

FEBRUARY 5, 2013

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at 9:00 a.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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dennis Price addressed the Board and thanked them for the new White Springs Library. Mr. Price also gave the Board an update on the TDC and advised that the legislature has a bill for consideration during this session that would abolish the Enterprise Zone projects for the State of Florida.

Katie Rooney, director of North Florida Paws and member of the Humane Society, thanked the Board for their support of her organization and gave the Board an update on the services that NFP provides to the community. Ms. Rooney also presented the Board with a flyer for a Humane Society fundraiser and requested that the Board participate.

LAND USE AND SHIP PROGRAM UPDATES AND REQUESTS

Engineer Greg Bailey gave the Board an update on the new procedures for the Land Use Department and advised that the contact persons should be Megan Carter or he.

Spencer Nabors, with ITC, Inc., gave the Board a status report on the current Ship projects. Mr. Nabors recommended that the Board approve the following rehabilitations: Eileen Lucy, Doris Hucherson and Alisa Campbell.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the following rehabs based on the recommendation of Mr. Nabors: Eileen Lucy, Doris Hucherson and Alisa Campbell. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors also presented the Board with the bids for the Capps and Pittman projects for approval by the Board.

Capps

1. S&S Construction	\$11,340
2. Lee & Lee Construction	\$23,000
3. Top of the Mountain	\$14,749

Pittman

1. S&S Construction	\$17,316
2. Lee & Lee Construction	\$24,200
3. Top of the Mountain	\$20,949

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to award the bids for the Pittman and Capps Ship projects to S&S Construction based on the recommendation from Ship Administrator Spencer Nabors. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors also advised the Board that the current Ship fund balance is \$66,344.

ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

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

WHITE SPRINGS STREETS – Mr. Bailey presented the Board with the bid tabulations for the flood repairs in White Springs. The bid results are as follows:

1st Street – Fl Fill & Grading, Inc. \$62879.40 and Curt’s Construction, Inc. \$92,424.62
Kendrick – Fl Fill & Grading, Inc. \$91,123.22 and Curt’s Construction, Inc. \$144,330.63
Jewett – Fl Fill & Grading, Inc. \$167,904.31 and Curt’s Construction, Inc. \$219,599.90
Cauthen – Fl Fill & Grading, Inc. \$62,878.70 and Curt’s Construction, Inc. \$99,732.80

The Board discussed the bid details and costs for each street as well as the NRCS and FEMA amounts. After a brief discussion Engineer Greg Bailey made the following recommendation: award bid to Florida Fill & Grade for 1st Street, Kendrick and Cauthen which is covered by NRCS funds and allow staff to discuss Jewett Street with FEMA.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to accept the recommendation from Engineer Greg Bailey and award the bid to Florida Fill & Grading, Inc. for 1st Street, Kendrick and Cauthen. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bailey presented the Board with the different models of backflow enclosures for the Board to review in regards to the backflow pipes and valves at the White Springs Library. After reviewing the different types and prices of the backflow enclosures, the Board agreed by unanimous consent to purchase model #110 (Rock) in the amount of \$151.

12th AVENUE SE – Commissioner Brown discussed a water problem on a small portion of 12th Ave. SE that according to Road Superintendent James Bell can be rectified with approximately ten (10) tons of asphalt.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve for approximately ten (10) tons of asphalt to be placed on 12th Ave. SE and for County Coordinator Danny Johnson to issue a letter to Mr. Bell stating the approval of the Board. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

107th BLVD. (BAISDEN LAKE ROAD) – Commissioner Smith advised the Board that the bridge report for the bridge on 107th Blvd. will require extensive repairs. The Board stated that hopefully the bridge repair can be coordinated with the FDOT Scrap program.

SE 113TH BLVD. – Commissioner Smith also advised the Board that the new milling that was placed on SE 113th Blvd. needs to be reworked. Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the issue appears to be the compaction of the existing ground and that tack should be added to the milling surface.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – SUZANNE EDWARDS – PRESENTATION OF MINISTRY

Suzanne Edwards, with Catholic Charities, discussed with the Board the role of Catholic Charities in the five (5) county region that is being served. Ms. Edwards stated that the event that was held on December 12th at the Jennings Library was a huge success and that their organization is seeking to do more outreach in order to better service those individuals that may not be able to get to their facility in Lake City. Ms. Edwards advised the Board that the organization is not a faith based organization and that in the near future would be looking to further discuss the financial aspect of setting up an office in Hamilton County in order to serve the citizens. The Board directed Ms. Edwards to work with staff in order to move the program forward.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, RIGHT OF REFUSAL TO COUNTY AS TO CERTAIN BORROW PITS ACQUIRED IN THE 1960'S AND 1970'S, PER LETTER FROM FDOT DATED DECEMBER 20, 2012

Yvonne MacDonald and Rick Haddock, with the FDOT right-of-way department, addressed the Board regarding the surplus property that are being classified as borrow pits and under the ownership of FDOT and the county. Ms. MacDonald stated that there are nine (9) parcels in Hamilton County and that FDOT is willing to sell excess 268 along with the county to a surrounding property owner. Ms. MacDonald also stated that most of the property owners are paying taxes on the properties in question and are not aware of the issue. Ms. MacDonald also advised the Board that FDOT is required to sell the property and intends to do just that. After a lengthy discussion about the property, the Board stated that they have no use for the property and as such would decline the first right of refusal for the property in question.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to advise FDOT that the county has no need for parcel 268 and 146 as described by FDOT and as such declines the first right of refusal per FS 337.25(4) as recommended by County Attorney John McCormick. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board also agreed to provide FDOT with a quick claim deed for parcel 268 and the county's interest.

HONORARY NAMING OF SENIOR CENTER – LABARFIELD BRYANT

LaBarfield Bryant thanked the Board for allowing him to address them. Mr. Bryant referenced several different locations throughout the county that have been named after individuals. Mr. Bryant explained how his mother, Corrine LaBarfield Bryant and Virgie Cone started the Senior Center Services in Hamilton County. Mr. Bryant requested that the building be named after his mother and her name be placed on the building for her contribution. After a brief conversation the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to name the Senior Center building, the Corrine Barfield Bryant building. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DONATION OF TRUCK FROM BELLVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT – HENRY LAND

Fire Coordinator Henry Land advised the Board that Bellville Fire Department has purchased a brush truck and is requesting that the Board accept the truck as county equipment as recommended by Fire Coordinator Henry Land.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to accept the brush truck from Bellville Fire Department as recommended by Fire Coordinator Henry Land. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

HAZARDOUS MITIGATION GRANT MATCH REQUEST – HENRY LAND

Pam Allen, with Emergency Management, advised the Board of the work that has been performed thus far on the Special Needs Shelter. Ms. Allen then explained that a hazardous mitigation grant is available; however, the county would be responsible for the 25 % match which would be approximately \$28,000. Ms. Allen stated that the grant amount is \$112,000.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to approve the 25% match for the Hazardous Mitigation Grant up to \$28,000 for the Special Needs Shelter. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Ms. Allen also discussed with the Board the need for a resolution of the Housing

Strategy Plan to which the Board directed the Clerk to place the item on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting.

Commissioner Smith questioned Mr. Land as to whether the engine has been replaced in the tanker truck. Mr. Land stated that he is still waiting on the Road Department mechanic to contact him regarding the work. The Board directed Mr. Johnson to get with the Road Department and have the engine installed in the truck.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK – STATUS REPORT

Veterans Service Officer Clay Lambert gave the Board a brief overview of the Veteran Memorial Park. Mr. Lambert requested that the Board visit the site at lunch in order to discuss and decide on the trees that need to be removed. The Board agreed to meet at the site during lunch. County Attorney John McCormick stated that the setback issue will be before the Jasper City Council on February 11th. The Board agreed for Commissioner Brown to attend the meeting with staff on the 11th.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the Consent Agenda, to pull item #1 (Minutes) and to further discuss the reduction as offered by Environmental Engineer Frank Darabi. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORTS AND REQUESTS

County Coordinator Danny Johnson advised the Board that Economic Development Director Susan Ramsey will not be able to be present for the Board meeting. Mr. Johnson then stated that according to Ms. Ramsey that a press release has been issued regarding the HERO 70 MW Solar project.

FLORIDA LEADERS ORGANIZED FOR WATER (FLOW)

Chairman Ogburn advised the Board that the next FLOW meeting will be held on February 11, 2013.

STATUS OF HOSPITAL PROPERTY / RURAL HEALTH CLINIC

County Coordinator Danny Johnson advised the Board that bids have been let for the demolition of the old hospital with a mandatory walk-thru to be held on February 19th with the bids due back at 3:00 p.m. on February 28, 2013. Clerk of Court Greg Godwin advised the Board that the bids for the Rural Health Clinic will be due on February 25, 2013.

DISCUSSION OF PURCHASE ORDER SYSTEM

County Coordinator Danny Johnson discussed with the Board how the surrounding counties handle their purchasing and stated that several counties have purchasing agents. Mr.

Johnson advised the Board that he has taken steps to address the issue and requested the Board allow the system time to work. The Board agreed to allow the request from Mr. Johnson, but directed that the situation continue to be monitored.

2006 TAX CERTIFICATES

The Board directed County Attorney John McCormick to review the certificates and report back to the Board.

BILLS – APPROVE

- Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve bills (vouchers 093810 – 094055 & check #'s 40936 – 41178). Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ROOF – CHANGE ORDER

Building Official John Auer and Engineer Greg Bailey addressed the Board regarding a change order for O’neal Roofing Company in the amount of \$10,889 for an issue that was not detected until the roof was removed. Mr. Auer and Mr. Bailey both recommended the change order due to the issue not being able to be detected prior to the construction.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to declare an emergency and to approve the change order for O’neal Roofing Company regarding the Health Department roof. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

WHITE SPRINGS LIBRARY RETENTION POND FENCE

County Coordinator Danny Johnson provided the Board with quotes from the following contractors for the White Springs Library retention pond fence:

1. North Florida Fence	\$3,950.00
2. RIS Fencing	\$5,037.00

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to declare an emergency and award the bid to North Florida Fencing in the amount of \$3,950.00 for the White Springs Library retention pond fence. Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

FIRST QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW

The Board reviewed the budget and expenditures for the 1st quarter of the fiscal year. The Board also agreed to issue a letter to Loves regarding the apportionment of the gas tax. The County website was also discussed and requested that possibly Frank Pullium, the Board’s IT director, update and complete the county website.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Danny Johnson discussed the quotes for the gutter system for the White Springs Library – Affordable Seamless Gutters \$1,582 and O’neal Roofing \$3,090.00. However, after a lengthy discussion the Board was unable to determine if the quotes were for the front and back and requested that Mr. Johnson have Building Official John Auer to review the bids in order to verify the intent of the contractors for the gutter and number of downspouts needed.
- Mr. Johnson advised the Board that Road Superintendent James Bell has advertised for the assistant position.
- Commissioner Burnam advised the Board that Sasser’s Landing Cemetery has acquired additional property and request that the Board allow NRCS to take a look at an old road and low area in order to get a recommendation as to how the problem can be best handled.
- Commissioner Oxendine advised the Board that he approved two (2) loads of dirt for Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman recessed the meeting at 2:12 p.m. until the grand opening of the White Springs Library February 10, 2013 @ 2:00 p.m.

RANDY OGBURN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

FLORIDA LEADERS ORGANIZED FOR WATER (FLOW)

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.

