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JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.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 Smith with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Ogburn.

HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H EXTENSION OFFICE – BETH KERR – REQUEST ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Beth Kerr, the Hamilton County 4-H Agent, addressed the Board and requested approval of a proclamation declaring October 3rd thru October 9th as National 4-H Week. Ms. Kerr also presented the Board with an update of the upcoming events. Several 4-H students also discussed the current schedule of events. The Board discussed the need to provide an additional \$3,000 for the County 4-H.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the proclamation declaring October 3rd thru October 9th as National 4-H Week and to provide additional funding for 4-H in the amount of \$3,000. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board also discussed the Community Action Project for the Environment grant.

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

County Coordinator Louie Goodin provided the Board with a brief update regarding the current Ship, CDBG, CDBG-CV and American Rescue Plan in the absence of Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors. Mr. Goodin read the letter of intent with Windstream for Broadband coverage of the county. County Attorney Cliff Adams explained the purpose of the letter of intent rather than using the non-disclosure agreement.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to allow Chairman Ogburn to sign and execute the letter of intent with Windstream as discussed. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Smith abstained from voting due to being employed with Windstream.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTS

Economic Development Director Chadd Mathis provided the Board with a director's and marketing report for Hamilton County. Mr. Mathis discussed with the Board several current development projects as well as an impact study for an airport.

MEDICAL CLINIC BUILDING – REMODEL / NEW BUILD

County Coordinator Louie Goodin provided the Board with an estimated cost of \$600,000 for a newly constructed 2,500 sq. ft. medical building with the cost to remodel the existing Clinic building to be \$268,363. The Board discussed the different options and took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to accept the proposal from Plumb Level Construction for the renovation of the Clinic in the amount of \$268,363, with staff to provide a timeline and monthly update. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, 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 107th AVE. – Mr. Bailey stated that he is still waiting on the final permit approval from FDOT and SRWMD.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to allow staff to bid the Baisden Lake Loop paving project once approved by FDOT. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SW 90TH BLVD. – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with an update for the SW 90th Blvd. paving project and advised that a wetland meeting with FDEP will be held on Thursday, October 7th. County Attorney Cliff Adams discussed with the Board the need for assistance with the right-of-way deed acquisition due to conflicts and recommended Chase Moses. Mr. Adams stated that he would provide further details at the next meeting. After further discussion, the

Board agreed to allow legal counsel and Chairman Ogburn to determine the compensation and service to be provided by Mr. Moses to allow the right of way acquisition to proceed.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to allow County Attorney Cliff Adams and Chairman Ogburn to determine the compensation and services to be provided by Mr. Moses. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

OAK STREET – Mr. Adams advised the Board that the property owners have been contacted and that he is waiting on the right-of-way deeds.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to accept the right of way deeds for the Oak Street paving project from: Goolsby, Rooney and Jennings Land & Timber. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CR – 137 – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with an update for the CR-137 paving project.

GIBSON PARK – Mr. Bailey stated that the water is receding which will allow his work to begin.

SR 6 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PROPERTY – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with a revised conceptual layout of the SR 6 / I-75 property. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed with the concept and requested a cost estimate for the infrastructure.

COUNTY PARTICIPATION IN 2022 RURAL COUNTIES DAY – FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board the 2022 Rural Counties Legislative Day.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve for the county to participate with ten (10) registrations. (\$35 per person and \$750 per both). Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NEWSOME PROPERTY

County Attorney Cliff Adams recommended that the Board make an offer in the amount of \$20,000 for the Newsome property contingent upon the owner paying the back taxes and for a property survey, topography survey and Title Insurance to be provided by the Board.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to make an offer for the Newsome property in the amount of \$20,000 with the owner to agree to pay all taxes due. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the bills (vouchers 150405 – 150626 and checks 066325-066459). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that he would be out of the office October 13th, 14th and 15th due to attending a conference. Mr. Goodin also stated that the FDOT Tentative Workshop will be held on Thursday, October 28th.

- Commissioner McCoy discussed the Internet Café's with the Board. After a brief discussion, County Attorney Cliff Adams stated that he will get with the surrounding counties and provide options available.

- County Attorney Cliff Adams discussed with the Board a letter to Nutrien regarding the ninety-seven (97) acres and the future usage of the property. The Board agreed to allow the letter to be forwarded to Nutrien.

- Chairman Ogburn advised the Board that John Smith will be serving as the interim EMS Director and Safety Director until the position can be advertised and filled. Chairman Ogburn also stated that Lewis Johnson is the Road Superintendent Assistant.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

RANDY OGBURN CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

