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REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Beth Burnam, Josh Smith, William Mitchell and Randy Ogburn, a full Board being present. 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.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – PAM ALLEN

Pam Allen, with Emergency Management, discussed with the Board the need to continue the Local State of Emergency due to the continued flooding of low areas. Chairman Smith read the Resolution for the benefit of the Board and public.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to declare an emergency and adopt the Resolution continuing the Local State of Emergency. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CHANGE OF THE FIRST MEETING IN JANUARY TO WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019 DUE TO NEW YEARS HOLIDAY

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to change the first Board meeting in January to Wednesday, January 2, 2019 due to the New Year's Holiday. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS / SECURITY

Chairman Smith advised the Board that the contract for the Courthouse Renovations has been signed and a pre-construction meeting scheduled for the first week of January. Chairman Smith also stated that the flooring is still being considered.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors provided the Board with an update on the current CDBG and Ship grant programs. Mr. Nabors discussed the CDBG contract process for the 2017 – 2018 grant program. Mr. Nabors recommended that the Board proceed with advertising for a grant administrator / consultant due to the new rules and regulations of the grant.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve to advertise for a CDBG Grant Administrator / Consultant and to place the advertisement in the Jasper News and Gainesville Sun. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors then gave the Board a status report on the current Ship projects.

FUEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – BID AWARD

County Coordinator Louie Goodin stated that the bids for the Fuel Management System were as follows: Petroleum Service Corporation - \$29,213.96 and Chuck Strickland / Petroleum Contractor - \$31,798.08. Mr. Goodin recommended that the Board accept the low bid from Petroleum Service Corp.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to award the bid for the Fuel Management System to Petroleum Service Corporation in the amount of \$29,213.96 as the low bid and per recommendation from Mr. Goodin. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Seth Cohen, with NFPS, gave the Board a status report on the current road projects.

RESURFACING OF SHADY OAK SUBDIVISION ROADS – Mr. Cohen advised the Board that Anderson Columbia's quote to pave and strip the Shady Oak subdivision roads was based on 439 tons of asphalt at a price of \$51,235.48 and would be done in conjunction with the Chan Bridge project. The Board directed County Coordinator Louie Goodin to discuss the project with the City of Jasper and request that the manholes be raised with the County to provide the funding for the resurfacing of the roads within the subdivision.

PROJECTS FOR STATE FUNDING TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAMS (SCRAP, SCOP, CIGP AND TRIP) for FY 2025 – Mr. Cohen stated that all of the projects submitted for the FDOT programs were excellent projects and that CR-25A may have to be phased due to the length of the road. Mr. Cohen questioned the Board as to the priority of the roads; however, the Board explained that the roads were submitted in order of priority.

CULTIVIA FARM ROAD (NW 59TH AVE.) – MILLING REQUEST – Chairman Smith discussed the milling request with the Board. Chairman Smith stated that the estimated cost of milling a portion of NW 59th Ave. would be \$11,616.00 (\$22 per ton at 528 tons of milling) with Cultivia Farms to possibly assist with the funding of the project.

SW 90TH BLVD. – RFP FOR DESIGN AND CEI SERVICES – County Coordinator Louie Goodin discussed the request for proposals with the Board. The Board directed staff to advertise in the Jasper News, Lake City Reporter and Gainesville Sun.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to allow staff to proceed with the request for proposals for the design and CEI services for SW 90th Blvd. with the bids to be returned on February 1st. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CR-152 ANDERSON COLUMBIA – Mr. Goodin requested that the Board consider declaring an emergency and approve an invoice from Anderson Columbia in the amount of \$74,430.52 for the CR-152 Lap Project.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to declare an emergency and approve invoice # 75232 for Anderson Columbia as recommended by Isman & Russo. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

OAK STREET EXTENSION – Mr. Cohen stated that an approximate cost to pave from the end of the current paving project to Hwy. 41 would be \$100,000. The Board discussed several issues with the Road Department paving this portion of the road. After a brief discussion, the Board stated that the paving should stop at the Railroad right-of-way. Commissioner Burnam agreed to contact the property owners along the road and request for the property owners to donate the needed right-of-way.

HAMILTON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER – DAVID GOOLSBY – NEW APPRAISAL SYSTEM PURCHASE

Hamilton County Property Appraiser David Goolsby discussed with the Board the need for a new appraisal system. Mr. Goolsby stated that the current system has been in place since 1981 and that the estimated cost for a replacement system would be \$250,000 which includes software, hardware, maintenance and support. Mr. Goolsby stated that the current maintenance cost is \$3,000 per month. The Board questioned Mr. Goolsby as to whether there would be an RFP for the new system.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to allow Property Appraiser David Goolsby to proceed with the purchase of the new Appraisal System with assistance from the County Attorney and staff for the RFP process. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

MAN LIFT – BID AWARD

County Coordinator Louie Goodin reviewed the bids received for the Man Lift with the bids as follows: United Rentals - \$23,118.00, Preferred Rental \$30,501.22 and Ring Power \$38,308.00.

- Motion by Commissioner Mitchell to award the bid for the Man Lift to United Rentals in the amount of \$23,118.00. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

MOTOR GRADER PURCHASE – FINANCE OPTIONS

The Board discussed the finance options for the purchase of two (2) Motor Graders. The savings to purchase the Graders would be approximately \$89,000.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to purchase the Graders due to the savings of \$89,000. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – STATUS REPORT

Hamilton County Economic Development Director Susan Ramsey gave the Board a status report on the current economic development projects.

I-75 / SR 6 WATER SEWER PLANT – MAIN WELL PUMP PURCHASE

County Coordinator Louie Goodin gave the Board an update on the new main well pump. Mr. Goodin stated that the new pump previously ordered will be installed next week and that the Stated Bid list for the new system isn't available as of yet. Mr. Goodin then stated that if the State Bid list is not available within the next week or so that he will advertise for bids.

REQUEST FOR SITE ACCESS AGREEMENT FROM FL DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY – DISCUSSION

Chairman Smith and County Attorney Cliff Adams discussed the letter received requesting access to the fuel facility at the Road Department. After a brief discussion of the request, Mr. Adams recommended that the Board not respond to the letter due to the fact that FDEP doesn't require permission to inspect the fuel site.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the bills (vouchers 133811 – 134137 and checks 058946 – 059040). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board requested a copy of the Medical Examiners contract for review.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin announced that the Legislative Delegation meeting has tentatively been set for January 16, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.
- The Board discussed the announcement of another sewer spill from Lowndes County.
- Mr. Goodin also presented a letter of appreciation from the Cardiac Institute in Gainesville complimenting EMS.
- Mr. Goodin also stated that all county offices will be covered during the holidays.
- Commissioner Ogburn advised the Board that the Nutrien bill for the 5 Year Permit Renewal has been paid.
- Commissioner Ogburn also stated that the Town of White Springs tabled the discussion of the Fire Contract until their January meeting.
- Commissioner Ogburn discussed with the Board the need for dirt, a pond / borrow pit etc. in order to alleviate water issues at Sweet Home Baptist Church / Community Center. County Attorney Cliff Adams will review the issue and report back to the Board.
- Commissioner Ogburn discussed issues regarding future mining and reclamation that were discussed during the Technical Working Group meeting. Commissioner Ogburn stated Nutrien plans to mine approximately 670 acres in the next year and reclaim 700 plus. The Board also discussed the possibility of Nutrien mining in other counties with the phosphate rock being processed in Hamilton County which will leave the Hamilton County facility to process the waste. Commissioner Ogburn advised Nutrien that he would not be in favor of it and reminded the Board that it will be an issue to deal with in the near future.
- Commissioner Burnam stated concerns regarding the School System and stated that Corcoran has been named the Education Secretary and has called schools failure factories. Commissioner Burnam then stated that she is concerned about help for our education system.
- Chairman Smith reminded the Board of the Courthouse luncheon on Friday, December 21st and the Road Department on Thursday, December 20th.
- Chairman Smith requested County Coordinator Louie Goodin to implement a milling inspection report for the new year. The Board stated that there are approximately 1,400

miles of road that requires trimming and cutting with the radial arm mowers and requested assistance from staff as to how to track the progress of the mowing. Mr. Goodin suggested a database since the Road Department has additional help.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

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