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REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Randy Ogburn, Josh Smith and William Mitchell, Beth Burnam was absent due to having to be on the canvassing board. Also present was County Coordinator Louie Goodin and County Attorney Cliff Adams.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Smith and led in prayer by Commissioner Ogburn with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Vice-Chairman Smith. Vice-Chairman Smith congratulated Commissioner Ogburn for being unopposed and for his twenty-five (25) years of service on the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors provided the Board with an update on the current CDBG and Ship programs. Mr. Nabors advised the Board that the last two (2) Ship houses are under construction and that he will have a more complete update once the next Ship funds have been received. Mr. Nabors also stated that he currently has a long list of applicants with no pending emergencies.

Mr. Nabors also gave the Board an update on the CDBG grant application and stated that the site visit went well and that DEO is looking at January for the signing of contracts. Mr. Nabors briefly discussed the changes in the CDBG Administration procedures and contracts due to being allowed to invoice after the grant award letter and before the contract is released.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Greg Bailey, with NFPS, gave the Board a status report on the current road projects.

CR-137 – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the CR-137 construction project is complete and the contractor is nearing completion of the punch list. Mr. Bailey stated that there is a rough area in the pavement and recommended getting a firm to test the area prior to repairing the surface.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to follow the recommendation of County Engineer Greg Bailey and allow a firm to test affected area. Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

OAK STREET – Mr. Bailey stated that the construction on Oak Street will begin on November 11th.

SE 141st Blvd. AND NW 104TH AVE., CHANBRIDGE DRIVE, NW 35TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that his staff is working with Anderson Columbia in order to establish a starting date for these projects.

TAP PROJECTS – Mr. Bailey stated that all TAP projects (non-vehicular) are due by January 25, 2019. Mr. Bailey also requested the Board to be looking for SCRAP and SCOP projects as well.

SW 55TH DRIVE – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the notice to proceed has been issued and that construction is scheduled to begin on November 12th and the contractor plans to work around the School times. Mr. Bailey also stated that a third party contractor will be doing the work. The Board requested staff to check the prices for multi-use signs.

FDOT DITCH (MAMA’S BURGERS) – Commissioner Brown advised the Board that he has been approached by the owner of Mamma’s Burgers and Sunny’s Foodmart to have the ditch piped and covered to allow additional parking. County Attorney Cliff Adams stated that the issue was something that the property owners needed to pursue rather than the county. The Board stated for the property owners to should contact County Coordinator Louie Goodin for proper procedures.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – FALL UPDATE – STEPHEN BROWNING AND JAMIE DRIGGERS

Stephen Browning, with FDOT, discussed the 5 Year Transportation Plan for 2020 – 2024 with the Board. Jamie Driggers, with FDOT, discussed the procedures for the solicitation of the SCRAP, SCOP and CIGP programs. The Board thanked FDOT for their continued assistance with road projects in the county.

CITY OF JASPER FIRE CHIEF JOSH WATERS – FIRE SERVICE CONTRACT

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that the Fire Services Contract with the City of Jasper will continue with no issues.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE – KAREN WILLIAMS

There was no one present from the Chamber of Commerce.

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – STATUS REPORT

Hamilton County Economic Development Director Susan Ramsey gave the Board an update on the current economic development projects and meetings.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS / SECURITY

County Engineer Greg Bailey, with NFPS, presented the Board with bids for the Courthouse Renovation project. The bids were as follows: Gray Construction - \$129,887.00 and Plumb Level Construction - \$171,400.00.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to award the bid to Gray Construction in the amount of \$129,887.00 as the low bidder. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bailey stated that he would draft the contract for the project.

DISCUSSION OF PROJECT BARK

County Coordinator Louie Goodin gave the Board an update on the latest communication with Project Bark individuals. County Attorney Cliff Adams stated that until the Board receives a development agreement from the group there is nothing to respond to. Vice-Chairman Josh Smith stated that the Board has previously made a competitive offer and that the company failed to provide the development agreement.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the bills (vouchers 133030 – 133290 and checks 058533 – 058668). Second was made by Commissioner Mitchell, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that due to the Storm many meetings have been rescheduled.
- Mr. Goodin also advised the Board to reevaluate the Board appointments.
- Mr. Goodin also stated that the Ethics classes are ready for the Board.
- Commissioner Mitchell discussed the I-75 sign that needs the lighting repaired. Mr. Goodin advised that he would check on the issue.
- Commissioner Ogburn requested that staff have an update from Retail Strategies at the next meeting.

- County Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board of the meeting with Ag-Mart on November 13, 2018 in the Development Authority Conference room regarding the migrant housing issue at the Jennings I-75 exit. Mr. Adams named those that will be participating in the meeting.
- Vice-Chairman Smith discussed the need for volleyball nets at the Recreation Center. Vice-Chairman Smith stated that for two (2) nets the cost would be \$500. Staff stated that they would get quotes and report back to the Board for approval.
- Vice-Chairman Smith also discussed with the Board the need for staff to check into the ATV's and 4-wheelers destroying private property in the Alapaha River. The Board stated that FDEP previously banned vehicles from being in the river bed and requested County Attorney Cliff Adams to review the legal options for the Board and to determine what enforcement agency would be able to provide assistance.

There being no further business before the Board, Vice-Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

JOSH SMITH, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK