

**NOVEMBER 2, 2021**  
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**JASPER, FLORIDA**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 2, 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 Brown with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Ogburn.

**SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin provided the Board with an update regarding the current Ship, CDBG-CV and American Rescue Plan due to the absence of Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors. Mr. Goodin stated that through Ship Mr. Nabors is currently qualifying the round two (2) applicants. Regarding the CDBG-CV, Mr. Goodin advised that the application was filed on November 1<sup>st</sup>. As to the American Rescue Plan, Mr. Goodin stated that the committee will be holding a meeting with Windstream tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. to continue to discuss Broadband coverage for the County.

**DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Economic Development Director Chadd Mathis was present; however, Mr. Mathis stated that he has nothing new to report regarding economic development. County Engineer Greg Bailey stated that the cost estimate and design concept has been delivered to the county and

Development Authority for infrastructure at the SR6 / I-75 Development Property. Mr. Bailey also stated that the information provided should be sufficient to make application for the Jobs Grant Funding. The Board agreed to allow staff to proceed with the Jobs Grant application. Mr. Goodin also discussed the projects being submitted for the Legislative Appropriations funding. The Board then directed legal staff to prepare an Interlocal Agreement with the Development Authority as to the development of the property.

### **MOTOR GRADER BID AWARD**

The Board reviewed the bid proposals as submitted for a Motor Grader. Todd Sandlin, with Ring Power, was present to discuss the particulars of the bid proposal and stated that if awarded the bid he would have a Grader available by March. Steve Carter, with Beard Equipment, also discussed his bid proposal and stated that he was concerned with a delivery date due to John Deere being on strike. Mr. Carter explained the reason for the strike and during the conversation was advised that the strike has ended which would allow for a Grader to be delivered prior to the lease ending on the current Grader. The Board questioned both companies as to utilizing a loaner Grader, if necessary, to which Ring Power stated that they would provide one at no cost to the county; however, Beard would charge the hourly rate for the Grader if used beyond the lease contract. After a lengthy discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to award the bid to Beard Equipment as the low bid and to purchase the Grader at the cash price of \$161,800.00 (8,000 hours). Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a three (3) to two (2) vote. Voting against the motion were Commissioners Smith and McCoy.

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

Rachel Garland, with Nutrien, discussed with the Board the crossing of SE 62<sup>nd</sup> Drive with the #2 Dragline on November 21, 2021 and the permanent relocation of SE 62<sup>nd</sup> Drive as proposed. Cameron Lynch, with Nutrien, was also present and explained the map provided to the Board showing the relocated road and the crossing sites for the #2 Dragline. The Board stated their displeasure with the condition of the roads with Commissioner McCoy suggesting a 2 ½ year warranty on the roads to ensure that the roads meet and continue to meet county standards. Commissioner McCoy also questioned Ms. Garland as to why the Board was informed that proper signage for the roads was ordered by Nutrien when in fact the signage was never ordered. After a lengthy discussion, Ms. Garland stated that she would take care of the signage issue. Later in the same discussion, the Board suggested that the county purchase and locate the signs in the proper areas with Nutrien to reimburse the cost of the signs, to which Mr. Lynch stated would be a better idea. The Board also stated that they intend to ride the new portion of SE 62<sup>nd</sup> Drive while at Nutrien's Gyp Stack tour. County Attorney Cliff Adams along with Chairman Ogburn stressed the importance of a response to the letter that was issued by the Board regarding the Project Bark property. Ms. Garland stated that their legal staff are working on a response.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve for the #2 Dragline to cross SE 62<sup>nd</sup> Drive during the week of November 21<sup>st</sup> as requested by Nutrien. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the permanent relocation of SE 62<sup>nd</sup> Drive conditional to meeting county standards as approved by county engineer Greg Bailey and for Nutrien to provide a three (3) year warranty. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Commissioner Smith.

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

Greg Bailey, with North Florida Professional Services, provided the Board with a status report on the current road projects.

**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 with their agency claiming jurisdiction for the wetlands. Mr. Bailey also stated that his firm is continuing to work with the other State Agencies on permitting. The Board also stated that the property surveys need to be staked so Mr. Mosley can begin the right-of-way acquisition.

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

**BAISDEN LAKE LOOP / SW 107<sup>th</sup> AVE.** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the right-of-way map will need to be recorded and certified per FDOT.

**CR – 137** – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with an update for the CR-137 paving project and stated that the project is substantially complete with the contract deadline being October 31<sup>st</sup>. Chairman Ogburn also discussed several areas of concern for potential drainage / erosion issues.

**GIBSON PARK BOAT RAMP** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that a survey will be forthcoming and provided the Board with a description of the scope of work.

**SR6 / I-75 TEST WELL** – Mr. Bailey presented the Board with a task order for the test well at the SR6 / I-75 Water and Sewer Plant.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the task order for NFPS for the SR6 / I-75 test well. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**FDOT LOCAL PROGRAMS SOLICITATION** – The Board discussed the list of proposed projects for FDOT. After a brief discussion agreed by unanimous consent to continue with the list as developed by the Board.

**FUTURE DEVELOPMENT** – Mr. Bailey discussed with the Board his experience with ATV trail riding in West Virginia and the need for the county to discuss with Nutrien and others plans for a similar project.

**PURCHASE OF MILLING** – County Coordinator Louie Goodin provided the Board with a cost of \$20 per ton for milling from Anderson Columbia.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the purchase of \$100,000 worth of milling from Anderson Columbia for \$18 per ton and for it to be processed through their grinder if possible. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **INTERNET CAFES**

County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that the Sheriff's Department is investigating the facilities to determine if illegal activities are taking place.

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

County Attorney Cliff Adams explained the selection process of hiring a lobbyist and stated that after meeting with Patrick Bell he would

recommend that the Board hire him at \$3,000 per month to assist with the legislative process.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve for the hire of Patrick Bell as the Board's lobbyist at \$3,000 per month based on the recommendation of County Attorney Cliff Adams. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 150827 – 151107 and checks 066564-066712). Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin encouraged the Board and others to participate in the Lions Club that is working to start. Mr. Goodin stated that the next meeting will be on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. at the Annex.
- Commissioner Brown advised the Board that the Trunk or Treat in Jasper was very successful.
- Commissioner Brown also questioned staff as to the participation of American Legion Post 215 in the Veterans Day program.

- Commissioner Smith discussed the SR6 / I75 Water and Sewer Plant operation and also requested that the Board consider allowing the Road Department to pick-up the yard trash at the Jail. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to have the Road Department remove the trash.
- County Attorney Cliff Adams presented the Board with changes to the LDR's (RV's / Campers) for review and the Board agreed to proceed with the draft to be sent to the Planning and Zoning Board for review prior to advertisement for a public hearing.
- Clerk of Court Greg Godwin explained the letter submitted to the Board by Cynthia Johnson describing her experience with a Liberty National insurance agent.

Chairman Ogburn recessed the meeting until the 1:00 p.m. meeting with Nutrien. Commissioner Smith advised the Board that he would not be able to be present for the 1:00 p.m. Gyp Stack tour at Nutrien.

### **GYPSUM STACK TOUR / REVIEW – NUTRIEN-WHITE SPRINGS**

Chairman Ogburn reconvened the Board meeting at the Nutrien Conference Center for a Gypsum Stack Tour / Review at 1:00 p.m. Once the tour and review were complete, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

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RANDY OGBURN CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK





