSINESS TRANSACTION, RELATIONSHIP, OR INTEREST PART B DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST IN SOLE SOURCE OF SUPPLY – DISCUSSION**

County Attorney Cliff Adams discussed the Form 4A Disclosure as it relates to Commissioner Smith.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to accept / approve the waiver of Conflict-of-Interest Form 4A as recommended by Mr. Adams. Second was made by Commissioner Muphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **BID AWARD – MEDICAL CLINIC REMODEL**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board the only bid received for the medical clinic remodel and advised that the bid amount was \$268,363.00. The Board discussed the bid proposal and the need to have staff provide a cost for a new building. Jennifer Watson was present and discussed with the Board their plans for future healthcare and the additional space needed. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to look at new construction verses remodeling and make a decision at the next meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

## **BOARD APPOINTMENT – PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD – DISTRICT FIVE**

Commissioner McCoy advised the Board that he is still searching for a candidate from District 5 to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board.

## **APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 150129 – 150404 and checks 066227-066324). Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **CROSSROADS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY – CARNLEY**

Mr. Goodin stated that he needs permission to obtain Title insurance for the Carnley property.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to declare an emergency and allow staff to have a title company close on the Carnley property. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin questioned the Board as to projects to be requested through the legislative delegation process. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to the following: first (Lift Station) second (Fire Station) and third (Arena Roof).
- Commissioner Smith discussed with the Board the need to hire a Water / Sewer Plant Operator and have the individual report to the Board.
- The Board also discussed the issue with a John Deere Tractor that has been at AG-Pro for 2 months and the possible purchase of the Newsome property.
- Chairman Ogburn provided the Board with a brief update from the Technical Working Group meeting and stated that the Nutrien annual report is forthcoming once the dam inspection is complete.

- Clerk of Court Greg Godwin discussed with the Board the bid specs for the Grader about to be let for bids. The Board agreed to allow Chairman Ogburn make the final decision on the specs.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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RANDY OGBURN CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK





