

FEBRUARY 19, 2013

JASPER, FLORIDA

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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 advised the Board that he is still working with FEMA on the funding for the Jewitt Street project and that construction to repair the other roads is ready to begin.

CR-135 – Mr. Bailey stated that due to the CR-135 paving project being a FDOT split project that the letting of bids is still on hold.

SE 113TH BLVD. – Mr. Bailey advised the Board that the issue with the milled road way on SE 113th Blve. appears to be the compaction of the soil underneath the milling and liner. Mr. Bailey then stated that his recommendation would be to let the milling settle and compact from the traffic and heat.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ROOF – The Board questioned staff as to the completion date for the Health Department Roof. Staff advised the Board that according to O’neal Roofing, that the roof would be complete within two (2) weeks weather permitting.

LAND USE AND SHIP PROGRAM UPDATES AND REQUESTS

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

Eileen Lucy	
S&S Construction	\$24,380
Lee & Lee Construction	No Bid
Top of the Mountain	\$18,999 (Rec. Award)
Doris Hucherson	
S&S Construction	\$21,002
Lee & Lee Construction	No Bid
Top of the Mountain	\$17,499 (Rec. Award)
Alisa Cambell	
S&S Construction	No Bid
Lee & Lee Construction	\$23,200
Top of the Mountain	\$17,499 (Rec. Award)

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to award the rehabs to Top of the Mountain based on the recommendation of Mr. Nabors (ITC) for Eileen Lucy, Doris Hucherson and Alisa Campbell. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nabors also advised the Board that the current Ship fund balance is \$12,500.

HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT – RESOLUTION FOR REFERENDUM UNDER FLORIDA STATUTES 1011.71(2), 0.25 MILLAGE FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONAL PURPOSES

School Superintendent Tom Moffses addressed the Board in regards to a request for the Board of County Commissioners to approve a referendum for .25 mills for school operational purposes. Mr. Moffses explained the purpose for the referendum and stated that it should have been on the ballot during the last election. Mr. Moffses also advised the Board that the cost of the election would be the responsibility of the School District. Mr. Moffses then stated that the date that the School Board is requesting is April 30, 2013. County Attorney John McCormick presented the Board with a copy of the applicable statute FS 1011.73(2) for review by the Board. Mr. McCormick also presented the Board with a copy of the Resolution and official ballot for the referendum.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to adopt the Resolution for the referendum to be set for April 30, 2013 as requested by School Superintendent Tom Moffses and the School Board. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a

unanimous vote.

BOB BURTON – VEXATIOUS LAWSUITS AGAINST THE COUNTY

Bob Burton addressed the Board giving them a brief history of his work in International Trade. Mr. Burton questioned staff as to whom the Development Authority was under and stated that he and his wife can bring economic growth to the county without costing government. Mr. Burton advised the Board that normally a vexatious lawsuit is civil, however, the purpose now would be to expose corruption and that the suites will show who is participating in illegal activities. Mr. Burton then stated that he would come back with information for the Board to review at a later date in order to determine the type of government that they prefer.

NORTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL – SCOTT KOONS

NFRPC Executive Director Scott Koons gave the Board a power point presentation of the services being provided and financial status of the North Florida Regional Planning Council.

FLORIDA LEADERS ORGANIZED FOR WATER (FLOW)

Chairman Ogburn gave the Board a status report of the FLOW meeting that was held on February 11, 2013.

STATUS OF HOSPITAL PROPERTY / RURAL HEALTH CLINIC

County Engineer Greg Bailey advised the Board of the mandatory bid walk-thru for the demolition of the old hospital that was held this morning. Mr. Bailey stated that there were seventeen (17) contractors present and that several stated that the building appears to have asbestos and other environmental concerns. After a brief discussion with the Board about their concerns, Mr. Bailey recommended that the Board suspend the bid process until an environmental survey can be completed. The Board agreed by unanimous consent to allow Mr. Bailey to contact the contractors that were present and notify them that the project has been suspended until an environmental review can be completed. The Board also directed that staff seal the building and not allow anyone on the premises prior to the survey.

County Coordinator Danny Johnson advised the Board that he has been contacted by NFCC in regards to the donation of equipment that is in the old hospital that could be used for training purposes. Mr. Johnson advised the Board that he has received two (2) quotes for the equipment, \$1,500 and \$1,900. After being discussed by the Board, the Board directed staff to inform NFCC that the equipment may be available in the future pending an environmental review.

Clerk of Court Greg Godwin advised the Board that the bids for the Rural Health Clinic will be due on February 25, 2013.

WHITE SPRINGS LIBRARY – DISCUSSION OF GUTTERS

County Coordinator Danny Johnson advised the Board that Building Official John Auer stated that the bid from Affordable Seamless Gutters is acceptable and that two (2) downspouts would be sufficient.

- Motion by Commissioner Oxendine to award the bid for the White Springs Library gutters to Affordable Seamless Gutters as previously submitted to the Board. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2006 TAX CERTIFICATES

The Board advised that County Attorney John McCormick is reviewing the certificates and will report back to the Board.

HOUSING STRATEGY PLAN

Chairman Ogburn stated that the Resolution for the Housing Strategy Plan is being prepared by County Attorney John McCormick.

DISCUSSION OF COUNTY WEBSITE

The Board discussed allowing staff to continue to clean-up the county website and do a presentation at the next regular Board meeting. The Board discussed many options as to how to best handle the day to day activity of the website and agreed to further review the matter at the next Board meeting. County Attorney John McCormick offered to allow his assistant to take on the project if so desired by the Board.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK – STATUS REPORT

Veterans Service Officer Clay Lambert gave the Board a brief overview of the Veteran Memorial Park. Mr. Lambert thanked the Board for the work performed by the Road Department with the removal of the trees and grading. Mr. Lambert also stated that the work on the entrance has begun and will be completed in a couple of weeks. Mr. Lambert then advised the Board that he is finalizing the order forms for the bricks that will be sold for the Plaza phase of the project and will seek assistance from the Road Department with the brick installation. Mr. Lambert again thanked the Board for the Road Department and also the City of Jasper.

RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT TO SUWANNEE VALLEY ELECTRIC COOP – COUNTY ROAD 141

County Attorney John McCormick advised the Board that the easement issue has already completed, however, that the Board still needs to confirm the action taken.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to confirm the issuance of the easement for Suwannee Valley Electric Coop. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

BILLS – APPROVE

- Motion was made by Commissioner Oxendine to approve bills (vouchers 094056 – 094382 & check #'s 41179 – 41309). Second was made by Commissioner Smith, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

SENIOR CENTER BUILDING – NAMING OF BUILDING

County Coordinator Danny Johnson advised the Board that he has received a preliminary design for the signage for the Senior Center Building. Commissioner Oxendine stated that he has concerns about how the Board determined and decided to name the Senior Center after Ms. Bryant. Commissioner Oxendine requested that the Board allow County Attorney John McCormick to research the issue in order to determine if other individuals should be named for their contributions and participation in the Senior Services for the county. After a lengthy discussion the Board postponed any further action in order to allow Mr. McCormick to complete his research. Mr. McCormick agreed and stated that he would have the information by the next regular Board meeting.

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to postpone any further action to name the building and allow County Attorney John McCormick the opportunity to research the history of the Senior Services in Hamilton County in order to ensure that no one is left out of the naming of the building. Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a four (4) to one (1) vote. Voting against the motion was Commissioner Brown.

Commissioner Burnam stated that she may have a problem with changing the previous action by the Board; however, she has no problem with allowing staff to research the issue.

LaBarfield Bryant addressed the Board and stated that if other names are found that participated in the founding of the Senior Center, he would not have an issue with their names being included with his moms.

FDOT – RESOLUTION FOR EXCESS PARCELS

- Motion by Commissioner Smith to declare an emergency and adopt the Resolution for FDOT parcel #268 (3592-000). Second was made by Commissioner Oxendine, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- County Coordinator Danny Johnson advised the Board that the compressor needs to

be replaced at the Doctor's Clinic Building. Mr. Johnson stated that a new compressor would cost approximately \$2,700 and that a new unit would cost \$6,000. According to Mr. Johnson, Maintenance Supervisor William Mitchell recommended replacing the compressor. The Board suggested that Mr. Mitchell check the units and compressors that were removed from the Health Department prior to purchasing a new compressor. Mr. Johnson also stated that the Board needed to consider adjusting the rent for the Doctor's Clinic in the future.

- Commissioner Burnam advised the Board that Chris with NRCS will be at Sasser's Landing Cemetery tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. in order to make recommendations as to how to best handle the drainage issue with the new property that was donated to the cemetery.
- Commissioner Burnam also suggested that the Board consider renting the Senior Services building for public events of a small nature in the future.
- Commissioner Smith questioned Engineer Greg Bailey in regards to the awning at the Senior Center and the possibility of raising it enough to allow the transportation buses to pull under the shelter. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Bailey to price changing the structure verses an extension.
- Commissioner Oxendine questioned staff as to whether the Recreation Department has a plan for the leveling and grassing of the Soccer/Football fields. County Coordinator Danny Johnson stated that he has received an email from Extension Agent Keith Wynn with instructions for the fields.
- The Board also announced that they will be in attendance for the Humane Society Dinner/Fundraiser at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, at the Jasper Civic Center.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:05 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.

