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REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Beth Burnam, Josh Smith and Randy Ogburn, Commissioner William Mitchell was absent. Also present was 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 Ogburn with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Smith.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors gave the Board a status report of the current Ship and CDBG grants. Mr. Nabors stated that there is nothing new to report regarding Ship; however, for CDBG the Tribal Council review is now fifteen (15) days into the thirty (30) day review cycle.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SOUTHLAND WOOD RECYCLING AGREEMENT

County Attorney Cliff Adams briefly reviewed the Development Agreement with the Board. The Board had previously approved the agreement and Mr. Moore has already signed the agreement as well. The Board will provide Mr. Moore with a copy.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF POTENTIAL #3 DRAGLINE CROSSING BLACK STILL ROAD IN LATE OCTOBER 2019 – NUTRIEN – WHITE SPRINGS

Mike Williams, with Nutrien, addressed the Board and requested approval to allow the #3 Dragline to cross the Black Still road during the week of October 28th. Mr. Williams explained the process and stated that no by-pass road would be necessary due to the crossing only taking a short period of time and there being limited traffic.

Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the #3 Dragline crossing as presented by Mr. Williams. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – CPA 19-02 AN APPLICATION BY PRICE AGENT FOR MOUKHTARA TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURAL (AG-1) AND COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE (CHI) TO COMMERCIAL ON PROPERTY IN HAMILTON COUNTY FLORIDA

Chairman Smith recessed the Board meeting and called the public hearing to order at 6:10 p.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained the action before the Board as an application BY Price Agent for Moukhtara to amend the future land use map of Hamilton County by changing the future land use classification from AG-1 and CHI to Commercial. Ms. Carter advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning board recommended approval of the application. Ms. Carter stated that there is currently no specific project and due to the rezoning affecting more than ten (10) acres DEO must approve the application.

There being no further questions from the Board or public, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing and reconvened the Board meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve for CPA 19-02 (Moukhtara) as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board to be transmitted to DEO for approval. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – SE 19-02 A PETITION BY SOUTHLAND WOOD RECYCLING LLD REQUESTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION BY GRANTED AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 4.5.5 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO ALLOW FOR A SAWMILL IN AN AGRICULTURAL (AG-4) ZONING DISTRICT SUBMITTED AS PART OF A PETITION RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 TO BE LOCATED ON PROPERTY IN HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chairman Smith recessed the Board meeting and called the public hearing to order at 6:10 p.m.

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter explained the action before the Board as a petition by Southland Wood Recycling LLD requesting a special exception as provided for in section 4.5.5 of the Land Development Regulations to allow a sawmill in an AG-4 zoning district. Ms. Carter advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the petition and the site development agreement. Chris Gmuer, Engineer for the project, was present to answer any questions. Local resident Palmer Gene Smith questioned Mr. Gmuer as to the type of products that will be manufactured.

There being no further questions from the Board or public, Chairman Smith closed

the public hearing and reconvened the Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve for SE 19-02 (Southland Wood Recycling) as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SPECIAL MEETING – FRDAP GRANT APPLICATION FOR GIBSON PARK – CHUCK BURNETT – RECREATION DIRECTOR

Recreation Director Chuck Burnett reviewed the grant application for Gibson Park with the Board and public.

Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to allow County Coordinator Louie Goodin to execute and sign the documentation for the grant application. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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Recreation Director Chuck Burnett reviewed the grant application for the Recreation Department with the Board and public.

Motion by Commissioner Burnam to allow County Coordinator Louie Goodin to execute and sign the documentation for the grant application. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

County Engineer Greg Bailey gave the Board a status report on the current road projects.

COURTHOUSE PARKING – Mr. Bailey presented the Board with three (3) scenarios for NE 1st Street:

Make the street a one (1) way street with twenty-two (22) parking spaces.

Make the street a one (1) way street with parking on both sides with forty-three (43) parking spaces.

Allow the street to remain a two (2) way street with parking on both sides with thirty-five (35) parking spaces.

The Board after a brief discussion, agreed to proceed with option (1) and allow County Coordinator Louie Goodin to petition the City of Jasper for the change of the street. The Board also discussed the need to pave the street prior to the project and requested Mr. Bailey to provide a cost estimate.

SW 69TH BLVD. – Mr. Bailey reviewed the site plan for option 3 for the intersection with the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Burnam to proceed with option 3 for the SW 69th Blvd. intersection. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

NW 28th AVE. – The Board discussed the request for assistance from Oak Hill Plantation for NW 28th Ave. Mr. Goodin discussed the request with the Board and stated that the road is currently not being maintained by the county. The Board stated that once the School Board sends a request for the road the county will move forward with the repair.

DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE CR 137 WIDENING AND RESURFACING PROJECT – BID AWARD – The Board announced that only one (1) proposal was received for the design of the CR-137 paving project. The bid was from NFPS and the Board discussed the bid with Mr. Bailey, to which, he advised the Board that he would provide the service and be fair to the county.

Motion by Commissioner Brown to award the bid for design services for the CR-137 paving project to North Florida Professional Services. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bailey then gave the Board a brief review of the other ongoing road projects in the county.

ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT (ROAD DEPT.) – Mr. Goodin provided the Board with the State Bid for the requested Dump Truck - \$156,460.12 and Tractors - \$124,464.34. After a brief discussion, the Board directed staff to provide copies for the Board to review prior to the final approval.

TOWN OF JENNINGS – Commissioner Burnam advised the Board that the Town of Jennings has requested assistance from the county to pick-up eight (8) loads of gravel from Lake City for the Town Hall parking lot. The Board requested that the request come directly from the Town Council in writing.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS / SECURITY

Staff provided an update for the Board on the Courthouse Security.

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

The Board agreed to not make changes to the Animal Control Agreement at this time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTION

The Board reviewed the previous meeting summary.

APPROVE BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the Safety Manual will be on the agenda for the next meeting for adoption.

Mr. Goodin also stated that the Genoa Water & Sewer Plant is being checked and made ready for the Southland Recycling project.

Mr. Goodin also announced the following: Duke Energy open house will be held on October 22, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Annex, Hamilton Primary Care meeting will be held on October 24th at 3:00 p.m. at the Annex and Safety training for the county employees will be conducted by EMS Director Toby Witt on November 19th and 20th.

Commissioner Ogburn advised the Board that Chris Mericle has requested a meeting with Board staff and Commissioner Ogburn prior to the meeting with Nutrien regarding the artifacts issue. The Board authorized County Attorney Cliff Adams to contact Environmental Attorney Scott Shirley and Land Use Administrator Megan Carter to check the Master Mining Plan to see if the property has been approved for mining. Resident Gene Smith spoke with the Board about finding some of the artifacts on the property in the past.

Commissioner Ogburn also discussed a potential business seeking to locate in the county and will need approximately 40 – 50 acres.

Commissioner Burnam stated that the Grand Opening for Cultiva will be on Friday, October 26th and that the Development Authority is seeking new members.

Commissioner Burnam also advised the Board that the Department of Education Secretary will be in Hamilton County on October 22nd from 5:30 to 6:30.

Commissioner Burnam then gave the Board a brief update on the Withlacoochee River Task Force meeting.

Chairman Smith advised the Board that the Green Point site meeting will be Friday, October 18th at 9:00 a.m. and that the company has stated that they would need approximately fifteen (15) acres.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

