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JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 16, 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 Smith with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Ogburn.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN / VICE CHAIRMAN

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to appoint Commissioner Smith as Chairman and Commissioner McCoy as Vice-Chairman for the next year. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Ogburn thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as the Board Chairman. Commissioner Smith thanked Chairman Ogburn for his years of service to the community and Board.

SUWANNEE VALLEY ELECTRICAL COOP

Kristie Tucker, with SVEC, presented the Board with a check for their Ad-Valorem taxes and thanked the Board for their continued cooperation with SVEC.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR – HENRY LAND – INTRODUCTION OF NEW EOC DESIGNER

Chairman Smith advised the Board that Emergency Director Henry Land will be making changes to the EOC plans prior to bringing the designer to meet the Board.

NEWSOME PROPERTY – ASBESTOS INSPECTION REPORT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the asbestos report for the Newsome property. Mr. Goodin stated that any asbestos present can be handled by the Board and recommended moving forward with the acquisition of the property. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to proceed with the acquisition.

With the debris and asbestos being placed in the County's Class III Landfill Commissioner Ogburn requested a report from Locklear as to the life span of the Class III Landfill.

RECONSIDERATION OF MOTOR GRADER BIDS

Chairman Smith explained the issue with a prospective date for delivery of the new Motor Grader. Steve Carter, with Beard Equipment Company, explained the issues with the John Deere strike continuation and the timeline for a new Grader. The Board considered the offer from Ring Power, per email from Todd Sandlin, regarding a lease grader to fill in the gap. Mr. Carter stated that he could match the offer but couldn't commit to a date for a new grader. County Attorney Cliff Adams explained the procedure per the bid proposals and the options available to the Board regarding Beard Equipment and Ring Power. The Board discussed the option of keeping the grader rather than utilizing the buy-back and directed staff to provide additional information at the next meeting prior to making a final decision.

JASPER POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TONY RICKERSON – REQUEST FOR FUNDS FROM IRC FUND TO PURCHASE RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR PATROL CARS

Chairman Smith read the letter from City of Jasper Interim Police Chief Tony Rickerson requesting \$10,311.00 from the IRC fund to fund radio equipment for patrol cars.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the request by the City of Jasper for \$10,311.00 from the IRC fund. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors provided the Board with an update regarding the current Ship, CDBG-CV and American Rescue Plan. Mr. Nabors presented the Board with a list of applicants for round three (3) for Ship.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve round three (3) Ship applications as recommended by Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors advised the Board that he is waiting on the application results from the CDBG-CV application. As to the American Rescue Plan, Mr. Goodin stated that the committee is meeting with Windstream to negotiate the funding amounts from both entities. Mr. Goodin advised the Board that the recommended buy in from the county is \$2 million for the Broadband project rather than the \$1.8 million already approved.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the \$2 million contribution for the Broadband project from the American Rescue Plan. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote. Chairman Smith abstained from the vote due to his employment with Windstream.

Mr. Goodin advised the Board that staff will continue to negotiate with Windstream regarding the Broadband coverage for the County and requested assistance from Mr. Nabors with the funding requests.

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 90TH BLVD. – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with an update for the SW 90th Blvd. paving project. Mr. Bailey also stated that his firm is continuing to work with the other State Agencies to secure the State permits for the paving project and to finalize the wetland impact with FDEP to determine the credits. The Board also stated that the property surveys need to be staked so Mr. Mosley can begin the right-of-way acquisition. Mr. Bailey advised that the cost to stake the right-of-way will be \$25,500. County Attorney Cliff Adams recommended approval by the Board to allow Mr. Mosley to begin right-of-way acquisition.

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to allow the right-of-way to be flagged as recommended by staff. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Brown abstained from voting due to being a right-of-way property owner.

OAK STREET – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that they are working with Duke Energy for the relocation of utility poles and met with staff on site. Mr. Bailey also presented the Board with a task order for flagging the Oak Street right-of-way.

BAISDEN LAKE LOOP / SW 107th AVE. – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the right-of -way map will need to be recorded and certified by the Board to be in compliance with FDOT.

CR – 137 – Mr. Bailey provided the Board with an update for the CR-137 paving project and stated that the project is complete. The Board reviewed Anderson Columbia’s pay request #8 in the amount of \$1,016,851.00. This is the final pay request leaving only the retainage.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve pay request #8 (Anderson Columbia) in the amount of \$1,016,851 for the CR-137 paving project.

GIBSON PARK BOAT RAMP – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that a survey for the Gibson Park Boat Ramp improvements has been completed and his staff is now working on the plans for the project. The Board discussed the possibility of acquiring the small parcel of property adjacent to the boat ramp from the SRWMD. Chairman Smith stated that several individuals that participated in the handicap hunt complemented the park as to the handicap access and hospitality.

SW 69th BLVD. – Chairman Smith requested that the Board allow Mr. Bailey to provide plans for the intersection on SW 69th Blvd. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.

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.

**ACCESS 67 STATEWIDE BROADBAND PROGRAM –
DESIGNATION OF COUNTY CHAMPION
(COMMISSIONER) AND COUNTY STAFF LIAISON**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the Access 67 statewide broadband program with the Board and explained the Small County Coalition’s request to designate the County Champion and County staff liaison.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the request as presented from the Small County Coalition. 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.

2020 – 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the 2021 – 2022 budget amendments and Constitutional Officer's returns as presented. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 151108 – 151456 and checks 066713-066892). Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Board reviewed the Animal Control report and stated that the department was doing a great job. The Board also directed staff to keep a check on the vehicle.
- County Coordinator Louie Goodin encouraged the Board and others to participate in the Lions Club.
- Commissioner McCoy and Mr. Goodin discussed the Small County Coalition conference that begins Wednesday, November 17th thru Friday, November 19th. Both will be in attendance.
- Commissioner Ogburn provided the Board with a brief update regarding Nutrien after his meeting with the Mines Manager Jeff Joyce. Commissioner Ogburn stated that Mr. Joyce assured him that the road issues will be taken care of and that the Board would discuss the options on the Project Bark property as to a possible

trade for property at I-75 / SR 129. Commissioner Ogburn also stated that according to Mr. Joyce that Nutrien is in the process of reviewing their reserves and mining plans that could extend their mining another ten (10) to twelve (12) years.

- The Board agreed to allow Commissioner Ogburn to remain as the Chairman of the TDC due to ongoing projects. Commissioner Ogburn advised the Board that the TDC is requesting assistance from the Road Department at the Jennings Bluff Campground site. The Board directed Mr. Goodin to take care of the request.
- The Board briefly discussed the White Springs development, Commissioner Ogburn stated that the SRWMD has stated that they would be willing to work with the County and Town of White Springs regarding the potential development project.
- Clerk of Court Greg Godwin invited the Board to attend the retirement of Cynthia Johnson who has been employed by the Clerk's office for 39 years. Mr. Godwin also discussed the possible assistance with the replacement of the VFW sign. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to allow Mr. Godwin to make contact with VFW Commander Billy Jackson to discuss the sign.
- Commissioner Smith thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as Chairman for the next fiscal year.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

