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REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Randy Ogburn, Beth Burnam, Josh Smith and William Mitchell, a full Board being present. Also present was County Coordinator Louie Goodin and County Attorney Cliff Adams.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the Consent Agenda, pulling Item #1A (Minutes). Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – STATUS REPORT

Hamilton County Economic Development Director Susan Ramsey gave the Board a status report on the current economic development projects.

Luscious Moore, owner of the Wood Recycling Plant which will be constructed at the Genoa property, gave the Board a progress report on the future of his business.

County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that a meeting has been scheduled with AG-Mart on November 13th at 11:30 a.m. at the Courthouse Annex Conference Room to discuss the migrant housing issue at the Jennings Interchange. Mr. Adams also stated that Ms. Ramsey and the Health Department have been assisting with the issue.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS / SECURITY

County Engineer Greg Bailey, with NFPS, stated that project has been let for bids with the due date of October 29th.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors provided the Board with an update on the current CDBG and Ship grant programs. Mr. Nabors stated that the site visit from DEO previously scheduled for October 9th was canceled and has been rescheduled for October 30, 2018. Mr. Nabors also informed the Board that the Ship program is progressing.

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2007-11 – AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SEXUAL OFFENDERS AND SEXUAL PREDATORS

Madam Chairman Burnam recessed the regular Board meeting and called the public hearing to order at 6:20 p.m.

County Attorney Cliff Adams read the summary of the Ordinance and discussed the need for the amendment. Mr. Adams also stated that the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office was in favor of the amendment.

There being no questions from the Board or public, Madam Chairman Burnam closed the public hearing and called the regular Board meeting back to order at 6:25 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the amendment to Ordinance 2007-11 as recommended by legal counsel. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Seth Cohen, with NFPS, gave the Board a status report on the current road projects.

CR-137 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the CR-137 construction project is complete and the contractor is now working on the punch list.

CR-152 – Mr. Cohen stated that construction on the CR-152 widening project should begin this week.

NW 34TH BLVD. (DIP PROJECT) – Mr. Cohen advised the Board that the NW 34th Blvd. (Dip Project) will begin next week and will require the road to be closed for approximately a week.

CEI SERVICES CONFLICT OF INTEREST MITIGATION PLAN / RESOLUTION – County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that a letter of opinion declaring no conflict of interest for CEI Services is being forwarded to FDOT. County Coordinator Louie Goodin read a letter regarding the CEI Services.

POTENTIAL FY 2025 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM PROJECTS – Mr. Cohen stated that the Board needs to provide a list of eligible projects for the TAP program and also SCRAP, SCOP and CIGP programs. The Board requested a copy of the 5 Year Road Plan for review.

DISCUSSION OF FUEL METERING SYSTEM AT ROAD DEPARTMENT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the RFP for the Fuel Metering System from Madison County was dated from 2009 and may not be a valid option;

however, the Fuel Metering System is under State Contract and will not have to be bid. The fuel dispensers however, will need to be advertised for a RFP.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to authorize the purchase of the Fuel Metering System through the State Contract and to approve for the fuel dispensers that are compatible with the system to be advertised for a RFP. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF PROJECT BARK

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the request from Project Bark with the Board. Mr. Goodin advised that the company is requesting 4.5 million dollars which includes incentives and funds from the State. Mr. Goodin also stated that the information has been forwarded to Diane Scholtz.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the bills (vouchers 132760 – 133029 and checks 058422 – 058532). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin announced that Duke Energy has invited the Board to attend a walk-thru of the Solar Energy Plant on October 30th at 11:00 a.m. The Board stated that they will be in attendance.
- Mr. Goodin also advised the Board that a Hamilton County Primary Care financial review will be held on Friday, October 26th at 3:00 p.m.
- The Board advised that a West Nile Virus case has been confirmed on the west end of the county and has directed for mosquito traps to be set and for the area to be sprayed if needed.
- Mr. Goodin reminded the Board that he would be out of the office Thursday and Friday.
- The Board discussed the storm needs in west Florida and the need for assistance. There is currently a food drive underway and Nutrien has agreed to deliver. The Board directed staff to take inventory of the current assets and determine the availability of any additional assistance.
- Commissioner Brown discussed the well on 90th Blvd. and the need to apply for a grant to make repairs.

- Commissioner Smith discussed with the Board the need to coordinate the duties of the Fire Coordinator in the absence of Henry Land due to his circumstances surrounding his son. EMS Director Toby Witt will serve as the Interim Fire Coordinator with John Wright to assist where possible.

There being no further business before the Board, Madam Chairman Burnam adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

BETH BURNAM, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

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