

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Josh Smith, Randy Ogburn, William Mitchell, Commissioner Beth Burnam 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. Chairman Smith wished those in attendance a Happy Thanksgiving and also introduced Chadd Mathis as the new Economic Development Director for the Development Authority.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN / VICE-CHAIRMAN

Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to elect Commissioner Brown as Chairman and Commissioner Ogburn as the Vice-Chairman. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Smith thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Chairman. New Chairman Brown also thanked Commissioner Smith and the Board for the opportunity.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors gave the Board a status report of the current Ship and CDBG grants.

Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve Certified Roofing and Construction, LLC, CBC as a bidder as recommended by Mr. Nabors. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to accept the four (4) round 1 Ship applications (Mathis, Dye, Armstead and Rozier) as recommended by Mr. Nabors. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors also advised the Board that the new ship funds for 2019 / 2020 cycle have been received.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – UPDATE

Samantha Prueter, the Director of the Chamber of Commerce, gave the Board an update regarding the upcoming events.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

OAK STREET – Mr. Bailey presented the Board with an aerial photo of the Oak Street paving project showing the right-of-way required if the Board were to decide to change the existing curve. Mr. Bailey stated that the estimated cost to pave the road as is with an 18 ft. road would be approximately \$420,000 and to change the curve would cost approximately the same. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to table the discussion until Commissioner Burnam could be present.

SW 69TH BLVD. – County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that he has reached out to the landowner to discuss the needed right-of-way if the Board chooses option #3 as previously discussed. After a brief discussion of the intersection, the Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow Mr. Adams to pursue the right-of-way for the intersection.

SW 55TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the FDOT funds will only cover the paving of the road only. Mr. Bailey provided the Board with an estimate of \$350,000 to \$400,000 to replace the bridge on SW 107th Ave. After a brief discussion, the Board requested Mr. Bailey to provide additional specifications for the bridge.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the Consent Agenda removing Item I. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS / SECURITY

Clerk of Court Greg Godwin provided an update for the Board on the Courthouse Security.

HANDICAP AREA AT ARENA

County Coordinator Louie Goodin requested that the Board continue the discussion until the next meeting to allow him additional time to provide a material and cost estimate.

REQUEST FROM HAMILTON COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO DISCUSS SALARY FOR NEW JOB POSITION – TDC MANAGER

County Attorney Cliff Adams explained that Commissioner Burnam has been working as the TDC Director and that the request is to merge the position into TDC / Chamber of Commerce Director. The Board agreed to table the discussion until Commissioner Burnam could be present.

PILOT PROGRAM AT WATER PLANT TO RESOLVE CONSENT ORDER

County Coordinator Louie Goodin explained the details of the pilot program designed to resolve the water issue and be in compliance with FDEP. Mr. Goodin stated that the source of the materials has been approved by FDEP and that the material is a sole source. Mr. Goodin then presented the Board with the sole source Dioxide Pilot Study to Applied Oxidation. After a lengthy discussion, the Board suggested allowing staff to visit a site in Central Florida where the program is being used.

Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the pilot program as presented and recommended by staff contingent upon receiving the success of the program and the Water Quality Data. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER POSITION

Chairman Brown explained that staff interviewed three (3) individuals for the Code Enforcement Officer position and that the committee’s recommendation is Johnathan Law, also the current Veterans Service Officer. The Board reviewed the ranking of the candidates and discussed the hours required for the position. County Attorney Cliff Adams explained that the training and certification for the position would take a week and that the position would take approximately eight (8) hours per week. Mr. Adams also discussed with the Board the need for a special magistrate and agreed to allow Mr. Adams to present the Board with the options at a later date. The Board then stated that the position would begin immediately.

Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to follow the recommendation of staff and hire Johnathan Law as the Code Enforcement Officer with an additional eight (8) hours per week at his current salary for a six (6) month trial basis with the certification to take place when scheduling allows. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a three (3) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Commissioner Smith.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

Motion by Commissioner Smith to deny the funding request from Special Olympics Florida due to already budgeting funds for the local Special Olympics program. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT REVIEW – GREEN POINT

The Board stated that the Development Agreement with Green Point Research LLC is being discussed with the group and working on the points that were discussed from the previous special meeting.

APPROVE BILLS

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

BUDGET AMENDMENTS – 2018 / 2019 FISCAL YEAR

Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to declare an emergency and approve the budget amendments for the Board and Constitutional Officers for the 2018 / 2019 fiscal year. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Coordinator Louie Goodin announced that the NFEDP meeting will be held on December 6th in the Development Authority conference room.

Mr. Goodin also discussed with the Board the hours on the Motor Graders.

Mr. Goodin also presented the Board with the last RFQ for Landfill engineering services and stated that he would update the RFQ and allow the Board to approve the specifications of the RFQ prior to sending them out.

Commissioner Mitchell discussed with the Board the need for staff to provide a cost estimate for the paving of NW 6th Ave. due to the previous action where the Board agreed to pave the road at the City of Jasper's request.

Commissioner Smith advised the Board that staff is still trying to schedule a visit for the Flo Compo air quality issue.

Commissioner Smith also directed staff to take a look at the speed bumps installed at Gibson Park.

The Board discussed the guardrail project with the City of Jasper and the need for all materials to be purchased by the City and for the used post from the county to only be used if they are suitable.

County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board of a letter from Alachua County regarding a budget issue with the Sheriff. After a brief discussion, the Board stated that they would not get involved in the issue.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

ROBERT BROWN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

