

January 3, 2017

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Robert Brown, Randy Ogburn, Beth Burnam, William Mitchell and Josh Smith, a full Board being present. Also present was County Attorney John McCormick, County Coordinator Louie Goodin and Attorney Cliff Adams.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

PROJECT BARK – DISCUSSION

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that there is nothing new to report concerning Project Bark. Attorney Cliff Adams gave the Board an update on the acquisition process and stated that the attorneys are preparing the documentation and making sure that both sides concerns are covered.

SHIP / CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors advised the Board that there is nothing new to report regarding the Ship / CDBG program.

2017 SENATE DISTRICT 3 BUDGET REQUESTS

County Coordinator Louie Goodin explained that the 2017 Legislative Appropriation requests are due by January 31st. The Board discussed several

potential items and stated that they will make the final determination for requests at the January 17th meeting. The Board also requested staff to look back at the information regarding the property behind the Road Department.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Engineer Greg Bailey gave the Board a status report on the current road projects.

SCRAP / SCOP – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the projects for SCRAP and SCOP have been submitted to FDOT for consideration.

NW 63RD AVE. – Mr. Bailey stated that he is still waiting on a meeting date for FDOT to review the traffic issue.

1ST STREET – County Coordinator Louie Goodin presented the Board with a map of the 1st Street sidewalk. After review of the map the Board agreed to remove the sidewalk on 1st Street from Suwannee Street to Mill Street due to numerous trees and roots and to make the repairs to the sidewalk from Mill Street to Springs Street. Mr. Goodin stated that he would discuss the information with the Town of White Springs.

I-75 SIGNS – Commissioner Burnam commented on the newly constructed signs on I-75 at the State line. Commissioner Mitchell stated that the view of the county sign on I-75 is still hindered by multiple trees. Chairman Ogburn advised the Board that the TDC is working with FDOT to have the trees removed from the view of the sign.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – BALL FIELD CONSTRUCTION / RELOCATION

Recreation Department Director Chuck Burnett was present in order to discuss the possible construction of a new Senior League field and making the current Senior League field into 3 other fields. After a lengthy discussion the Board directed staff to develop a plan and report back to the Board. The Board also directed Mr. Burnett to submit the plan to the State for a possible FURDAP Grant.

ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE MEDICARE FUNDING

EMS Director Toby Witt presented the Board with a Schedule 9 – Final Settlement Calculation showing the amount of \$16,291.66 as the amount that Hamilton County will be receiving for the participation in the Federal medicare program. Mr. Witt also gave the Board an update on EMS and discussed the possibility of placing a unit for volunteer service in the White Springs area. The Board thanked Mr. Witt for the job that he is doing as EMS Director.

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Economic Development Director Susan Ramsey was not able to be present for the Board meeting. Chairman Ogburn also reminded the Board of the Taskforce meeting on January 18, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Development Authority conference room.

APPROVE BILLS

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the bills (vouchers 120830 – 120973 and checks 053306 – 053400). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that each department is working on a list of obsolete equipment.
- Commissioner Burnam reminded the Board of Laura Dees's retirement party on Friday, January 6th from 2-4 p.m.
- Commissioner Smith mentioned the courage of a County employee that is currently taking cancer treatments.
- Attorney Cliff Adams thanked staff for the renovating of the loading ramps at the Arena that is used primarily for the Arc North Florida.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Ogburn adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

