

**OCTOBER 18, 2022
JASPER, FLORIDA**

SPECIAL SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in special session on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Randy Ogburn, Robert Brown, Richie McCoy, Jimmy Murphy and Josh Smith, 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.

Chairman Smith explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the fire services with each municipality. The Board discussed fire services with Vanessa George and Fire Chief Steve Stith from the Town of White Springs. Ms. George stated that it would take approximately \$275,000 to provide 24-hour coverage with a guaranteed response with 2 certified people and the Board discussed offering \$137,500 which would be half of the amount needed to provide a 24-hour response. Fire Coordinator Henry Land discussed the language being proposed verses the language in the current Fire Services Agreement. After a lengthy discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to allow legal counsel to draft an agreement for fire services between the Town of White Springs and the county in the amount of \$137,500 to be paid as the Town of White Springs submits fire services expenses. Second was made by Commissioner Murphy, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board then discussed the same agreement with Town of Jennings Fire Chief Steven Lang. Mr. Lang advised the Board that Town Manager Jennifer Hightower was sick and unable to attend and that he was not able in a position to make a decision for the Town of Jennings. Mr.

Lang stated that unlike White Springs, the Town of Jennings needs the maintenance and reporting as being currently provided.

- Motion by Commissioner Murphy to offer the same agreement as previously approved for the Town of White Springs to the Town of Jennings. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with a list of cost for fire calls responded to by the City of Jasper since October 1st. After a brief discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner McCoy to offer the same agreement as previously discussed to the City of Jasper. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK