

JANUARY 15, 2013

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Josh Smith, Robert Brown, Randy Ogburn, Beth Burnam and Buster Oxendine, a full Board being present. Also present was County Attorney John McCormick, County Coordinator Danny Johnson and Attorney Cliff Adams.

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

Chairman Ogburn thanked the Board and staff for all of their prayers and assistance over the past few weeks with the loss of their loved one.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the Consent Agenda and to pull item #3 (Clerks Holiday List) for further discussion and action. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Engineer Greg Bailey was unable to attend the meeting; therefore, Chairman Ogburn gave the Board a status report on the current road and building projects.

WHITE SPRINGS STREETS – Chairman Ogburn advised the Board that according to Mr. Bailey the streets in White Springs are being let for bids.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM – County Coordinator Danny Johnson advised the Board that according to Deputy Ken Blanton that the Community Service Trash Pickup program will be started again for three (3) months. Mr. Johnson also stated that the Board may have to consider funding the supervisors in the future.

WHITE SPRINGS LIBRARY – Chairman Ogburn advised that Anderson Columbia is currently paving the White Springs Library parking lot.

LAND USE AND SHIP PROGRAM UPDATES AND REQUESTS

Land Use Administrator Megan Carter gave the Board an update on the current Land Use projects. Ms. Carter stated that the PCS Phosphate amendments are being reviewed by DEO and so far there have been no comments. Ms. Carter also advised the Board that the public hearing will be held on January 22, 2013. Mike Williams, with PCS Phosphate, explained the mining schedule and possible crossing of SR 129 which he assured the Board that he would continue to coordinate with staff.

Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors presented the Board with a status report on the current Ship projects. Mr. Nabors recommended approval of two (2) rehabilitation projects James and Juanita Pittman and James and Betty Capps.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the following Ship rehab projects: Pittman and Capps as recommended by Mr. Nabors. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors also advised the Board of the new Ship money in the amount of \$25,000 and discussed with the Board how they intend to handle the Ship program for the remaining allocated funds and possible future projects. Mr. Nabors stated that by utilizing the \$2,300 from the Hardest Hit Program and \$2,500 from Ship would allow the Ship office to finish the current projects and then close the office after approximately two (2) months. Mr. Nabors stated that the new CDBG grant cycle is tentatively set for August 15th and that the Board would receive one (1) point per \$5,000 as a match. After a lengthy discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to leverage the \$25,000 (Ship Funds) toward the upcoming 2013 CDBG grant cycle. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Smith to utilize the Hardest Hit funds in the amount of \$2,300 for the administration of the Ship office in accordance with a legal opinion of County Attorney John McCormick and Attorney Cliff Adams.

Mr. Nabors requested that the Board consider issuing a letter of recommendation on behalf of ITC. The Board agreed by unanimous consent.

The Board then discussed the Land Use office duties and how they will be handled in the future. County Coordinator Danny Johnson provided the Board with a letter from the NFRPC as to the cost to provide comprehensive planning services in the amount of \$15,000 annually. The Board then stated that by continuing with NFPS that the Land Use Department would be made whole from a financial stand point and took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to end the current contract for Land Use Services as of January 31, 2013 and to use NFPS on an as needed basis for Land Use appointments, with the Building Department to handle the day to day Land Use

activities. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

LANDFILL COMPACTOR TRAILERS

County Coordinator Danny Johnson advised the Board that the Landfill compactor containers are beyond repair and need to be replaced. Mr. Johnson provided the Board with the following quotes and stated that Viola has refused to transport the containers:

Valley Enterprise Container, Inc. containers)	\$5,750.00 (refused to transport the
Wastequip	\$5,875.00 (freight of \$750.00)

Landfill Director Dale Jackson discussed with the Board the power unit that was included in the Wastequip bid due to the current unit being ten (10) years old; however, the Board after a brief discussion directed staff to develop an alternative plan for the power unit and also questioned the date on the quote as to whether it would still be valid.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to declare an emergency and to allow the Landfill to purchase two (2) 40 yard containers @ 5,875.00 each with the freight to be \$750 from Wastequip pending a valid quote. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #3

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the Clerk's Holiday list as presented. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to adopt the Clerk's Holiday list as the Holiday list for county employees. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

FLORIDA LEADERS ORGANIZED FOR WATER (FLOW)

Chairman Ogburn gave the Board an overview of the last FLOW meeting. Chairman Ogburn advised the Board that the group hired Sniffen and Spellman as legal counsel and that he still is not sure as to the direction of the group. Chairman Ogburn requested that the Board consider making a decision after the next FLOW meeting as to whether to stay in the organization or get out. Attorney Cliff Adams advised the Board that litigation in regards to the permit that was issued to JEA has been filed. George L. Roberson questioned the Board as to whether the county can establish their own rules and regulations in regards to the water works of the county.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH SUWANNEE COUNTY REGARDING IT SERVICES

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the Inter-Local Agreement for IT Services with Suwannee County. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

UPDATE OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENTERPRISE ZONE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (EZDA)

County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with a resolution that if approved would appoint the new members to the Enterprise Zone Development Agency and would update the previous resolution 2009-04.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the resolution to amend the membership of the EZDA Board. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK – STATUS REPORT

Veterans Service Officer Clay Lambert gave the Board a brief overview of the Veteran Memorial Park. Mr. Lambert discussed the bids with the Board as requested at the previous meeting. Mr. Lambert advised that Engineer Greg Bailey has reviewed the bids and all of his recommendations and concerns have been addressed. Mr. Lambert also stated that Dixon Masonry adjusted their bid by \$1,600 due to additional requirements for the entrance threshold. Mr. Lambert then stated that the issues with the project being a county project and the finances being handled through the county has also been addressed with the committee and agreed upon. The Board stated that they support the project and will assist in any way possible to allow the project to proceed.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the bids as previously submitted to the Board for phase I for the park: Clyde's Welding 7,000 (metal), Dixon Masonry \$8,313.92 (masonry/concrete). Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board also stated that they have yet to hear from the City of Jasper in regards to the setback issue, but will make sure that the item is on the next City of Jasper Council meeting and attend to answer any questions that the City may have. Mr. Lambert also requested that the Board go by the park site and take a look at the trees that are marked in order to make a decision by the next regular Board meeting as to which trees to remove. Mr. Beauchamin advised the Board that the entrance square footage may change; however, the price will still be \$4.00 per square foot.

STATUS OF HOSPITAL PROPERTY / RURAL HEALTH CLINIC

County Coordinator Danny Johnson advised the Board that engineer Greg Bailey is

working on the bid documents for the demolition of the old hospital building and should have them ready for the Board to review at the first meeting in January. Mr. Johnson also advised the Board that he is still in the process of getting quotes for the obsolete equipment in the hospital. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow Mr. Johnson to continue with getting quotes for the equipment. Mr. Johnson also stated that the six (6) beds for the Health Department have been removed. Commissioner Smith stated that he would like to review the list of equipment prior to taking action to release the equipment.

Clerk of Court Greg Godwin advised the Board that the RFP is ready to be sent out for the Rural Health Clinic and that according to Amelia Tomkins, chairman of the Hospital Board, that they have no issues with the RFP.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to let the RFP for the Rural Health Clinic and to advertise in the Jasper News, Suwannee Democrat, Lake City Reporter, Gainesville Sun and to send letters to the surrounding medical facilities. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF PROPERTIES ADJACENT TO COURTHOUSE

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to authorize County Attorney John McCormick to draft a deed for the property being acquired, direct the Clerk to make payment upon the receipt of an executed deed and to pay the recording and doc stamps fees. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

LIBRARY COMPENSATION ISSUE

Commissioner Oxendine stated that after reviewing the Suwannee River Regional Library inter-local agreement, his recommendation to the Board would be to allow the Hamilton County Library employees a one (1) time bonus.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to direct the Clerk to issue a one (1) time bonus to the Hamilton County Library employees, to be paid in two (2) payments with a letter to be sent along with the warrant to explain that each employee will receive an IRS form "1099" in January 2014. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

WHITE SPRINGS LIBRARY

The Board discussed the issue of whether to fence the retention pond area and whether to install a gutter system for the front and rear of the newly constructed Library. After a lengthy discussion the Board authorized staff to get quotes for the fencing of the retention ponds for the White Springs Library and the Senior Center, as well as, the gutter for the front and rear of the Library. The Board also discussed the naming of the new Library and finally came to a consensus to name the building as follows: White Springs Public Library / Potash Corporation Building with the Camp Family to be named on the plaque at the front door. The Board also suggested that the grand opening should be at 2:00 p.m. on

Sunday, February 10, 2013. The Board then directed Mr. Johnson to make sure that the landscaping is to be completed prior to the grand opening, even if they have to utilize the Road Department for assistance. The Board also requested that engineer Greg Bailey determine if anything can be done with the backflow pipes at the entrance of the Library.

BILLS – APPROVE

- Motion was made by Commissioner Oxendine to approve bills (vouchers 093512 – 093809 & check #'s 40801 – 40935). Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board questioned staff about several invoices and directed Mr. Johnson to make sure that the filter program be utilized by the Road Department.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Danny Johnson advised the Board that he is ready for the surplus equipment auction; however, he is waiting on the Sheriff's Department to clear titles in order to have additional equipment to sale.
- Mr. Johnson advised the Board that Road Superintendent James Bell has advertised for the assistant position.
- Commissioner Smith requested that the Board take a look at the area at the Recreation Department where the work trucks and trailers are entering the Recreation Dept. in order to possibly place a pipe in the ditch and close off the existing exit. The Board agreed to look at the site.
- The Board also directed the Clerk to place a possible purchase order system on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting and directed Mr. Johnson to find out how the surrounding counties handle their purchases.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman recessed the meeting at 8:57 p.m. until the public hearing on January 22, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

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Chairman Ogburn announced that there is nothing to report at this time regarding the FLOW.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ROOF PROJECT

Engineer Greg Bailey advised the Board that seven (7) contractors attended the mandatory walk-thru and that the bids will be due on November 29, 2012. Mr. Bailey also stated that there are still two (2) A/C units to replace after the roof is repaired.

