

**OCTOBER 18, 2022
JASPER, FLORIDA**

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Randy Ogburn, Jimmy Murphy, Robert Brown, Josh Smith and Richie McCoy, a full Board being present. Also present were County Coordinator Louie Goodin and County Attorneys' Cliff Adams and Andy Decker.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith and led in prayer by Commissioner Ogburn with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Chairman Smith.

Chairman Smith introduced Mr. Decker as the new County Attorney. Mr. Decker stated that he was looking forward to representing the Board and thanked Mr. Adams for his service and for his assistance with familiarizing him with the duties of a County Attorney.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM / CDBG-CV – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors provided an update regarding the current Ship, CDBG and CDBG-CV projects. Mr. Nabors reviewed the current Ship projects with the Board and answered questions as to the completion dates. Mr. Nabors stated that Hamilton County has been awarded a site visit for the CDBG grant and that he will be uploading the documents for the grant tomorrow prior to the site visit. County Attorney Cliff Adams explained the process that was followed for the appeal of the decision of DEO due to a denial of the CDBG-CV application and advised that the appeal that was filed has already been denied. Mr. Adams and Mr. Decker both recommended that the Board consider hiring a specialized representative to draft another appeal. Mr. Adams stated that he has contacted an individual that is qualified and stated that their hourly rate would be \$300 per hour with the entire appeal process estimated at \$50,000. Mr. Adams then advised the Board that the second appeal would need to be filed within twenty-one (21) days. The Board questioned legal staff as to the possible success of the appeal. After discussing the issues, the Board took the following action:

Chairman Smith read the title of the published text for LDR 22-01 per the application filed by Bullard-Denune Investment Co. Land Use Administrator Mia Mauldin briefly discussed the action before the Board and stated that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the application. The Board questioned staff to ensure that the application was in accordance with the Land Development Regulations of the county.

There being no further comments from the public or Board, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 6:27 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve LDR 22-01 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – ROAD CLOSURE – CERTAIN STREET KNOWN AS THE END OF NW 9TH DRIVE (SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS SWILLEY ROAD) THAT RUNS THROUGH GA FRACTIONAL LOT 224, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST AND LIES EAST OF THE ALAPAHOCHEE RIVER FROM THE PROPERTY LINE OF SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT’S HOLDING TO THE ALAPAHOCHEE RIVER IN FLORIDA

Chairman Smith recessed the Board meeting and called the public hearing to order at 6:28 p.m.

Chairman Smith explained the reason for the continuation of the public hearing from the October 4th Board meeting due to the road not being posted.

There being no comments from the Board or public, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

- Motion by Commissioner Murphy to approve the road closure of a portion of NW 9th Drive as petitioned. Second was made by Commissioner McCoy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

X-RAY MACHINE

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that he is still discussing the x-ray machine with the Smidtas's and requested that the Board continue the item to allow for further discussion. Chairman Smith stated that he didn't agree with making the x-ray unit surplus. Both Attorneys explained the process of surplus equipment and stated that there are several ways of divesting of property statutorily. The Board agreed to continue the item until the next meeting.

DISCUSSION OF ACL STATE PROPERTY NEAR RAILROAD

County Coordinator Louie Goodin and County Attorney Andy Decker have both made contact with the company and is awaiting a lease form to possibly obtain a long-term lease due to the company not being willing to sell the property.

CDBG-CV APPEAL

The CDBG-CV appeal was discussed during the 6:05 p.m. agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

COUNTY FIRE SERVICE AND MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE CONTRACTS

Chairman Smith provided the public a brief explanation of the previous fire meeting with the Municipalities and the tentative agreements.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve the bills (vouchers 156689 – 156976 and checks 069196-069315). Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- Chairman Smith also discussed the lighting at the Recreation Center and stated that it will need to be addressed due to issues with the poles.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK