

**DECEMBER 21, 2021**  
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**JASPER, FLORIDA**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Randy Ogburn, Robert Brown, Richie McCoy, Josh Smith and Jimmy Muphy, 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 and led in prayer by Commissioner Brown with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Smith.

Chairman Smith thanked those in attendance for their patience and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT**

Ship Coordinator Spencer Nabors provided the Board with an update regarding the current Ship, CDBG-CV and American Rescue Plan. Mr. Nabors discussed the ongoing Ship projects and stated that round two (2) and three (3) have been scheduled for a walk-thru on January 5, 2022. Mr. Nabors also advised the Board that he is still waiting on notification as to the CDBG-CV application. Mr. Goodin provided the Board with an update regarding the American Rescue Plan negotiations with Windstream and discussed with the Board the coverage for the county and the lack thereof of certain areas with Windstream to provide a revised map of the coverage at the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Goodin also discussed the administration of the

grant and the requirement to go through the procurement process. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to allow Mr. Goodin to proceed with the procurement process. Ms. Hardin with Windstream is planning to be available for the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the plans for Hamilton County.

**PUBLIC HEARING – LDR 21-03 – AN APPLICATION BY HAMILTON COUNTY TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS INCLUDING SECTION 14.10.3 REGARDING RV OR TRAVEL TRAILERS**

Chairman Smith recessed the regular meeting and called the public hearing (LDR 21-03) to order at 6:16 p.m.

Land Use Administrator Mia Mauldin explained the application before the Board as an application by Hamilton County to amend the text of the Hamilton County Land Development Regulations including section 14.10.3 regarding RV and Travel Trailers. Ms. Mauldin advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval. County Attorney Cliff Adams explained the history of the process regarding the development of the ordinance. Emergency Management Director Henry Land discussed concerns with the ordinance as presented due to the addressing and allowance of individuals to obtain an address. Mr. Land presented the Board with a copy of Ordinance 97-02 for discussion. Assistant Emergency Management Director Pam Allen also explained the 911 addressing as it relates to Emergency Services. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Adams recommended approval of the Ordinance as is. Deanna and Chris Mericle questioned the Board as to how individuals are located that call for emergency services and the 911 addressing system. Code Enforcement Officer Larry Cordel also discussed the issues that he sees as he is doing code enforcement for the county. Once again Mr. Adams stated that the language in the Ordinance should not be amended. There being no further comments from the Board or

public, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing and reconvened the Board meeting at 6:50 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve LDR 21-03 as recommended by County Attorney Cliff Adams and the Planning and Zoning Board. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

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

**BAISDEN LAKE LOOP / SW 107<sup>th</sup> AVE.** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board his staff still waiting on the approval from FDOT with all required documentation having been submitted.

**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 stated that the right-of-way is still being staked and that his staff are currently working to finalize the wetlands mitigation report. After a brief discussion of the right-of-way acquisition, Chairman Smith advised the Board that he will call a meeting with all residents along the SW 90<sup>th</sup> Blvd. right-of-way to discuss the issues with the road.

**OAK STREET** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the right-of-way has been staked and that Duke Energy will be relocating the utility poles shortly.

**GIBSON PARK BOAT RAMP** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the survey is complete, and his staff is working on the plans for the project.

**SW 69<sup>th</sup> DRIVE** – Chairman Smith provided the Board with plans for the intersection of SW 69<sup>th</sup> Drive, SW 61<sup>st</sup> Ave. and W 59<sup>th</sup>.

After a brief discussion, County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that he is working with the landowner for the acquisition of the necessary right-of-way. County Coordinator Louie Goodin stated that he will issue a letter as to the meeting with the SW 90<sup>th</sup> Blvd. residents. Mr. Bailey also notified the Board that NFPS will be closed next week, the Board thanked NFPS for the hard work and assistance.

## **NUTRIEN PROPERTY**

Racheal Garland, with Nutrien, discussed with the Board the potential land swap for the property formerly known as the Project Bark property. Commissioner Ogburn updated the Board as to the discussion from the meeting with Nutrien for the suggested property by Nutrien. Ms. Garland explained that the property can't be expanded due to reserves and agreed to go back and look at other property that may be available. Ms. Garland also stated that Nutrien may be willing to place a development project on the Bark property. The Board agreed to continue the conversation as to available property due to the current suggestion being not acceptable.

Commissioner Ogburn also discussed the upcoming 5-year permit with Nutrien. Commissioner Ogburn also discussed the reclamation cost as provided by Ms. Garland and the suggestion from Nutrien to shift the numbers. The Board thanked Ms. Garland for the signage and challenged other Board members to get involved with the Nutrien issues due to the retirement of Commissioner Ogburn.

## **INTERNET CAFES**

County Attorney Cliff Adams presented the Board with a draft Ordinance placing a moratorium on Internet Cafes' in the unincorporated areas. Mr. Adams stated that after a conversation with Sheriff Reid as to his investigation that he would recommend banning the places of business known as Internet Cafes'. The Board

agreed to review the draft Ordinance and further discuss the issue at the next Board meeting. Mr. Adams also stated that according to the Sheriff's Office investigation that illegal gambling activities are taking place. The Board also agreed for legal staff to forward a copy of the draft Ordinance to each Municipality for them to review and determine if action should be taken.

### **DISCUSSION OF GRANT ADMINSTRATOR**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin provided the Board with a comparison study as to how other counties handle their grants. After a lengthy discussion of the study and possibility of drafting a request for proposals for a Grant Consultant, the Board agreed to hold a workshop to determine the direction and goals of the county as to grants and administration.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the bills (vouchers 151784 – 151999 and checks 067029-067118). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **HAMILTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BATTING CAGES**

Chairman Smith presented the Board with a proposal for the construction of batting cages for the High School and requested support from the Board.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to declare an emergency and approve \$10,672.20 for the batting cages at the High School contingent upon the Development Authority donating \$10,000 or further review. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin reminded the Board that the Rural County days are forthcoming and that he would be on vacation next week.
- Commissioner McCoy gave the Board a brief update on the Veterans program and discussed a request from the VFW for assistance with their facility. County Attorney Cliff Adams stated that he would review the legality of the Board assisting the VFW and report back to the Board.
- Commissioner McCoy also advised the Board that the Sheriff's Department would like to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss the need for additional vehicles.
- Commissioner Brown discussed the need to have trash picked up just outside of the City Limits of Jasper on 4<sup>th</sup> Street at Cypress Park. The Board agreed to allow the Road Department to pick-up the trash.
- Commissioner Ogburn requested a report from the lobbyist and discussed the upcoming 5 Year Permit with Nutrien. Commissioner Ogburn also requested that the Board allow County

Attorney Cliff Adams to discuss with Environmental Attorney Scott Shirley as to whether he will use Lampl & Herbert as consultants. The Board also discussed the letter from Nutrien as to the Annual Report.

- Commissioner Murphy announced that he would be having his cane grinding on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Clerk of Court Greg Godwin presented the Board with an amended copy of the Personnel Rules and Regulations as to the previous action taken by the Board as it pertains to prorating annual and sick leave.
- Chairman Smith questioned staff as to issues at the Road Department, after a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to allow Chairman Smith to meet with staff to resolve the issues and then report back to the Board.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

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JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK







