

**OCTOBER 19, 2021**  
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**JASPER, FLORIDA**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 19, 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, advised that there is nothing new to report regarding Covid-19.

**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 150627 – 150826 and checks 066460-066563). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**BOARD APPOINTMENT – TOURIST DEVELOPMENT BOARD –  
BETH DANIEL**

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the appointment of Beth Daniel to the Tourist Development Board. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to appoint Marrell Cercy as the District 5 Planning and Zoning Board representative. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**TOWN OF JENNINGS – ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE AND  
ASSOCIATED COSTS – TOWN MANAGER JENNIFER  
HIGHTOWER AND TOWN ATTORNEY SHEENA RICKERSON**

Town of Jennings Attorney Sheena Rickerson discussed with the Board Animal Control for the municipalities. County Attorney Cliff Adams explained the language in the county's Ordinance and the need for the language to be the same for each municipality. After statements by Ms. Rickerson, Joel Foreman (Attorney for the Town of White Springs) and Rhett Bullard (Attorney for the City of Jasper) Mr. Adams recommended that the Board enter into an Inter-local Agreement with each municipality allowing Animal Control for the entire county not excluding the municipalities.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to enter into and Inter-Local Agreement with each municipality for Animal Control at no cost. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT**

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors provided the Board with a brief update regarding the current Ship, CDBG, CDBG-CV and American Rescue Plan. Mr. Nabors stated that through Ship he is currently qualifying the round two (2) applicants. Regarding the CDBG-CV, Mr. Nabors stated that he is finalizing the survey with the application being due on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Nabors presented the Board with an outline of how the American Rescue Plan funds can be utilized and recommended that the Board proceed with a funding letter requesting the release of the funds, to which the Board agreed by unanimous consent. The Board also agreed for Mr. Goodin to be the primary contact for the program and for Mr. Nabors to provide a list of projects from other counties.

### **ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT**

Kellan 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 their firm is still waiting on the final approval from FDOT.

**SW 90<sup>TH</sup> BLVD.** – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with an update for the SW 90<sup>th</sup> Blvd. paving project and advised that the meeting with FDEP went well with the permit application being prepared. County Attorney Cliff Adams stated that Chase Mosely has accepted the job to obtain the right of way for the SW 90<sup>th</sup> Blvd. paving project.

**OAK STREET** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that they are working with Duke Energy for the relocation of utility poles.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to accept the right of way deeds for the Oak Street paving project from: Jennings Assembly of God and Ritter. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**CR – 137** – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with an update for the CR-137 paving project. Chairman Ogburn discussed an issue with portions of the road not having adequate shoulders.

### **MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING – FUNDING**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin explained the concept of the multi-purpose building and the possible use of a lobbyist to acquire the funding for the project. Tom Moffses, with the Department of Health, also discussed the concept and provided the Board with plans for a building in another county and recommended that the Board hire a lobbyist to assist with securing the funding for the project. Emergency Management Director Henry Land discussed the grant for the design of a new EOC and reminded the Board that the grant can only be used for the EOC portion of the building. County Attorney Cliff Adams explained the legal process of hiring a lobbyist and stated that the Board should consider someone who has experience with the legislative process. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow the lobbyist to be hired through Mr. Adams with guidance from Chairman Ogburn.

### **NEWSOME PROPERTY**

County Attorney Cliff Adams and County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the contract for sale for the Newsome property and stated that the contract has been signed and the title company is working on the closing documents. Mr. Goodin stated that an asbestos certificate will be necessary for the demolition of the building.

### **INTERNET CAFES**

County Attorney Cliff Adams provided the Board with action taken by surrounding counties in regards to Internet Cafes. Mr. Adams advised

the Board that the State Statutes regulate gambling facilities and the Sheriff's Department is planning to investigate the facilities in the county to determine if illegal activities are taking place.

## **DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed with the Board the cost estimate for infrastructure at the SR6 / I-75 Development Property. Mr. Goodin also discussed the projects being submitted for the Legislative Appropriations funding. The Board discussed the Green Point Research project and requested staff to review the Development Agreement for compliance by Green Point Research.

## **HAMILTON COUNTY ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG PREVENTION COALITION**

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to declare an emergency and to approve the request for assistance in the amount of \$4,000 for the youth programs. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin provided the Board with a FACT legislative update.
- Mr. Goodin also stated that the Lions Club is looking for a place to meet and has requested to meet at the Annex. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow the organization to utilize space at the Annex.
- Commissioner McCoy discussed an issue with Nutrien signage for county roads inside their mining area.

- Commissioner Brown discussed with the Board the need for milling. After a brief discussion, the Board directed staff to get a price on milling and report back to the Board at the next meeting.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams presented the Board with changes to the LDR's (RV's / Campers) for review.
- Chairman Ogburn discussed with the Board Representative Brannon's appropriations list and the Nutrien Annual Report.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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RANDY OGBURN CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK





