

**DECEMBER 16, 2021**  
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**JASPER, FLORIDA**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in special session on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a request from Hamilton Downs Horsetrack LLC, for approval of a Cardroom Gaming License. The meeting was held in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Josh Smith, Randy Ogburn, Jimmy Murphy and Richie McCoy, 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 Josh Smith.

**DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FOR CARD ROOM –**  
**HAMILTON DOWNS HORSETRACK – GLEN RICHARDS**

Glen Richards, owner of Hamilton Downs Horsetrack, LLC, requested that the Board consider approval of a cardroom license for 2220 CR 143 Jennings, Florida 32053. Mr. Richards explained the reason for the request and the timetable for the process. County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that the request is for a new application for a cardroom license rather than a transfer of the previous licensed cardroom with this application being able to be approved by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners rather than a referendum. Brandon Richards explained the 2022 ballot initiative regarding the allowance of casino gambling. The Board also discussed the current zoning of the Hamilton Downs Horsetrack, LLC property. Following a lengthy discussion of the request, the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve Resolution 2021-40 approving a cardroom license for 2220 CR 143 Jennings, Florida 32053. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a three (3) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Commissioner Ogburn, with Commissioner McCoy abstaining from the vote due to a conflict.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK





