

**FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

**JASPER, FLORIDA**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 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 Louie Goodin and Attorney Cliff Adams.

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

James Miller, resident along NW 27<sup>th</sup> Blvd. (Bradshaw Loop) requested the Board's assistance with a portion of the road due to a trucking business and the location of four (4) subdivisions. Mr. Miller explained that the road has a tremendous amount of traffic for a residential area due to a local produce trucking business and a new hunting preserve. Mr. Miller and other residents were present and requested that the Board consider milling approximately 1.3 miles of the road. Commissioner Burnam questioned the distance and agreed that only the 1.3 miles is heavily traveled. Mr. Miller also stated that he would like to see the county also do something about individuals burning trash rather than properly disposing of it. Mr. Miller even suggested that the Board issue a letter to the residents about the burning of trash. After a lengthy discussion with the group, Chairman Smith recommended that Commissioner Burnam allow county staff to research the road prior to the Board taking action and also to allow the Road Department to provide additional maintenance. Mr. Miller also questioned the legality of the Mendola's business in a residential area. Commissioner Burnam also explained that the Board may consider utilizing the FDOT SCOP program to pave the road. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow staff to research the road and report back to the Board. Later in the meeting Commissioner Ogburn apologized to Mr. Miller for his comments.

**ROAD PAVING PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT**

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

**NW 23<sup>rd</sup> BLVD.** – The Board stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.

**CR-135** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that Anderson Columbia had pulled off of the project, however, is now back on the job and working on the paperwork for the Hunter

Creek Bridge project and should have the final asphalt layer completed in approximately three (3) weeks. The Board discussed the letter provided by staff requesting an extension of the contract with FDOT for the CR-135 paving project. The Board shared their concerns with the allowance of a time extension and directed staff to discuss the time lines for the project with Anderson Columbia.

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to authorize and approve the request for a six (6) month extension of the FDOT contract for the CR-135 paving project. Second was made by Commissioner Burnam, motion carried with a unanimous vote

**LOVES TRUCK BY-PASS** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the Davis's have reviewed the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) option and have agreed to proceed with the next steps as defined by Mr. Bailey. Mr. Bailey also advised the Board that Mr. Gleeson, with Loves, stated that he wasn't aware of the issue but would like to see the details of the plans for the truck route. Mr. Bailey stated that he would draft a letter explaining the Board's position. The Board again stated that Loves needed to understand that the county is seeking to assist them with the traffic issue.

**GIBSON PARK RENOVATIONS** – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that he needs permission from the Board to proceed with the construction phase of the Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant for the Gibson Park Boat Ramp. Mr. Bailey stated that the construction amount is \$411,950 and that the engineering fee is \$37,450.

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve and authorize North Florida Professional Services to proceed with the FBIP grant for Gibson Park. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **SHIP PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin advised the Board that Mr. Nabors was not able to attend the meeting; however, presented the Board with a letter of recommendation to allow the Chairman to be authorized to sign the application documents.

- Motion by Commissioner Brown to allow the Chairman to sign and execute the grant documents. Second was made by Commissioner Ogburn, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Motion by Commissioner Burnam to approve the Consent Agenda and to pull Item #6 (Contract for New Hire Screening). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK – STATUS REPORT**

County Coordinator Louie Goodin stated that according to VSO Clay Lambert that there nothing new to report; however, the bricks will be layed on March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m.

til 11:00 a.m.

### **APPROVE BILLS**

- Motion by Commissioner Ogburn to approve the bills (vouchers 100495 – 100800 and checks 044683 – 044815). Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board also directed staff to review the bill for the repair of the Recreation Department's ice machine and to have the repairs provided locally if possible. The Board also requested that Mr. Goodin check with the Maintenance Department regarding the purchase of tools.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- County Coordinator Louie Goodin provided the Board with an analysis of the annualized cost of operating the SR-6 / I-75 Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Goodin advised the Board staff is working on the control side of the plant in order to produce future savings and operate more efficiently. Mr. Goodin explained that much of the work performed under the SRWMD grant is working and that some of the other issues are due to aged equipment. Mr. Goodin stated that he is working on a plan to maintain the plant efficiently.
- Mr. Goodin advised the Board that the online work order system is up and running and that he should have the Road Department able to utilize the system by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Commissioner Burnam questioned staff as to the recycling of tires, with the Board explaining that the county is kept whole. Commissioner Burnam also questioned staff as to the re-districting process and timeline for the work to be completed. Staff advised that Dr. Penner is still working on the different phases.
- Commissioner Burnam also questioned staff as to whether the county's workers compensation cases could be sent to the Primary Health Care Clinic. The Board stated that the employees that are hurt on the job must see the Workers Comp. doctor unless in the case of an emergency.
- Commissioner Brown discussed with the Board concerns about the locating of the Sabel Pipe Line in the county due to the recent explosion of a thirty (30) inch pipe line in Kentucky. The Board stated that they will need to address the safety concerns during the hearing process. The Board also stated concerns that the cut off valves are placed along the pipeline every twenty (20) miles.
- County Attorney John McCormick addressed the Board regarding the Beaver Dam issue in District 4 near the Stephen Foster. Mr. McCormick advised the Board that the Camp heirs own the property where the dams are located and that to removed the

dams the Board would need permission from the FWC. Mr. McCormick received permission from the Board to contact the Camp heirs in order to get permission to remove the Beaver dams on their property.

- Commissioner Ogburn announced that the Technical Working Group meeting will be held Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.
- Commissioner Burnam stated that according to the statistics derived by the North Florida Workforce Development Board that Hamilton County continues to have an above average unemployment rate.
- Commissioner Burnam also questioned staff as to the structure of the Development Authority.
- Chairman Smith discussed with the Board the possibility of petitioning the Legislature to allow the Development Authority to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners rather than by the Governor. The Board stated that they are not against the current Development Authority, however, the Board should be appointed locally. Staff stated that the Development Authority was established in 1961 by a special act of the Legislature. After a discussion of the issues, the Board agreed to move forward with the request of the Legislature. Commissioner Ogburn advised the Board that there is a large Economic Development project in the works and that the information will be forthcoming in the near future.
- George L. Roberson addressed the Board regarding an issue at the Primary Healthcare Clinic with an X-Ray, Chairman Smith advised that he was aware of the issue and that the problem has been resolved. Mr. Roberson stated that the Board needs a committee or someone who is familiar with the medical facility to oversee the operation. The Board stated that Shands of Live Oak is the administrator of the Clinic.
- Mr. Roberson also discussed the HWY 129 / I-75 interchange traffic issues.
- Chairman Smith announced the funeral services for Greg McDonald.
- Carolyn Mitchell stated that the commercial business that is located in their subdivision that was discussed previously in the meeting should not be allowed due to the traffic issues and that the road infrastructure will not support the traffic. Mr. Miller then explained that the lots are zoned Agriculture and that a business should not be allowed. The Board then stated that they would research the issue before making any comments. Engineer Greg Bailey explained that the issue is a code enforcement issue and that any Land Use issues are being addressed. Mr. Roberson then stated that stricter subdivision rules and regulations need to be in place. The Board advised Mr. Roberson that the subdivision rules have changed in order to address the traffic issues.

- Bill Mitchell stated that according to the subdivision covenants anything that would be considered a nuisance is not allowed and that a business is a nuisance and that it is time for the county to do something.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman recessed the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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JOSH SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK